

The Kosei Grapevine

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End of Term English Speech Contests 2015

7th Grade!



As usual, here at Kosei we like to finish off the term with speech contests for the junior high students and this February saw the last contests of the year.

Each girl from the 7th grade wrote a speech about their most precious item and the reasons they treasure it so much. We saw lots of interesting things! The winning speech was by Lisa Yamagata and a special prize went to Jun Yamada for the most interesting item – a huge Snoopy cuddly toy!

A book review was the theme of the 8th grade speech contest. We heard lots of in-depth reviews and opinions on the book *Good Day, Bad Day*, by Paul Shipton. In the end, Aika Tokuhisa took the first prize for her insightful and enjoyable analysis of the book.

9th Grade!



This was the last speech contest for the girls in the 9th grade and what could be more appropriate than talking about their memories of junior high school? The contest was split into two sections: One for the SA and A class students who performed skits in pairs and another for B class students who spoke individually. Chinatsu Murata and Shiori Ikeda were victorious in the SA/A sections for their humorous recollections while Hikari Nakaya won the B class section with an impressive speech. Well done to everyone and congratulations!

8th Grade!



中学生校内スピーチコンテストの結果は以下の通りです。中1：優勝 山縣璃沙、2位 山田純、3位 大前友紀恵、特別賞 伊藤音愛、平田紗也子、中2 優勝 徳久愛華、2位 土屋穂香、3位 長嶋唯、中3（Sクラス&SAクラス）：優勝 村田智夏・池田栞、2位 木内袖月・末澤悠乃、（Bクラス）優勝 中谷光里、2位 松浦伶奈

Ko 2 Returnee Students Help to Solve Social Issues!

This year we held a speech contest for our Ko 2 study abroad course students. The theme was "Finding Solutions to Social Issues." All 46 girls from 2F and 2G made PowerPoint presentations to accompany their speeches in their information technology classes. The students worked tirelessly to research various issues and were all able to make well-informed presentations containing thought-provoking statistics. The best 10 were chosen for the inter-class speech contest. First prize went to Karen Shiose who spoke about racial discrimination, second prize went to Mayu Sasagawa who spoke about rising obesity rates and third prize went to Miyu Suzuki who spoke about the issue of NEETS and Freeters. Congratulations girls!



Kosei Girls' Students

Take Part in District Speech Contest

This year three of our students took part in the annual 8th district English speech contest. Yuuna Suezawa and Honoka Tsuchiya represented the junior high school and Kie Tanaka represented the senior high school. Yuuna and Honoka made recitations, while Kie presented an original speech on the theme of religion. The standard of this year's competition was incredible. While none of the girls placed in the top three, they all did an amazing job on the day, making their school, parents and teachers very proud!



Student Work: Term 3, 2015

高2 留学コーススピーチコンテスト：「社会問題に対する解決策」についてパワーポイントを使用したスピーチを実施（優勝 塩瀬花蓮、2位 笹川真優、3位 鈴木みゆ）

第八支部スピーチコンテスト：中学生暗唱の部に土屋穂香(2-2)と末澤悠乃(3-2)、高校生スピーチの部に田中希枝(2F)が出演。

An Update from New Zealand

By Aoi Ohtsu

It has been almost two months since the girls of 1F left for New Zealand. Here is an update on life in New Zealand from Aoi who is studying at Hastings Girls' High School.

A week after I began school, I decided to leave the group of Japanese students at lunch time. I thought it is not good for me. Because I have heard that if we always stay with Japanese students, it is difficult for us to make friends with Kiwi students. That's why I looked for a Kiwi group of friends to have lunch with. Honestly, I was nervous and afraid at the beginning as I couldn't speak to them easily. But I plucked up my courage and spoke to a group of about ten girls. They were kinder than I thought so I felt relieved. They are Maori so they taught me some Maori greeting, songs and games. They asked me many things about Japan, so we shared our cultures. It has been a valuable experience for me, and since my first conversations with them I have met them again. I have gained more confidence. I think it is essential to pluck up your courage for everything at first, and this experience will be sure to make my confidence grow!

Student Book Review: "Good Day, Bad Day"

By Aika Tokuhisa

For the final speech contest of the year, our 8th grade students wrote reviews of the book "Good Day, Bad Day." Here is the winning speech!

If a fortune teller predicted your future, would you believe it?

After reading "Good day, Bad day", I started to believe in fortune tellers. This book was written by Paul Shipton in 2012. The story is about Mike, and his sister Kerry who find out that Rosie the fortune teller's words are true after visiting her.

One day a man called Mike got a new job in Boston and was living alone. Mike's sister Kerry visited him because she was worried about him. They found a fortune teller's place, and went inside. Rosie the fortune teller told Mike that it will be a bad day for him today. A black cat, a yellow dog, and a white bird will bring him bad luck.

He didn't believe it, but he had his first stroke of bad luck at the "Black Cat Café." Then he had his second stroke of bad luck in a park, it was caused by a yellow dog toy. Suddenly, the master of the "Black Cat Café" came to apologize to Mike. Mike fell in love with her, but he found out that her family name was Swan, the third unlucky symbol. However, this time Mike made bad luck for himself, so he could have a chance to go on a date with Sally Swan.

It's a simple story, but I can feel a sense of destiny from this book. It shows us that even bad things can turn in to good chances in the end. Whether you like fortune telling or not, I recommend that you read it!

Easter Wordfind

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P I J I V W M C H M P S E
I I Z D T H K G I W W E E T I I X
B E F N K M Z G B A U A T Q A F B V S
R J V Q T B A M W P D O P J R K Y O U I Q
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EGGS
RABBIT
SPRING
CHOCOLATE
BASKET
JELLYBEANS
CANDY
BUNNY
DYE
CHICK
FLOWERS



Happy Easter!

Easter is a Christian holiday that is celebrated in many different ways. The Easter Bunny is said to bring chocolate eggs to children. Many children are also given small yellow Easter chicks. These symbolize new life. This year, Easter Sunday will fall on the 5th of April.

Important Dates

14th March	High School Graduation Ceremony
20th March	Junior High School Graduation Ceremony
24th March	Closing Ceremony
8th April	Opening Ceremony

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