

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## The 2015 Sports Festival

### A Fun Day for All!

On May 9<sup>th</sup> Kosei's annual sports festival was held. In the morning, it looked like rain might spoil the big day, but thankfully it didn't. In fact, the weather was perfect!

All the teachers and students were super excited for what turned out to be a great day. As usual it was the red team vs the white team. There were so many fun events including the ever popular "tama-ire," tug-of-war, and "mukade" events. This year's "dance off" was particularly amazing, with all of the non-participating students cheering enthusiastically for their team's dance squad. All the dancers worked really hard and gave a great performance.

There was also a student and teacher team race, "ai no chikara". Some of the teachers took this very seriously, but all in good fun. As always the most emotional event of the day was the "mukade" relay. Our third year high school girls gave their all in this event, and made some fantastic memories!

It was a close competition right up till the last event, the "kiba-sen." This event is always highly competitive with students fighting to win the last points of the day! This year the red team took the points but the white team put up a great challenge.

SF Photo!



#### Sports Festival

5月9日に恒例のスポーツフェスタが全校生徒を赤白に分けて実施された。今年は特に応援合戦が素晴らしく、見ている生徒も熱狂的に歓声を上げていた。先生方が自身のケガを心配される「愛の力」もコースを半分にする事で無難に乗り越えられた。高3生の「ムカデ競争」もとても思い出深いものとなった。最後の「騎馬戦」までは接戦だったが、赤組勝利となった。

SPEECH CONTESTS Photo! (9<sup>th</sup> graders)



中2:1位 山縣璃沙 2位 穴戸希鈴 3位 山田純、小島佐和子、  
中3:1位 村松彩、徳久愛華 稲垣萌梨、佐々木穂衣  
2位 土屋穂香、小野友莉 3位 田島 凧、長嶋 唯

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTESTS An Exciting End to Term 1!

At the end of term, before the tests, the focus of the junior high school students is always on the in-house speech contests. The 7th graders kicked off the proceedings with their self-introduction. The students were very keen and practiced very hard – some of them coming to school in the early hours of the morning for the express purpose of polishing their speeches. Ayano Kurihara and Airi Inoue both came in third; second place went to Yukina Furusawa and the undisputable winner was Sena Tokuhisa.

The 8th graders recited the story of 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse' – always a tricky one to get the details right. For the first time, no fewer than 4 (!) people came in third: Jun Yamada, Sawako Kojima, Moeri Inagaki and Marie Sasaki; second place went to Kirin Shishido and the first prize went to Lisa Yamagata.

The 9th graders worked on a presentation on Japanese culture. We had some very informative presentations this year. Nagi Tajima and Yui Nagashina came in third with a presentation on famous Japanese people; second place went to Honoka Tsuchiya and Yuuri Ono for their presentation on marriage in Japan; and Sayaka Muramatsu and Aika Tokuhisa got first prize for their presentation on school lunches in Japan. Congratulations!

SPEECH CONTESTS Photo! (7<sup>th</sup>)



SPEECH CONTESTS Photo! (8<sup>th</sup>)



# Study Abroad Course News

## Remembering an Important Day in NZ and Australia's Past

### ANZAC Day (アンザック・デイとは何でしょう?)

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(ニュージーランドに留学中の高校2年F組 丹野紗矢香さんからの報告です)

100 years have passed since the ANZAC soldiers landed at Gallipoli Cove. On April 25, I went to the Memorial Park in Hamilton to attend a public service for ANZAC Day. There were lots of people and there was a big memorial cenotaph for people who died in World War One and Two. ANZAC Day is a national holiday observed only in Australia and New Zealand, so I have a very good experience there. I wondered why Australians and New Zealanders have a day like this, and I tried to find out. The following are the results of my research. ANZAC is an abbreviation for "Australia and New Zealand Army Corps." ANZAC Day commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. It is observed on 25 April each year, because it is the date that ANZAC soldiers landed at Gallipoli Cove in Turkey in 1915. At first, the day was for the soldiers who fought in the battle of Gallipoli. However, after World War Two, the day has been changed to be for all the people who served and died in all wars for their countries.

What happened at Gallipoli Cove? The Battle of Gallipoli took place between 25 April 1915 and 9 January 1916. The reason for the battles was to break a \*stalemate on the Western and Eastern fronts, and to help the Russians. Around 8,000 ANZAC soldiers died, and 18,000 ANZAC soldiers were wounded. It was a really big event for Australia and New Zealand. They made ANZAC Day in 1916 and the first dawn service was held in Sydney in 1927. After that the dawn service became a common form of ANZAC Day remembrance for Australians and New Zealanders during the 1920s. Most New Zealanders appreciate this ANZAC experience. Through mourning their dead they have developed their sense of having a national identity - being Kiwis instead of being a part of the British Empire! \*stalemate:膠着状態

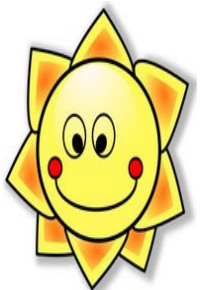


恒例の学校行事「英検まつり(春の陣)」が中間考査後から2週間実施されました。6月6日に校内実施される筆記試験(エッセイライティングを含む準1級と1級は模試のみで、翌日に都内各所で本試を受験)に向け、授業前に毎朝英検対策をしました。筆記試験合格後の2次試験(面接)対策もがんばりましょう!

### Summer Word Scramble

A J T A U U U I B G O Z K S Y G I F M V  
V N H A F K U E D S B R A H G U W Q R P  
D G V N G S B R U Z O K U H Y M G Z K T  
V Y F F L F J P X S N U S B U A R J M K  
K H V V T R O I P V S V I G B E A C H Y  
A V N K L Q C T R Z N D N M Y R D P V O  
L J W L S P O C K I H G C I N C I P M N  
Z J A I W N Q H B C I V B O K E G Q F E  
P C H U B M P X L D M R S Q Z C T X N H  
Q O D A G C T U S R D X U K G I E L M Y  
S W Y M Y P F I R E W O R K S U Y I N X  
K X S A U J W B K Z Q H J K A M W W M K  
E G L W K F P D G N I M M I W S X Z K I  
E Q A A A W Y T W Q H Z B S B U X B W X  
O T V L T Q A N M C D I F U A P B Z M W  
I L I T A S D W M A S D K A F C D R E D  
L F T N M E I Q O N B I F P J N O Y U T  
H Z S N G Q L P X E V O M J R K T N F B  
G A E N O H O B T X D F E S B H H K X C  
C R F J Y X H U F Z I Q A B Z E U F L T

- BEACH
- ICE CREAM
- SUN
- SWIMMING
- FESTIVALS
- YUKATA
- FIREWORKS
- OBON
- PICNIC
- HOLIDAY



### Eiken Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> Term, 2015

The campus-wide Eiken Festival was held in late May to early June. Students studied diligently every morning before school in preparation for the writing test. The 5<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade tests were held at school on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and the pre-1<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grade tests were held at various locations across Tokyo the next day. These higher level exams required students to write an essay on a specific topic. Students who sat these exams also sat a practice test at school on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students who passed their desired level will go on to take the speaking portion of the Eiken exam. Many of these girls have been practicing hard before and after school with their teachers to make sure that there are no surprises on the big day! We offer congratulations to the students who were able to pass the writing test and wish them the best of luck with the speaking test!

#### Important Dates

- 5<sup>th</sup> July Eiken Speaking Tests
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Young Americans Performance
- 21<sup>st</sup> July Ceremony to mark the end of classes

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