

The Kosei Grapevine

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Moving Entrance Ceremony Kicks off the Academic Year

This year's entrance ceremony was held on Thursday, April 9. On this beautiful sunny day, with the cherry blossoms in full bloom, we were glad to welcome 27 new junior high students and 201 new senior high school students. This year also marks the beginning of a new study program at our senior high school, the Super Global course.

As always, the ceremony was a moving event with proud parents and nervous students gathering in our auditorium for the first time. Afterwards, many families chose to take photos in front of the cherry blossom trees by the school's main entrance. These photos are sure to become precious memories!

On the Friday, a welcome party was held for the new students by their seniors. At this party all of our many varied club activities were introduced in an entertaining way. As always, the work of the calligraphy club was a highlight as they tempted new students to join them with an energetic performance.

We wish all new students the best and hope their six/three years at our school turn out to be a fun-filled, happy and productive time!



入学式

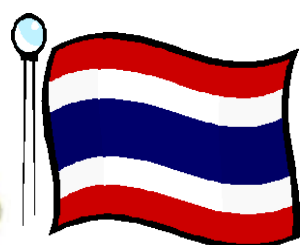
今年度は新たに27名の中学生と201人の高校生を本校に迎えました。特に今年はSGコースも1期生を迎えることとなりました。今年は桜も満開後半というタイミングで、校門近くで記念撮影する親子も多かったようです。入学式翌日には新入生歓迎会が開催され、各クラブのパフォーマンスもレベルアップしている中で、書道部が際立っていました。

First "Super Global" Class Students Welcomed!

This year's entrance ceremony also marked the arrival of our first "Super Global" class. The "Super Global" class, also known as the "SG" class, has been established to reflect our aspirations to further internationalization through our new status as an SGH (Super Global High School.) The SG Class (1A) will spend their first year at Kosei Girls' intensively studying English, world cultures and current events, alongside their other compulsory subjects. During their second year, they will make a month long visit to Thailand where they will conduct fieldwork with the aim of discovering how to nurture peace in multi-ethnic societies. They will then learn how to present their findings through participating in a mid-length study program at SOAS in London. We hope that the students of the SG class will be able to share the knowledge that they gain with their classmates here in Japan, and that this program will lead to opportunities for all of our students to engage with other cultures.

SG Class

今年から始まるスーパーグローバルクラス(1年A組)は高1では必修科目の他に国際理解科や特設英語などを履修し、高2ではフィールドワークを通して「多民族社会における平和的発展」の研究のため、タイへ出向きます。そして高3ではロンドン大学のソアス校で、その研究成果を発表できるようにしていきます。彼女らの研鑽は在校生にも異文化への興味をかきたててくれることでしょう。



Two New Native Teachers Join Our Team

This April, we welcomed two new foreign teachers to the English department. They will be teaching a wide range of classes at both our junior high school and senior high school.



New Zealand

Sarah

新しいネイティブ講師

ニュージーランド出身のセーラ先生とオーストラリア出身のティム先生が新たに本校で教鞭を取られることになりました。セーラ先生は在日1年で、クッキーを焼いたり、ハイキングがご趣味のようです。ティム先生は在日6年、アウトドアがご趣味で、岩手県までスノーボードに出向くほど！ 今年1月に生まれたケント君のパパでもあります。



Australia

Tim

Hello, my name is Sarah Dunn. I am from Christchurch, New Zealand. I grew up in a small town near Christchurch, called Kaiapoi. Kaiapoi is an old Maori town. Kai means food in Maori. Many years ago, the Maori transported food to Kaiapoi. I came to Japan a year ago and lived in Saitama in the countryside. I lived in a small town in the mountains.

In my family there are six people. I have two brothers and a sister. My family live in the countryside near Kaiapoi. My family love animals so they have many pets. My mother and father love ponies and have two little ponies. They take them to shows and sometimes win prizes.

I like reading books and baking. I enjoy baking sweet food, especially cookies. Chocolate is my favourite food so I love baking food with chocolate. I also like going hiking. I went for many walks in the mountains in Saitama.

Please come and talk with me. I look forward to teaching you.

Hi, everyone. Nice to meet you. My name's Timothy Williams. Please call me Tim. I'm from Melbourne, Australia. Have you ever been there? It's a big city. The Olympic Games were held there in 1956.

I came to Japan almost 6 years ago. I have lived in both Fuji City and Hiratsuka City. Now I live in Yamato City.

I like outdoor activities such as surfing, snowboarding and camping. My favourite place to snowboard is Iwate. Do you know any other good places to go snowboarding in Japan? I also like cooking. I cook every day. I made a delicious lasagna last week. It's my favourite food.

On January 17th this year, I had a son, Jackson Kento Williams. He is so cute. I can't wait to speak English with him.

I'm really looking forward to working at Kosei Gakuen. Let's have lots of fun this year studying English. Feel free to talk to me anytime.



Pen Pals!

*今年から姉妹校提携のネイピア女子校と留学前に手紙交換を始めました。This year we are very excited to have entered in to a pen pal arrangement with one of our sister school's Napier Girls' High School! Girls from 1G, our Study Abroad class, will write to students from Napier Girls'. We hope that this arrangement will provide them with a chance to learn more about New Zealand before they set off in January 2016!

Important Dates

25th May - Eiken Matsuri starts!
6th June - Eiken Examinations

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