

Sports Festa 2014!

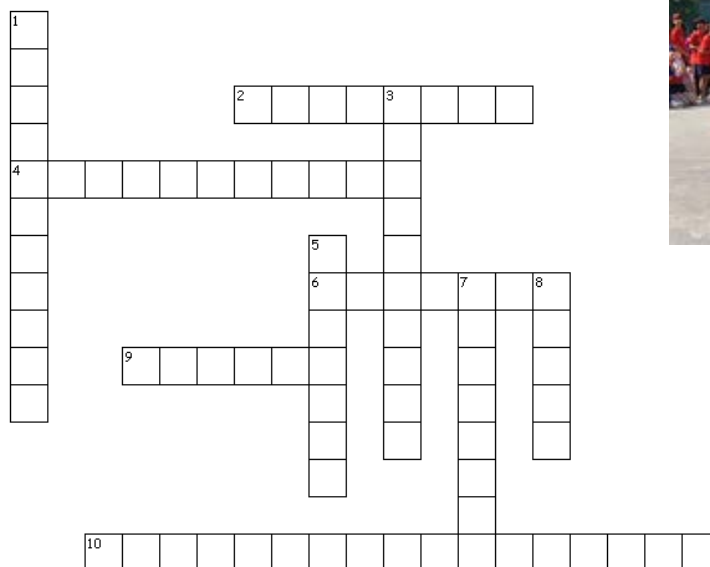
Kosei held its annual sports festival on May 10th. The weather had been poor in the week leading up to the festival but the students still practiced as hard as they could. Luckily, the day of the sports festival was beautifully sunny and warm. Perfect weather for an outdoor event.

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, running blindfolded and posing for a photo in a funny pose.

It was great fun watching and participating in the events and the students really tried their best. But in the end there could only be one winner – the white team! Congratulations to all of the white team members!



SIGGY'S SPORTS CROSSWORD



“Power of Love” Race!

This year’s student/teacher relay was entitled “The Power of Love.” The students and teachers had to work together to overcome numerous obstacles. This year’s obstacles included having to put on a funny costume and take a photo together in a set pose. Here is what our new teacher Ksenia has to say about the event:

“Last month, I participated in my first-ever Sports Festa at Kosei. It was very fun to see you all dance and jump rope and roll a huge ball around and do many other things! I also got to run with you in the Power of Love competition! When we practiced for this race, I had a hard time running with our feet bound, and it was very scary to run with a blindfold on. As a result, I could not run very fast. So for the real competition, I resolved to put my fears aside and run as fast as I can. I hope I did ok!!”

Across

2. What do British people call 'soccer'?
4. What international sports competition will Japan host in 2020?
6. What month was sports day originally held?
9. What sport is played at Wimbledon?
10. What international sports festival is held during winter every 4 years?

Down

1. What is the name of Kosei Girls' School's sports festival?
3. What sport does Michael Jordan play?
5. What kind of sports team was the movie 'Cool Runnings' about?
7. What sport does Ichiro play?
8. What sport is played with an oval ball and popular in New Zealand?

5月10日にスポーツ・フェスタが行われました。当日は晴天にも恵まれ、生徒たちは練習していた成果を十分に発揮することができました。今年の障害物競走は「愛の力」と名づけられ、生徒と教師がともに障害物を乗り越えるといった一風変わった障害物競走となりました。新任のセニア先生もこの競技に参加されていました。



Immersion Music



With Stefan

The 7th graders' introduction to immersion music has been a combination of singing in a foreign language and getting used to that big monster known as the alto recorder. They particularly seemed to enjoy singing the Congolese song "Si si si", snippets of which can occasionally be heard as you walk past the homerooms. They also did a lot of listening, games and activities to practice recognizing musical instruments. All of this came together at the end of term with Prokofiev's story-in-music "Peter and the Wolf".

The 8th graders started the year by learning the American folk song "Across the fields", which they sang as a canon in four parts, and then moved on to the Beatles' "Yesterday" – a song full of tricky little challenges that they overcame marvelously. They also worked on ensemble playing using well-known J-pop songs, with a particular focus on developing speed and articulation. Students also discovered different genres of music and the elements of opera.

The 9th graders focused on music from animated movies and musicals this term. They worked on two songs, "Think of me" from "The Phantom of the Opera" and "A whole new world" from "Aladdin", which they will sing when they visit a school in New Zealand in October. On the recorder, they practiced part of the 9th Symphony of Dvorak and a Vocaloid song.

School Events in Tauranga

By Risa Okuno (A second year KGGGS student currently in NZ)

Last month we had a fashion parade at Tauranga Girls' College. About 15 shops joined this event and we did a lot of rehearsals and practice. We practiced walking and dancing every day. I became a model and wore two dresses for the event. To be honest, I wanted to be a stagehand and design the poster, because I want to be an art director. A radio commentator also came to this event. He is very popular in New Zealand. I had a wonderful time.

I think I was lucky to be able to go to Tauranga Girls' College. Because, I'm studying things here to pursue my dream. First, I'm studying textiles. In this class we design dresses and make them. We are going to complete our dresses at the end of this year. Second, there is a photography class at this college. I didn't choose this class, but one of my friends did. So, I have a friend who can teach me photography. I think I'm lucky to have them!

Last, there is a mufti-day at this college. I guess maybe every school has one. But at my school the international students decide on the theme of the mufti-day! On mufti-day we wear nice clothes and accessories to match the theme!

I want to enjoy the rest of my school life at TGC!

ステファン先生による音楽の授業

中学 1 年生の音楽の授業では歌（外国の歌）とリコーダーを使った授業を展開しています。歌はコンゴの歌『Si si Si』を歌っています。また、プロコフィエフの『ピーターと狼』を題材に楽器を認識する練習をしています。

中学 2 年生はアメリカのフォークソング『Across the fields』やビートルズの名曲『Yesterday』を授業で歌っています。この学年ではその他、日本のポップ・ミュージックやオペラの抜粋などを扱っています。

3 年生はアニメーション映画やミュージカルのテーマ曲を歌っています。ディズニー映画『アラジン』の『A Whole New World』や、オペラ座の怪人『Think of me』などです。リコーダーはドヴォルザークの交響曲第 9 番などを練習しています。

Did you know that most schools in New Zealand have uniforms, just like in Japan? In New Zealand however, many schools have "mufti-day" once a term. "Mufti-day" is a day when students can wear their own clothes!



Important Dates

- July 1st School Trip to England Departs
- July 6th Eiken Interview Test Day
- July 16th-18th Young Americans Visit
- July 19th Closing Ceremony
- July 21st Marine Day
- July 22nd-24th KGGGS 11th Intake School Camp

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