

# The Kosei Grapevine

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## Second Term Junior High School Speech Contests

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, the second grade junior high school students and teachers gathered in the LL Room for the annual speech contest. The contestants talked about various famous paintings. The winner was Sawako Kojima, who gave an excellent speech on the painting "Tropical Forest with Monkeys." Miku Ueda won second place and both Moka Akitani and Moeri Inagaki won third place.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November the third grade junior high school speech contest was held in the theatre room. Ten groups spoke about the differences between New Zealand and Japan. The students shared interesting ideas on topics such as education, school life, food, houses and so on. Ayu Takura and Sayaka Muramatsu won first place with their presentation on imports and exports in Japan and New Zealand. In second place were Kana Hirayama and Haruka Kouzuma and two groups were chosen for third place. The third place winners were Yui Nagashima, Erika Miyasako and Nanoha Kikuchi and Aika Tokuhisa and Eri Shibuya. Sakurako Iwano and Nanaka Gomi won the special award. The first grade junior high school students and teachers met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December for the recitation contest. The students gave an exciting retelling of the story, "The Hungry Lion". In first place was Sena Tokuhisa, in second place were Airi Inoue and Chikako Sato and in third place were Ayano Kurihara and Chiharu Ninomiya. Congratulations to all of the winners and participants! You did a wonderful job!

Photo of Chu 1



Photo of Chu 2



Photo of Chu 3



The winners of the junior high school speech contests!

## Chu 3 School Trip to New Zealand

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, our Chu 3 students set off for eight days of fun and learning in New Zealand. They were accompanied by their homeroom teachers, Ms. Yamamuro from our English department and our deputy principal, Ms. Inoue. After arrival at Auckland International Airport, the group travelled directly to Rotorua to enjoy the many attractions that this famous hot springs town has to offer. Highlights included a "Hangi," or traditional Maori meal. The next day, after visiting breathtaking Waitomo Caves, the group moved to their farm-stay accommodation. The students spent two nights with local families in the Cambridge area. This experience was the highlight of the trip for many of the students. After saying a tearful goodbye to their new friends, the girls rejoined their group and visited Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, one of our Kiwi sister schools. The trip ended with an eventful two days of sightseeing in Auckland. On the second day, students ventured out in small groups to explore the city, discovering many things along the way! The groups returned, as scheduled, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, tired but happy!



Scenes from New Zealand!



### Photos:

Top: Students experience Japanese "tepanyaki" dining, Kiwi style!

Middle: Students enjoy lunch with their new Kiwi friends at Waikato Dio.

Bottom: Students enjoy a class with Kiwi students.

# Otomesai 2015!

## Another Year of Moving Performances!

The class performances at Otomesai always draw big crowds and this year's festival was no exception. All but one of the junior high classes and four senior high classes chose to do a dance / performance. They were all entertaining and incorporated this year's theme – 'Let's share the world!' – in various ways, but the following four really stood out. The study-abroad class (1G) took first prize with their interpretative dance referencing the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. The super-global class (1A) came in second with their breathtaking sand art performance called 'Prayer for Peace', which showed scenes of war and peace drawn live in sand scattered on a projector. Two junior high classes got a joint third prize: 2-1 did an amazing performance with cups (preceded by an equally amazing video of students doing random stunts around school) and 3-1 portrayed a trip around the world in dance, which contained a fabulous 'Chinese' episode danced by Ayano Tatsukawa. There were fewer performances this year than in previous years, but everyone agreed that the level was higher than ever before. We can't wait for next year's edition!

## Classrooms Transformed for Otomesai!

On the 19th and 20th of September this year, Kosei held its annual Culture Festival. The students worked hard to make a variety of activity rooms and attractions. There was a total of 21 different rooms altogether. Everyone was excited! Some rooms were based on fun and activities like the "Ennichi", "Balloon", "Hunting" and "Matsuri" rooms. These rooms were lots of fun for the families that came to the Culture Festival. Other rooms showed off the students talents like the rooms made by the calligraphy club, art club and the handball club. Two of the popular rooms were created by 1-E and 2-A. These rooms were not for the faint hearted. The "Haunted Hospital" and "Bloody Ward" were by far the scariest rooms. It was a really fun day for all who attended and the students will need to work hard for next year to reproduce such an amazing day.

## Delicious Snacks Enjoyed by All!

There were many different kinds of foods available at Otomesai this year. Each grade three senior high class decided on a theme and made a delicious snack food to fit their theme. Class 3-A named their stall "Mr. Churros" and sold lemonade and different flavors of churros. Class 3-B's theme was "Love Aki Tacos" and they made different kinds of tacos. Class 3-C made different flavors of popcorn, including caramel and strawberry. Class 3-D made pancakes with various toppings. Finally, class 3-E made takoyaki with flavors from around the world. In the end, the class with the most sales was 3-A's "Mr. Churros". They were quite popular! Students from Kosei Boys' School also came to the festival to make yakitori. In addition to the snacks made by students, there were also many foods sold in the Grand Tent. All of the foods at Otomesai were very delicious. It's hard to believe they were all only 100 yen each!



Junior high school students enjoying the Otomesai!



## Trick or Treat! Chu 1 Halloween Party

Every year the English teachers put on a Halloween party for the Chu 1 students. This is one of the first events where Chu 1 students can learn about a foreign celebration in a relaxed and fun context, and it is always a highlight of the second term for both students and teachers! This year was no exception, with even Ms. Inoue getting in on the fun and joining the "trick or treating!" The students made their own Halloween masks to go "trick or treating" in around the school. They also had the chance to enjoy some Halloween games with the native teachers! A fun (and slightly scary!) time was had by all!



Some mystery teachers get ready for trick-or-treaters!

### Coming up in our next issue, news on...

- The Study Abroad Course 12<sup>th</sup> Intake homecoming
- The Chorus Contest

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### Important Dates

December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Emperor's Birthday
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Ceremony
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Ceremony
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adults' Day

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