

The Kosei Grapevine

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The 2013 Sports Festa!

After months of preparation during which the students learned imaginative dances, practiced the sporting events and perfected their cheering, Kosei finally held its annual sports festival on May 11th.

The weather had not been good and the day started off overcast with light rain. However, the clouds soon made way for the sun and everyone could enjoy the day in warm sunshine.

As usual, two teams battled it out to be the winners. They were the red team and the white team. Team members took part in events such as the relay, the mukade, a tug-of-war and the kibasen. In one of the relays, teachers and students worked together, doing crazy things like wearing big pants, carrying a ball with a giant spoon and posing for a photo with a funny pose.

Everyone had fun watching and participating in the events and the students really gave it their all. But in the end there could only be one winner – the white team! Congratulations to all of the white team members!



スポーツフェスタ 2013

5月13日(月) 好天の中、学校全体を赤と白の2つのチームに分けて競うスポーツフェスタが開催されました。選抜リレー、先生も加わってのリレー競走、綱引き、追っかけ玉入れ、大玉送り、騎馬戦、中学生による台風の目、高1のいかにリレー、高2の大縄跳び、高3のムカデ競争などなどみんな真剣に取り組み、今年の勝利の旗は白チームに渡りました。

Blankets for Africa

This year, once again the girls of Kosei Gakuen and their families have shown their generosity by participating in our yearly "Blankets for Africa" drive. In 2013 a total of 20 blankets were donated and over 14,000 yen was collected. Students and their families wrote messages on the theme of "Peace and Love" on the blankets in English. These blankets were presented to the school in a formal ceremony and will be sent to countries such as Ethiopia and Somalia towards the end of July. They will offer the people vital protection not only from the sun but from dust storms and the cold night air. The school extends thanks to the many families who kindly lent a hand with this collection.

現在も多くのアフリカの人々が戦争・干ばつ・洪水などに苦しんでいます。毛布を送って夜の寒さをしのげればという募金活動が宗教委員を中心に今年も行われました今年、集まった毛布の枚数は20枚。今年の秋までに、集まった毛布に平和・友愛・友情のメッセージを縫い付け、14,000円の募金とともにアフリカに送られます。





New Experiences in New Zealand



By the students of 2F

New Experiences

By Erica Ishigaki

I've experienced a lot of new things since I came here. But I'm going to talk about one of them, about religion in New Zealand. In NZ, we have Easter Celebrations. So on that weekend, Good Friday and Easter Sunday there are only a few shops that are allowed to open, but most of them have to stay closed. That amazed me a lot. It's because there are many people who believe in Christ in NZ, so like my family, they believe that it's the time to celebrate the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The first time I went to the church was on Easter Sunday. I wanted to experience many new things here and going to Church was one of them. Before I went to church my mum told me, "it's not the church that you think". As my mum said, it wasn't a traditional church. It was a normal small building and it has a free atmosphere. My family likes that atmosphere and I liked it too. It made me more excited to learn about church. Going to church isn't only learning about god but also making new friends as well. So I'll keep going to church every Sunday!

Social Studies Class

By Miyuki Naruse

I'm taking a social studies class in HGHS. I have been interested in social studies since I was in junior high school so I chose to take social studies class in New Zealand. First, I've learnt about women in 1930s New Zealand. In Japan, we have to learn many things in a short time and also we have to memorize them. However in New Zealand, we spend a lot of time on one thing and instead of memorization we have to write an essay about the topic of women in 1930s New Zealand. It was really difficult for me to write an essay but it helped to improve my English skills and I could think about the topic from a different perspective. It is still hard for me, but I won't give up and I want to improve my English through social studies class.



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AND NEW ZEALAND'S THERMAL WONDERLAND

Many new experiences await the girls who join our study abroad course. Here Erica and Miyuki write about experiencing another religion and a different way of studying.

ニュージーランドでの新しい経験

現在、ニュージーランドに留学中の留学クラス2Fの生徒二人（石垣彫華さんと成瀬美由紀さん）から、手紙が届きました。日本とは異なる新しい環境の中で、様々な貴重な経験をし、日々成長している様子が丁寧に書かれた彼女達の手紙から見えてきます。また、英語の表現力も留学前とは比べ物にならない程上達しています。少しでも海外留学に興味がある方はぜひ、二人の手紙を通して、日本とニュージーランドの文化の違いを発見してみましょう。

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Important Dates

- June 25 JHS 1st Year Speech Contest
- June 26 JHS 2nd Year Speech Contest
- June 25 JHS 3rd Year Speech Contest

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