

## Napier Girls' High School Students Visit Kosei Girls'

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 16 Kosei Gakuen Girls' students and their families excitedly gathered in the school's meeting room to welcome 16 students and four teachers from Napier Girls' High School. The group from Napier had been travelling around Japan visiting sites including Hiroshima's Peace Park and Osaka's Universal Studios for the previous two weeks. Tokyo was to be the last and, we hope, the most memorable stop of their tour.

Napier Girls' High School and Kosei Gakuen Girls' have been sister schools for three years, and this was the second time that we have been able to welcome a group from their school. Each of the sixteen girls spent the following two nights with the family of one of our students. This was an excellent change both for the Napier girls to use their Japanese and for our girls to practice their English. The Japanese students took the opportunity to introduce various aspects of Japanese culture to their host sisters. Some families visited sightseeing spots including Hakone and Mt. Takao, other families went shopping in famous areas such as Shibuya and Harajuku. By the time Monday morning arrived, and the girls returned to school together, many strong friendships had been formed.

A formal welcome assembly was held on Monday morning where our students sang Pokarekareana, a traditional Maori song. One of our students also presented a work of Japanese calligraphy to the group as a gift. The Napier Girls' students then joined classes including tea ceremony and Japanese calligraphy. We were very happy to hear that many of the students considered these classes a highlight of their trip to Japan.

At the end of the day the host families gathered again for a tearful farewell assembly. A moving haka was performed by the group from Napier Girls, leaving a strong and lasting impression. We are already looking forward to hosting the next group from Napier Girls' High School in two years!



Above: Students from Napier Girls' High School enjoy tea ceremony and calligraphy classes with our students!

## 2016 Entrance Ceremony

This year we welcomed 217 new high school students and 37 new junior high school students to Kosei Gakuen Girls'.

This includes the 26 students of the KGGS study abroad course's 13<sup>th</sup> intake and the 11 girls of our SG class's 2<sup>nd</sup> intake.

We are excited to have welcomed so many new members to our school community and look forward to seeing them grow to become excellent speakers of English over the next few years!

### Entrance Ceremony (日本語)

今年は 217 名の新入学高校生と 37 名の新入学中学生を迎えました。

もちろん、留学コース 13 期生 26 名とスーパーグローバルクラス 2 期生 11 名を含んだ数です。

こんなにもたくさんの新入生を迎え入れてとても感激していますし、皆さんがこれからの数年後に素敵な英語話者へと成長するのを楽しみにしています。

### Principal's Welcome Speech to NGHS Students!

My name is Hideo Yamauchi, I am the Principal of Kosei Gakuen Girls' High School and Junior High School. I am very happy to be able to welcome you all to our school today.

This is the second time that our two schools have been able to engage in this cultural exchange. I would like to take this opportunity to extend the warmest of welcomes to your group. We are all very appreciative of this unique opportunity for cultural exchange between the students and staff members of our two schools.

We were all so excited to hear that your group would be visiting again this year, and are even more excited now that you are here in front of us. Your school's visits are a great source of pride for our school, and have become an important part of our school's recent history.

Over the years, a number of our students have also been able to spend a year studying with you in New Zealand. We are so thankful for the excellent care you have taken of our students, and feel a deep bond between our two schools. This bond has of course been further strengthened by our recent sister school agreement.

We hope that the cultural exchanges between our two schools will lead to a stronger sense of friendship between our two nations. As we engage in this cultural exchange today, we are aware of the role that we all play in forming the bridge to greater cultural understanding.

# Sports Festival 2016

Our school sports festival or "S.F" was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. As always, the school became a hive of activity in the run up to this highly anticipated event! The high school third year students practiced particularly hard for their event, the "Mukade," as this was to be their last school sports festival.

There was an intense, but friendly, rivalry between the red and white teams. This was especially true when it came time for the dance by each team's "Ouen-dan." This year saw both teams perform highly original dances to unusual and entertaining soundtracks. In the end, the white team won the dance-off, although only by one point!

Other highlights included the teacher-student relay, which saw homeroom teachers running around the school ground dressed as anime characters. The native teachers had great fun joining the "oikake tama-ire" and being chased by enthusiastic students. The tug-of-war was also very entertaining.

In the end, there could only be one winning team however, with the red team securing a narrow victory. More importantly, the students who organized this year's event did an amazing job and the day went off without a hitch. Members of both teams made irreplaceable memories and strengthened their bond with their classmates, teachers, juniors and seniors. We are all looking forward to taking part again next year!



Students enjoy the 2016 Sports Festival!



Sports Festival (日本語)  
 恒例のS.F.種目の中でも高3生の「ムカデ競争」は最後のイベントなので、準備段階から鬼気迫るものがあり、本番でも感動的だった。今年の応援合戦は両組とも特にハイレベルなダンスを披露してくれたが、1点差で白組が優勝した(総合優勝は赤組)。ネイティブの先生たちには「追っかけ玉入れ」が好評だった。

## Grapevine Crossword!

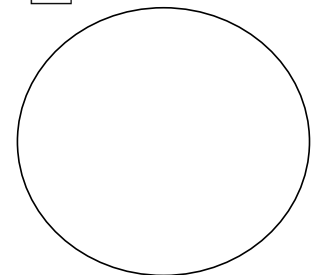
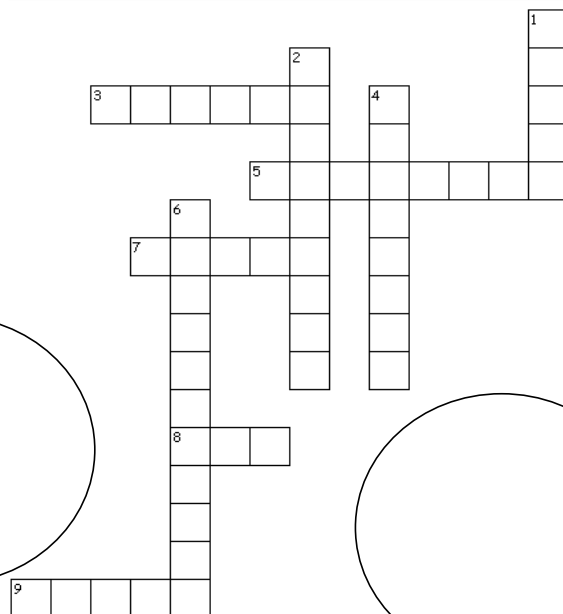
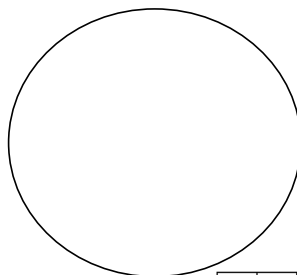
You can find the answers in the articles!

### Across

3. Students from \_\_\_\_\_ visited our school.
5. 入学式 in English. (\_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony)
7. Pokarekareana is a traditional \_\_\_\_\_ song.
8. The team that won this year's S.F.
9. A kind of race. You run as a team.

### Down

1. There were two teams. \_\_\_\_\_ and red.
2. 校長先生 in English.
4. 茶道 in English. (tea \_\_\_\_\_)
6. 書道 in English.



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## Important Dates

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| June 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Eiken Exams (at school)     |
| June 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | Eiken Exams (out of school) |
| July 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | Ko 2 England Trip!          |
| July 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Eiken Speaking Tests        |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | English Summer Camp         |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> | Young Americans             |

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