

# The Kosgi Grapevine

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## *KGGS 9<sup>th</sup> Intake Students Return from New Zealand!*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December the 29 students of KGGS' 9<sup>th</sup> intake returned to Japan after their year in New Zealand. The group were accompanied home from New Zealand by their home room teacher Mrs. Morooka and the Dean of our International Relations department Mr. Shishido. Other members of the International Relations department and our deputy principal Mrs. Inoue travelled to Narita to meet the group on arrival, eager to hear their stories of life in New Zealand.

While abroad the girls studied at local schools across New Zealand's North Island, with two or three schools studying at each school. Every girl faced her own challenges during the year, but all were able to overcome them while forming strong bonds with both New Zealanders and their Japanese classmates and guardians. For the last two weeks of their stay, the girls attended a language school in Auckland's popular New Market area and stayed with different home-stay families around Auckland. This gave them the change to catch up with their classmates and brush up their English grammar before heading back to Japan and their next challenge – their last year of high school!



KGGS 9<sup>th</sup> intake students are welcomed back to Japan by Inoue-sensei.



### *Welcome Home Assembly Held for KGGS 9<sup>th</sup> Intake Students*

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December a Welcome Home Assembly was held in the school's main hall for the students of 2F. The students presented information on life in New Zealand in pairs and threes with the students who they studied with in New Zealand. The assembly was well attended by not only the proud parents of 9<sup>th</sup> intake students, but the parents of 10<sup>th</sup> intake students as well.

Of course, the most enthusiastic audience members were the 10<sup>th</sup> intake students themselves, eager to hear about the things that await them in New Zealand next year.

The girls of 2F were able to show off not only their impressive presentation skills using PowerPoint (and English, of course!), but all of the knowledge about New Zealand culture that they picked up during their year abroad. Also on show was how mature and independent all of the girls have become. Things that are sure to make any parent and any school proud!



#### 2学期 レジテーション・スピーチコンテスト結果

中一：1位：吉村栄里 2位：徳久愛華 3位：田島風・立川綾乃

中二：1位：関口あかね 2位：森田結万・末澤悠乃 3位：山内眞子

中三：1位：西尾満里奈 2位：杉山明日香 3位：鈴木絵里香・大塚萌恵



# Christmas Party for Chu-2 Students

Christmas came to our junior high school on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December when a Christmas party was held for our Chu-2 students. The part was held in two rooms, students were able to enjoy traditional Christmas games in English in the first room and make Christmas cards for friends and family in the second room. One of the games that the students played was "pass the parcel", this game is often played at Christmas and Birthday parties in New Zealand and other countries. Before passing the Christmas "parcel" on to the next student each student had to identify a Christmas flash-card... Below are some of the Christmas words that the students studied. Do you know how to say these words in English? At the end of the party each student received a Christmas present from the school and left the party full of Christmas cheer!

## Christmas Crossword

5. Across



6. Across



8. Across



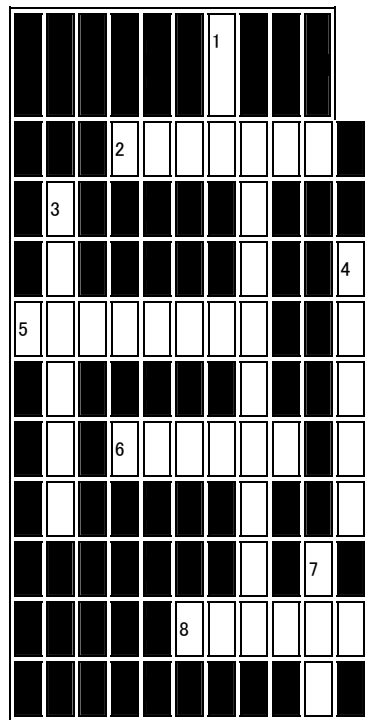
1. Down



3. Down



7. Down



Across

Down

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| 2. You get these at Christmas! | 1. You put it on a tree.     |
| 5. A kind of deer.             | 3. Santa rides in it.        |
| 6. You put it on your door.    | 4. He brings presents.       |
| 8. You light it at Christmas.  | 7. A person who helps Santa. |



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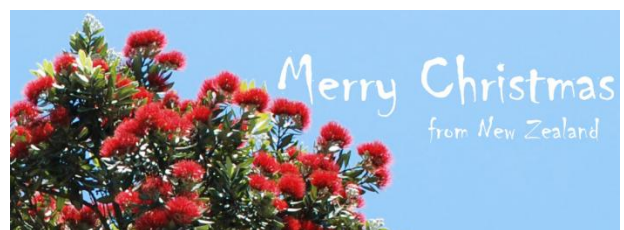
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## Christmas in New Zealand

Are you dreaming of a "white Christmas"? In parts of Japan we might just get one this year! This is of course a Christmas with snow! As the song says, a "white Christmas" is the traditional image of a nostalgic, old-fashioned Christmas, as experienced in the Northern hemisphere. But what about in New Zealand and Australia? Is it winter there in December? Can they have a "white Christmas"? The answer is of course, "No!" There is no chance of snow falling at Christmas in New Zealand or Australia. That doesn't mean that people there can't enjoy Christmas however. Christmas is a popular holiday in both counties and come December, Christmas imagery pops up everywhere. It is just a little different... For example, Santa might be riding a surf-board. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer might be on a boat and the wreaths and trees, in New Zealand at least might be made of Pohutakawa - the New Zealand Christmas tree!



## Important Dates in January

- January 1st - New Year's Day
- January 8th - Opening Ceremony
- January 13th - Coming of Age Day
- January 25th - Chorus Contest

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