

Hi guys!! Time flies too quickly that this month was the last month of the second term. We had a lot of events at school, so I would like to share them in this report.

The first thing I enjoyed was the athletics carnival we had on the last day. It is like the sports festival in Japan, but the difference is that in Australia, we don't have a team sports. In Australian schools, we don't have a specific classroom like in Japan, so our athletics carnival was made up by individual sports like long jump, 100 meters, and 800 meters. It was so much fun and everyone really enjoyed it. Especially, I loved how people wear their costumes. In my school, there are three house groups like in Harry Potter. The colors for each house groups are red, blue, and green and most of the students had their house color in their costumes. Some were wearing spiderman suits and some were wearing curly blue wigs which looked really funny like a clown. The vibe of Australian style was really different from Japan, but I really enjoyed this Australian style!

The second thing that happened this term was that students from Taiwan stayed in our school for 2 weeks. My host family accepted 2 of the students and I also became a buddy of them. They taught me about their cultures and those were so interesting for me. Also, everyone was so surprised of their English. They spoke English very fluently and their listening skills were also really good. They told me that in Taiwan, even small kids go to tutoring and study hard every day and that is making them be able to speak English. I was so shocked about how much they need to study in their home country, but those studies are worth the effort they have got. They also brought us some snacks of Taiwan for the souvenir, and some were kind of similar taste from Japanese snacks, and I really liked it, but my host mother was saying that it is not familiar taste for her, so maybe some tastes are unfamiliar for other countries. On weekends, we went to the city, the shopping centre, and the supermarket. I recommended some Australian foods that might be good to try, and they looked that they really enjoyed those experiences. It was really sad to say goodbye to them on the last day, but I was so thankful to them since I was able to learn about their cultures.

I am so surprised that I only have 4 months left and I am sure that this time will go too quickly. I will do my best for the rest of this exchange program and explore Australia even more to be able to proud of myself when I finish this program!

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