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Term 3 JHS Speech Contest Results!

The third term speech contest is a highlight of the year for many students with a keen interest in studying English. As it is the final speech contest of the year, students all ways do their very best to impress their teachers and show just how wonderful their English has become. This year was no exception, with a tight competition for the prizes.

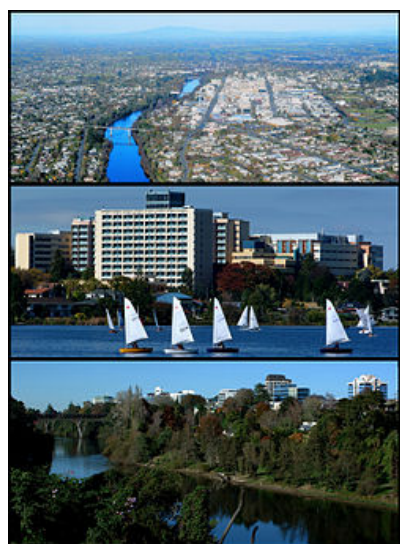
The first-year students each brought in a special item for a show-and-tell themed speech. All of the speeches were very entertaining, as were many of the items! First prize went to Ellie Yoshimura, Aika Tokuhisa came in second, Honoka third, Kana Hirayama fourth and Megu Sato fifth. The audience award winner was Sakurako Iwano.

The second-year students gave a talk about "Good Day, Bad Day," a book they had just read. Reading this book was a new challenge for most of the students and they were excited to recount the details of the story. Nene Takeuchi came first, Akane Sekiguchi came second, and Chinatsu Murata and Yuuna Suezawa tied for 3rd place. Mirai Komine earned the audience award.

Finally, the third-year students talked about their memories of junior high school. There were two categories: a short skit and a speech. In the skit, two students talked about their memories of junior high school. The winning teams were Sayaka Tanno and Marina Nishio (1st), and Reyna Ozawa and Erika Suzuki (2nd). The winners of the speech category were Moe Otsuka (1st), Akane Yamaguchi (2nd), and Ayako Tatsuta (3rd). The audience award went to Kiyora Kokubunn. All of the teachers were very moved to hear that the students have such fond memories of their time at junior high school.



New Sister Schools in New Zealand!



Serene Hamilton

After a successful visit to New Zealand last year, our international dean, Mr. Shishido was pleased to return to Japan and announce the establishment of two new sister school agreements with local high schools in New Zealand. Our two new sister schools are Sacred Heart College in Hamilton, and Napier Girls' High School in Napier. We are very excited about this new, strengthened relationship between Kosei Gakuen and these two wonderful schools.

The first chance for us to enjoy cultural exchange with students and teachers from our new sister schools will arrive very soon! In April a small group from Napier Girls' High School will visit us for a day of classes and cultural exchange. These students are studying Japanese at school in Napier and are visiting Japan to experience Japanese culture, immerse themselves in the language and of course teach our students a little about New Zealand. During their stay in Tokyo they will visit many famous sights and stay with Kosei Gakuen homestay families. We look forward to meeting them soon and to welcoming them to our school!



Beautiful Napier!





Students Shine in 8th District Speech Contest

Despite record-breaking snowfall the 8th District Speech Contest went ahead as scheduled on the 15th of February in Todoroki. Every year three of our students are selected to take part in this prestigious contest. This year Yuuna Suezawa (8th grade), Marina Nishio (9th grade) and Yuiko Ozawa (12th grade) were selected to participate.

The two junior high school students worked hard to memorize their recitations and present them with flare. Meanwhile, Yuiko wrote and presented a thought-provoking speech on the difficult topic of whaling.

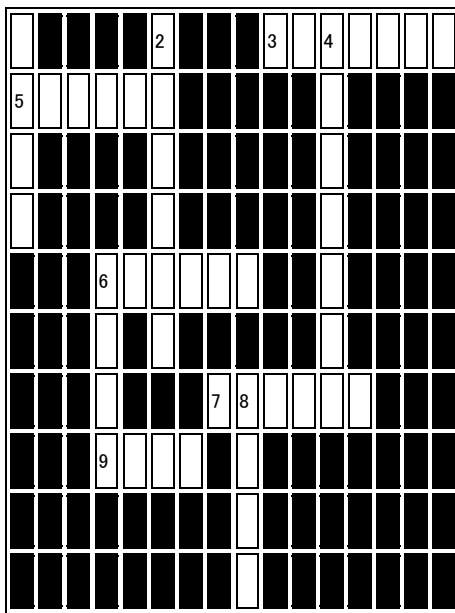


第63回 第八支部スピーチコンテストで第3位！

2月15日(土)に、本校生徒3名が、第八支部(世田谷・目黒・町田地区)の私立中学・高校生によるスピーチコンテストに出場しました。コンテストまでの数週間、末澤悠乃(2-2)、西尾満里奈(3-1)、長田祐惟子(2-F)の3人は、本校ネイティブ教員の指導の下、プレゼン力を上げる練習を何度も行い、その努力の結果、参加生徒全員が本番で、実力を十分に発揮することができました。今年度は、長田祐惟子さんが海外滞在経験者フリースピーチの部で第3位に入賞しました。おめでとう！



Spring
Crossword!



Spring in Tokyo

By Paul

When you live in a bustling metropolis, such as Tokyo, city life can be stressful. I find that spring is the perfect time to relax. There are few things better than getting together with friends and having a picnic in one of Tokyo's parks under the cherry blossom. This is a Japanese tradition that is enjoyed by many foreign visitors to Japan. My favourite park is Yoyogi Park because it is so vibrant – you can see people dancing, playing instruments and all sorts of other crazy things. What will you do this spring?

Across

- Topic of Yuiko's speech (above)
- A "packed lunch" is an...
- Sakura are called "_____ blossoms" in English
- "Shinkansen" in English is "_____ train"
- "Ume" in English

Down

- "Ningyo" in English
- "_____ week" is a week with many holidays
- People drink this for "Hinamatsuri"
- This fish is a symbol of "Kodomo-no-hi"
- This area in east Tokyo is famous for beautiful "sakura"

Important Dates

- Saturday 15th - High School Graduation
- Thursday 20th - Junior High School Graduation
- Friday 21st - Vernal Equinox Day
- Monday 24th - Closing Ceremony

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