

The Kosei Grapevine

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Junior High School New Zealand Trip, 2014

Our annual trip to New Zealand is a highlight of every student's time at Kosei Girls' junior high school. This year our Chu 3 class of 44 girls set off for Auckland on the 18th of October, accompanied by Ms. Yamamuro, Ms. Inoue and their homeroom teachers.

The group enjoyed sightseeing in Rotorua, Waitomo and other locations around the central North Island before meeting their farm-stay families. The students were understandably nervous to meet their families for the first time, but as always their warm smiles put the students at ease. Most students said that a highlight of the trip was the delicious food that their families cooked for them! Students were able to enjoy traditional Kiwi dishes such as fish and chips and hokey pokey ice-cream!

Students delivered speeches at both Hillcrest High School and the University of Auckland and were warmly welcomed at both locations. In Auckland, the students also had a day of free time to enjoy sightseeing in Auckland, and to see if they could fend for themselves at restaurants and on buses! The entire group returned to Japan safe and well and the teachers are already looking forward to next year!

今年も中学3年生たちがニュージーランドへの修学旅行に出発し、無事に帰ってきました。生徒たちはロトルア、ワイトモなどの都市を観光したのち、ファームステイを体験しました。ステイ先ではニュージーランドの家庭料理やホーキー・ポーキー・アイスクリームを楽しんでいました。また、ヒルクレスト・ハイスクールやオークランド大学を見学する機会にも恵まれ、温かい歓迎を受けました。

Sri Lanka Trip, 2014

On the 23rd August a group of 15 Kosei Girls' students left for an adventure in Sri Lanka. This is the second year that such a trip has taken place and the teachers and students were looking forward to making the acquaintance of new friends.

While the girls had many chances to enjoy Sri Lanka's beauty and go sightseeing, the main purpose of the trip was to engage in cultural and religious exchange with local people. The group took part in many events during their stay and discovered a lot about Sri Lanka's food culture, education system and religion. The girls also had the chance to enjoy playing sports with local students.

The group returned to Japan on the 30th of August. While they were sad to leave their new friends, they were excited to share their experiences with their friends and family back in Japan. The girls made colorful posters detailing their experiences. These displayed in a special room at the school's Otomesai, and can now be seen in the corridor near the Global Centre. Please check them out if you have a chance!

日本スリランカ青少年交流は宗教的理解を深め、また文化交流やスポーツ交流を通して日本人・スリランカ人相互の交流をすることにその目的があります。今年は15名の生徒たちが本プログラムに参加しました。活動の様子は管理棟2階の通路に掲示されています、ぜひご覧ください。





Meet Nicole!

We are very pleased to have welcomed a new native English speaker to our team! Nicole started at the beginning of October and is teaching classes at both JHS level and SHS level.

Hello everyone! My name is Nicole Wolfe. I'm from Kansas, a state in the United States. Kansas is famous for 'The Wizard of Oz'. Have you read the book or seen the movie? I recommend them both. When I was in university, I joined a study abroad program and came to Japan for the first time. I studied in Nagoya. I really liked living in Japan, so when I graduated I came back. I have been living in Tokyo for almost 2 years. I really like living here. Life in Tokyo is very fast-paced and busy, but it's very convenient and there is always something interesting to do.

My hobbies are cooking, writing (novels, short stories, and poetry), watching movies, and listening to music. My favorite music group is TOKIO. I love to sing their songs at karaoke! I also collect Rilakkuma goods. Rilakkuma is my favorite character. I like to eat sweets, especially macarons! My favorite food in the world is tacos, and my favorite Japanese food is miso soup. I drink tea every day and I have collected teabags from all over the world.

I'm very happy to be teaching here and I look forward to talking with you! Please feel free to talk with me any time!

Halloween Party!

Here at Kosei we love Halloween so, to celebrate, the teachers held a big Halloween party for the 7th grade students. It was fun, interesting and even a bit scary.

The students could enjoy playing Halloween themed games with Siggy and Nicole and then they made pumpkin masks with the help of Stefan and Paul. Many of the masks looked amazing and had really cool designs.

Once the masks were made, it was time to go trick or treating. The students walked around the school and knocked on doors shouting "trick or treat!" They were greeted by teachers wearing costumes. Ms. Tashiro was dressed as Doraemon but Mr. Wakisaka was wearing a very frightening mask. Even Mr. Akiyoshi was scared when he saw him.

Do you know what you get when you go trick or treating? Candy, of course! All the students could get a lot of delicious candy, which they ate together in the Global Centre.

All the students and teachers had a great time. I'm already looking forward to next year's party.



Siggy's Halloween Game!

Unscramble these Halloween words!



- LABKC ACT _____
- MPKUPNI _____
- RVEAMPI _____
- ITRCK RO ETATR _____
- UHANDET USHEO _____
- CTWIH _____

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Important Dates in December

- December 7th – Study Abroad Course, 10th intake students return
- December 13th – Welcome Home Presentation, 10th intake
- December 23rd – Emperor's Birthday
- December 24th – Closing Ceremony / KGGS 10th Welcome Home Ceremony

Thank you for reading our newspaper. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments. girls@kosei.ac.jp

