

井草高校のみなさんは、あたたかい秋の気配から急に寒くなり体が慣れず、風邪などひいていないでしょうか。 中学校向けの学校説明会では、オーストラリアプログラムから帰国した生徒たちのスピーチに多くの拍手喝采を頂 き、新宿高校で行われた説明会でも多くの中学生が井草高校に興味を持って訪ねてくれました。国際教育広報部で もみなさんが前向きに国際交流に参加し、将来への大きなきっかけになってくれることを願っています。

さて、今回の Newsletter では、留学生の手紙や英語科・山本先生が夏休みにニュージーランド研修に行かれた 素敵なエッセイ、また新しくフィリピンから来日してくださった Solemn 先生のコラムもお楽しみに!

# **窓次世代リーダー道場生からの手紙**

## ◎ 倉本 麻生(カナダ) \*9月に出発しました!

Hi ! I'm Mao Kuramoto and the 11<sup>th</sup> student of jisedai. Now I'm taking a leave of absence from Igusa High School to study in Canada.

It's been 3 week since my school started and I'm really having a good time. On the first day of school, I participated in a pizza party! Before classes started, I was so nervous but I got some friends, hang out with them, and I enjoy school life from the very first day.

Speaking of school, I take EFP Literary Studies & Writing 11, English Language Support, Economics 12, All About Money 12., I especially enjoy taking Economics and All About Money because these classes are not available in Igusa High School.

By the way, Some of you reading this may be concerned about your own English ability. In my opinion, many Japanese can speak English as long as they have confidence. I always keep in mind not to be shy. At first, I was worried about my ability to speak English, but I enjoy the conversations without suffering so much. I still have a samurai accent, which makes me a little sick when I hear myself speaking English, but my family and friends always try to understand what I'm saying. Though it's still difficult to understand the fast talker's words.

I hope these sentences will help those who want to study abroad or take a break from studying for university entrance exams.

Kuramoto  $\grave{} \delta h \rightarrow$ 

See you next month!

### □小澤 美咲(ニュージーランド) 12月に帰国予定です!



←Ozawa さん

The other day, I went to a festival of light in Wellington. In a festival, all



participants made lanterns and released them to the sky at the same time. I had never made and seen it before so I had a good experience. It was really beautiful, like the concept of Rapunzel's movie and I was so impressed by it. This festival is held yearly and so I hope that I will visit it

again one day.





#### □川岸 秦瑛(オーストラリア)

Hi, this is Kanae. How is your summer holiday in Japan? It is just a normal school day. I am jealous with the people go to summer festival. It is still winter in Australia, but sometimes it is nice and warm. Winter in Australia is not as cold as in Japan.

I went to beach three times in a week after school last week! In this month, me and my host family got a new international student from Germany. Which means I am living with her! She came here on third of July.

We got her in a school holiday, so we went to a lot of palaces such as Australia zoo, beaches, and Brisbane. It was so nice we could go to a lot of places. Living with other international student is so cool. We watched movie together, shared music from each country, and cooked together. We watched "Howl's Moving Castle" from Ghibli anime. I learnt some German songs and I liked it, even though I didn't know what he was singing:)

We cooked Germen dish which is called Kartoffel. It is like grated potato pancakes. They usually have them with apple smoothie and I liked it. Living with other people is sometimes hard. But I will not give up understanding each other. I also have one surprising thing. That is about me that I became a pescatarian! (I haven't decided when I quit though...)

Pescatarians adds fish and seafood to a vegetarian diet but excludes other meats.

Having an international student who is vegetarian influenced me to think about animal rights. In Japan, becoming vegetarian hasn't sank in society in my opinion. As the evidence, so many restaurants in Japan don't have vegetarian menu. I am sure this experience will be a great one.



I will make the most of this special experience. See you next month! Thank you for reading!

# ②オーストラリアプログラム <2023・8・14~8.23 Toongabbie College in Sydney> ☆彡 1年 E 組 石田 ひなた

I went to Australia from August 13 to 23. I was able to have many good experiences from there. I was very anxious before going to Australia. "What's my host family like? Will I be able to stay well in an English environment?" I've been thinking about like that. However, there was no need to worry. My host family, their relatives, and the school student, all of them were very kind to me. When I couldn't understand English, they spoke more slowly and easily.

Thanks to that, I was able to keep talking. through conversation, I learned it's important to keep talking if it's just words or gestures. "Don't be afraid to communicate! " I felt strongly that the most impression on me is School Life. We went to Toongabie Christian College. Many students came to talk to me during morning tea (eat snacks and fruits) between 2nd and 3rd class and lunch time. They were so friendly, we could talk a lot. I also joined the class; Dramas, chemistry, and English. In the Drama class, we played cards. They taught us "Go Fish". and we taught them "Baba-Nuki". I didn't feel any language barrier during the game, so it was so fun. Other classes were so difficult to understand because everything was in English, but the student helped me in Chemistry class, so I was able to understand a little. I also have fond memories of the time I spent with my host family. We played a lot of card game. It was my first time to do them, and the rules were English, so it was difficult. However, thanks for teaching me politely, so I was able to enjoy them. It was my





first time to do a homestay and going to the local school, so I was often nervous. However, there were more surprised and fun than that. I was able to spend fulfilling days. I also wanted to go abroad again and learn a lot. I'm grateful for this experience.





# 窓山本先生(1-B担任)ニュージーランド夏季英語研修

夏季休業期間を利用して、ニュージーランドの Massey 大学にて研修を受けてきた時のコラムです。

現3年生はコミュの授業で扱ったこともある Cathedral の話や、街で見つけた壁画について書いてみました。

Hi I'm Yuki, a homeroom teacher of 1-B. This past summer, I studied in New Zealand for one month, so I would like to share some of my experiences there.

Firstly, 3<sup>ed</sup> graders, do you still remember the story of Shigeru Ban ? (It's written in Lesson7 FLEX II \*)

\*It was about a Japanese famous architect, Shigeru Ban who built a cathedral in New Zealand out of cathedral right after the big earthquake.

Normally I was a temporary university student, but on a day off I went to Christ Church to see the cardboard cathedral with my own eyes. It was much larger than I had imagined and despite the fact that the cathedral was more than 12 years old, it was very beautiful.

One of the Christians I met at this church said that Shigeru Ban had a warm heart and the size of his heart was like the size of the universe.

I was somewhat proud of it.

Moreover, I was able to find a lot beautiful mural there.





-One of my favorite murals is this. I'm not sure who

drew it and what this picture is, but I guess the motif of this might be "remember me" (Disney movie). It reminded me of my homeroom class practicing playing the short drama in the school festival.

Another thing I found interesting was multi-cultural atmosphere of New Zealand . Where I stayed was surrounded by culture from various countries. During my stay, I met immigrants from Nepal, Georgia, Brazil, Myanmar, and so on. I found it interesting

that most of them adjusted to New Zealand's custom and keep their original culture at the same time. Sometimes I feel like Japan is mono-culture country and make foreigners adjust to our custom or working style. I think

we'd better embrace other culture to have a wide range of perspective. That's why I want students to go abroad and feel something from the experience. Last but not least, I would like to thank all the teachers and students who helped us, and wonderful fellows I met in New Zealand.

# HEREICOME All About Sorem

English am an learner myself.

have T three cats namely: Eren, Mikasa and Armin(named them after Shingeki no Kyojin's characters)

I enjoy karaokeand I can sing some Japanese karaoke songs now.

Surprisingly, I like natto.

I can use chopsticks wel (that's what my Japanes friendstold me)

The movie "Kimi no Nawa" mademe cry.

I know all TaylorSwift songs.

### JET TEACHER Hello! Igusa High School!!

How is your week going? I hope you are having fun while learning!

BABY SOREM SAGARINO先生

My name is Sorem. I am from the Philippines. Haveyou heard of this country? It's in southeast Asia. It's mostly summer all year round where <sub>I</sub>came from.

It has been a month since I arrived in Japan. It is my first country abroad. よろしくお願ねがいしま **f** .You might be wondering why I chose Japan among many countries. Japan holds a special place in my heart because of the rich culture, delicious food and nice people.

I have explored some cool places in Tokyo like Shinjuku, Ikebukuro and Shibuya. I have tried natto and I've been eating it almost every day.

I look forward to meeting and talking with you. The temperature is dropping. Stay warm and



cozy!