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Super Global Class Students Win Top Prize!

Two Kosei Gakuen Girls' students have taken home the top prize at the first annual "Super Global High School National Forum." This event was held in Yokohama on the 25th of November, 2017. SG class 2nd intake student, Ms. Aika Tokuhisa, and SG class 3rd intake student, Ms. Sari Sakayauchi took part in the poster session along with students from 133 other schools. This involved making a presentation in English about their fieldwork as a pair. The theme of their fieldwork was the preservation of minority languages in Thailand, focusing on the Karen language and Hin Lad Nai village in Northern Thailand. The students won over the judges with their thorough research and interactive presentation style during the initial presentation session. They then moved on to the final round where, despite tough competition, they came first. As recipients of the inaugural "Minster's Award," the two students have been given the opportunity to represent Japan at an international convention in Singapore in 2018. This will give them the chance to share their findings with the world as well as to discover what kinds of fieldwork other young people across Asia are participating in. You can watch the students' presentation in full on our school's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf-lzcL77to>



You can see read more on our school's website!

<http://www.girls.kosei.ac.jp/>

KGGS 13th Intake Students Return from New Zealand!

On the third of December the students of KGGS 13th returned to Japan after spending almost a year in New Zealand. Before returning to Japan the students spent two weeks at the University of Sydney studying for the TOEFL exam and attending lectures. The lectures were able to give the students a different perspective on our school's SGH research theme of "The Peaceful Development of Multi-Ethnic Societies" through teaching them about the issues facing Australia's indigenous peoples. Another goal of the program was for the students to present the findings of their SGH fieldwork. This year our students chose a wide range of different themes including LGBTQ+ groups in New Zealand schools, the development of ICT education in New Zealand and Japan and people's attitudes towards tattoos. On the last day of the program each student made their presentation and two students were chosen to represent the class at the homecoming assembly. At this assembly Ayaka Koga made a presentation about the role of indigenous peoples in an increasingly globalized world, focusing on the Maori people. Ami Watanabe talked about the role of religious education in creating a peaceful society, focusing on the religious education curriculum of the Catholic girls' school she attended in New Zealand. Next, all of the students made presentations about various aspects of life in New Zealand. These presentations showed just how much the girls have grown-up over the last year and how much knowledge they have acquired! We look forward to hearing their opinions over the next year, and to seeing how they utilize their knowledge on the global stage in the future!



Above: Students from KGGS 13th attend lectures at the University of Sydney.

Below: Students make presentations at the Homecoming Assembly.



特進留学コース 帰国報告会

12月3日、KGGS特進留学コース13期生25名が約1年間の留学を終え帰国し、12月16日には彼女たちの帰国報告会が行われました。現地で行った研究の発表や留学中の様子について英語でプレゼンテーションしました。第1部では古賀さんが「国際化が進む時代における先住民族の果たす役割」についてマオリ族に焦点を当てたプレゼンテーションを行い、渡邊さんが自身が通っていた学校での体験を基に、ニュージーランドの宗教教育についてプレゼンテーションを行いました。第2部では留学コースの生徒1人ひとりが自身の留学生活について報告をしてくれました。彼女たちが留学経験を生かし、グローバル社会で活躍することを楽しみにしています。

Junior High School News

Chu 1 and 2 Speech Contests

On November 30th, the first grade junior high students had their term 2 speech contest. The speech was the "The Hungry Lion". The week before the final was the in class contest. The competition was so good that it was really difficult to choose just a few students to go through to the final. The final lived up to everyone's expectations. It was such a close result. But there can be only winner and this year it was Manaha, followed closely in second place by Kana. In third place was Hinata and in fourth place was Ayumi. There were also two students tied for fifth place, Yuzu and Yui.

The second grade students did a presentation on some famous artworks on December 2nd. Once again it was very close. The presentations were so professional it felt like being in an art gallery. Everybody in the audience could learn some interesting things about each of the pictures. In first place this year was Hinata. In second place was Hao. There were two third places, Mino and Akari. Fourth place was Maria. Nami also received an award for "Good Effort". I'm already looking forward to the speeches next year!



1st Year Students



2nd Year Students



スピーチ&プレゼンテーションコンテスト

11月30日に中学1年生の英語スピーチコンテストがあり、「Hungry Lion」を暗唱しました。生徒全員が練習の成果を発揮してくれました。優勝は平田菜那葉さん、準優勝は島崎花南さん、3位は前川あゆみさんでした。

12月2日には中学2年生のプレゼンテーションコンテストがありました。こちらも全員がすばらしいプレゼンを見せてくれました。優勝は竹花ひなたさん、準優勝は越田羽乙さん、3位は石井明璃さんと櫻井心乃さんでした。

Junior High School Christmas Party

This year at Kosei we shared in the festive fun with our Chu-Ichi students. We played games and took part in various activities to help build Christmas vocabulary and understand more of the culture around the holiday season. Our students got the chance to work with all the native teachers on various Christmas-themed activities, such as writing and designing Christmas cards. For me, Christmas Pictionary was a real highlight, and the girls really enjoyed learning some new Christmas phrases and drawing funny pictures for their friends. The activity involved reviewing well-known Christmas vocabulary, such as snow and Santa, but also some lesser known Christmas words, such as bauble and sleigh. I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and the questions they had for me about the new words.

2018 Chorus Contest

As winter sets in, students and teachers at our school traditionally gear up for the chorus contest, which is held on the last Saturday of January. In the junior high section, classes have a compulsory song in English and a free song in Japanese. The compulsory song this year was "Go The Distance", an inspirational song from the Disney movie "Hercules", which students sang in a two-part choral arrangement. The 7th and 8th grade classes are quite small this year, but motivation was high making it a memorable contest. The 9th graders did not participate in the contest itself, having been away for their school trip to New Zealand. The senior high classes only sang one song each, but they were entirely on their own as far as preparation is concerned. The selection was very interesting and it was a high-level competition yet again. The winning classes were 1B (High School) and 1-2 (Junior High School.)

Important Dates

11th February Karasuyama Children's Festival
24th March Closing Ceremony

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