



国際教育広報部

Newsletter



暑かった夏休みも終わり、新たな気持ちで2学期がスタートしました。文化祭では、国際教育広報部の展示に次世代リーダーから帰国した生徒たち、オーストラリアプログラムから帰国したみなさんが積極的に取り組んでくれたお陰で、訪れて下さった方たちからもたいへんに良い感想を頂き、様々な体験から育んだ成長を感じることができました。文化祭後、皆さんの前向きに取り組む姿を見てみると、次の2学期の中間考査に向けて頼もしく感じているところです。

さて、今回の Newsletter では、留学生からの手紙はもちろん、オーストラリアプログラムの生徒たちからの研修の様子もお伝えします。新しく英国から来日して下さった Hannah 先生のコラムもお楽しみに！

🌸次世代リーダー道場生からの手紙

留学体験発表会を9月27日(水)に行いました。12月にも発表を予定していますので、興味がある方はぜひ参加してくださいね。以下に掲載するのは、1月下旬から留学中の11期生からのメールを紹介します。

✉海津 まこと(オーストラリア)

It's hard to believe that it's already September, and I only have about 90 days left before I return to Japan. In August, I volunteered at Adelaide Zoo twice as part of the Duke of Edinburgh leadership program, and I'm scheduled to volunteer again next Wednesday. During the upcoming school holidays, I have a three-day bushwalking camp planned. Additionally, in November, I have a camp for one of my subjects, outdoor education, which I'm really looking forward to.

By the way, I've been playing tennis in Australia since the beginning of May, and I've had a competition every Saturday. Unfortunately, that competition is coming to an end. However, I'm thrilled to share that we've made it to the final! Today is the first of September, and the final match is tomorrow. I hope we achieve good results, and I'm determined to give it my best effort. While I'm excited about reaching the final, I also know I'll miss playing tennis here in Australia.

I believe that I'll give my best in everything so that I can leave Australia without any regrets and cherish the memories. It's sad to think about leaving, but to be honest, I'm also excited to reunite with my lovely family and friends in Japan. ☺



✉川岸 奏瑛(オーストラリア)

Hi everyone. This is Kanae.

Can you believe we are halfway through the year.

I am going to talk about my June in Australia.

I had a lot of drama in this month. And It was a big turning point of my life in Australia.

To tell the truth, I changed my host family. Yes, It was really hard a decision to make.

In first place, it is hard to live with other people. Even more in other country which has different culture and language.

I am not going to tell a deep story, but now I think it was a right decision.

I am proud of myself I overcame such a big difficulty.

I had vague anxiety including changing my lifestyle.

Obviously, I was going to go to new host family's house and build a new relationship with them.

Fortunately, I had been new host family's house at once when my old host family was away. And when I needed a new host family, they offered me to stay.

I can't thank them enough. Since I came here, I got a lot of memories already.

I went to a lot of places with them, and I am having great time with them.

But I really miss the scenery from the road along the beach where I used to ride a bike to go to school. It is a great scenery.

Imagine you could go to school by bike along the beach every day!!!

It is so nice, isn't it? In Japan, there are just normal houses on my way go to school.

In this month, I got a new Japanese international student!

I didn't have any student from Asia since I came here.

So, it was so hard to do everything by myself. We will talk in English as much as possible.

It is good that we can help each other and speaking Japanese helps me not to be homesick.

Only less than five months are left.

I am going to spend the rest of my days in a meaningful way so that I will not regret is afterward.

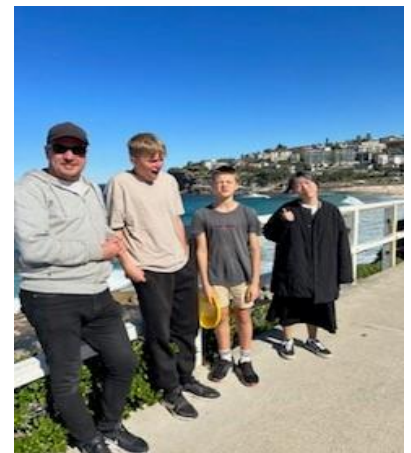
Thank you for reading!



☆ 2年B組 澁谷 日菜子

My first 10 days abroad were definitely the most meaningful and fulfilling 10 days of my life to date. After gaining such a valuable experience, I am truly glad that I applied. I fell in love with Australia's nature and food a long time ago, and have secretly wanted to visit Australia for a long time. However, I didn't have the opportunity to visit there, and I wasn't confident in my English, never the less, I wanted to further improve my English skills. My first time abroad, my first homestay, and my first 10-day trip was full of excitement but anxiety and worry, but I overcame those worries once I arrived in Sydney, things gradually changed. I was very moved by the cityscapes I had never seen before, the beautiful nature, the signs written in English, and the cool and comfortable climate, which was the complete opposite of the current midsummer in Japan, and I realized how big the world is. Also, Australia is a multi-ethnic country, so it was refreshing to see people of various races walking around, and I felt a sense of diversity.

During these 10 days, I met many people and was able to experience their kindness. Even though this was my first time speaking and listening to so much English, and being in an English-only environment, I quickly realized how much fun it was to use English, and I became more interested in learning languages. I think studying abroad is a really fun and valuable experience. I recommend studying abroad, even if it's only for a short period of time. I wasn't really confident in my English either, but I believe that if you have the will to speak English, you can definitely lead a fulfilling life. Even though this experience was only for 10 days, I feel like it broadened my horizons and changed my values, way of thinking, and even my personality. From this experience, I'm sure in the future I'll be less likely to get depressed over small things or give up on what I want to do. Even though it was only 10 days, it was such a wonderful day that I felt that way.



This experience inspired to study abroad for university, and I was able to find a new goal. Also, now have high-quality and interesting stories that I can talk about in the future. I found my purpose in studying English, and my motivation to study has skyrocketed. I definitely want to study English more, get better at it, and visit Australia again. I also felt like I wanted to study abroad in other countries that I had never been to before. This was made possible by the presence of many people, including my friends who participated in the training together, the Japanese and local teachers who supported me, and my host family, and I realized that this is not something I can take for granted. I am filled with gratitude. These 10 days made me realize once again how glad I was to be in Igusa. Based on this dream-like and fun 10-day experience, I want to face my future and find my dreams. I also want to try many new things.





Hannah's Coloum



JET TEACHER

Hannah Russell

Fun Facts about Hannah

- ✧ I am from England, United Kingdom.
- ✧ I like Plants and Cats.
- ✧ I have travelled to 20 countries.
- ✧ I have 2 tattoos.
- ✧ I enjoy writing stories and drawing.
- ✧ I will always be happy talking about plants.
- ✧ I get nervous too.
- ✧ I cannot speak Japanese (yet!)
- ✧ My name is a palindrome.
- ✧ My name means Flower in Japanese.
- ✧ I love cute things.
- ✧ I like Anime and K-pop.

To Igusa High School,

I hope you have had an amazing summer!

This summer I have come to Japan; my 20th country! I have tried delicious Japanese foods such as; Sashimi [刺身], Okonomiyaki [お好み焼き] & Yakitori [焼き鳥]. I have also explored different areas around Tokyo such as; Takadanobaba [高田馬場], Shinjuku [新宿] & Kichijōji [吉祥寺].

I look forward to learning more about Japan and Japanese! Please tell me about your Summer when you get the chance!

Igusa High School Cultural Festival 2023

On the 9th and 10th September was the Igusa Cultural Festival! I explored all of the classroom exhibitions and managed to see all of the performances! I was awestruck by the Dance performances and the Calligraphy performances! Not to mention the scary 2-E Haunted House, I was scared! I also loved the Drama Clubs performance; their acting was top notch! I also played poker for the first time in 3-B's Casino!

I got to try all the delicious food! Yakisoba, Frankfurt and Okonomiyaki! Thank you, 3rd graders, for you incredible cooking skills! Additionally, thank you to the PTA for creating such fun activities and prizes; everyone loved them!

Did you all get to see Sylvia? Sylvia (あざらし) came to visit during the festival!



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★ 次回もお楽しみに! ★

🌸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, 3rd 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 cardboard 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.

