



国際教育広報部

## Newsletter



いよいよ明日から夏休みですね。皆さんにとって、この1学期はどうでしたか？GW明けからはライフスタイルが変わり、皆さんの気持ちにも大きな変化があったのではないかと思います。何かを始めるならこの夏がチャンス！イギリスの作家、ジョージ・エリオットも**“It is never too late to become what you might have been.”**という言葉を残しています。今年の夏はぜひ考えを行動に移して、様々な挑戦をしてみませんか？

さて、今回の Newsletter では、留学生からの手紙はもちろん、JICA 国際協力出前授業やオーストラリアからの留学生滞在の様子をお伝えします。Sylvia 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

アメリカ・カナダに留学していた6名の井草生(10期生)が帰国しました！留学体験発表会は9月に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期生です。

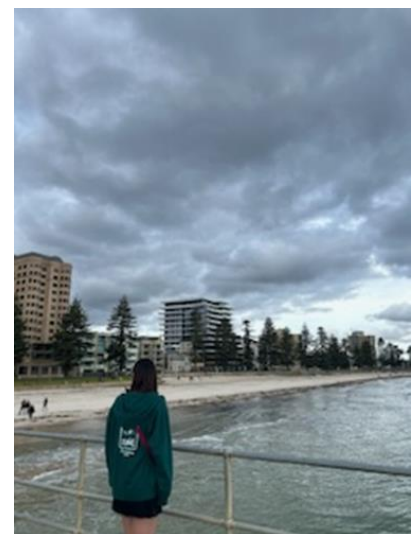
### ✉海津 まことさん(オーストラリア)

Hi, it's been almost 6 months since I arrived here, and I only have 4 months left until I return to Japan. I have a bad habit of procrastinating, so I completely forgot to write a monthly report. I apologize for that. By the way, I'd like to talk about the things that surprised me in Australia. The first thing that surprised me was public transportation. Initially, I was surprised by how it works. Firstly, public transportation is uncommon in Australia, and most people use cars (you can see a lot of cars made in Japan). As a result, the number of train lines and buses is very limited compared to Tokyo, Japan. When using the bus in Australia, I have to raise my hand to signal the bus to stop when I want to get on and press the stop button when I want to get off. Pressing the button when getting off the bus may seem easy because we do this in Japan too, but in Australia, there are no announcements indicating the next stop. Therefore, I have to check the bus stop I want to get off at on a map application and press the button at the appropriate time. Since I go to school by bus every day, I've already gotten used to it and can press the button without checking the map. However, I still feel confused when going to unfamiliar places. One aspect that greatly impressed me about buses in Australia is how passengers show appreciation and politeness to the bus driver by saying "Thank you" or "Have a good day" when disembarking. I strongly believe that Japanese people should adopt this practice too. When it comes to trains in Australia, you would be surprised to find that, except in the city, there are no ticket gates or station staff. The machines to scan metro cards are located inside the trains, and the train doors do not open unless you press a button.

These are the things that surprised me about public transportation in Australia. I hope you are all well and enjoying your summer holiday! Thank you.

### ✉川岸 奏瑛さん(オーストラリア)

Hi everyone! This is Kanae. How is your new class and new subjects? Some of you have a completely different school life, right? Are you getting used to the new life? :) in Igusa? I am going to talk about my April in Australia!





April was a special month because it is my birthday month! 3 days after my birthday, my friends organized me a surprise party!!! My friend and I were going to hang out together and play basketball on that day. When we arrived at that park, she suggested to me to go to a bench and take a rest first. So we were on the way to get there and I found a tent which was decorated for a birthday party. Suddenly, my friends came out from the corner while saying happy birthday!!! I didn't know about it at all, so it made me really surprised and happy! In that party, we had a rainbow cake which was so big, and two of my friends made it for me. The cake had 6 layers and each of them has a different color, so, it was literally a rainbow cake!!! I got a lot of presents. They are my treasure. We also played cricket. You've never tried it? You should definitely try it! It is so fun. It is my highlight of my April.

As my goal in term2, I decided to go outside and do things more often than before. So on another day, I got an opportunity to meet aboriginal people. In that excursion, I got on a ferry, and had a lecture by aboriginal people. Their culture was interesting and lovely more than I could imagine. They told us that we were on the river which is a song. Also, they have family trees along the river which is planted every time when someone is born. She said it is a special place where we are connected to the great mother earth individually. So when they go there and touch that tree, they can feel the power of the earth. She said we are living with blessing of the great mother earth, so we pick rubbish up and throw it into a bin because we have respect for the great mother earth. I learnt lovely culture. At the end of the lecture, she gave me a spell which will protect me from every dangerous thing. It was special white paint. I can't remember what it was called sadly but I felt I got a strong power! It was hard to listen to native English, but I had a great experience.

Also, I joined an environmental community. I am expecting it will be a good resource to write my report about plastic pollution. It is a community in my school, but I found an interesting volunteer activity which is taking care of turtles. In Tokyo, we don't have such a special and fun volunteer activity, right? So I am going to contact them and do the volunteer activity!

Lastly, I made my dream come true! Finally, I went to Brisbane!!! with my host family! I took a picture of a famous tourist attraction spot. Have you ever seen a picture of it? I couldn't believe I was in Brisbane. In Brisbane, I went to museum, and I spent a great time with my host family. It was a lot of fun! I will go there again to watch Hamilton next time. Thank you for reading my report! I hope to receive your support!

### ✉ 中平 茅さん(オーストラリア)

These days I have been so busy. I had a lot of exams like math, science, English, and humanity and the Math exam was not that hard because, in Australia, the math level is pretty easy. However, the other exam was so hard for me. In science exams, there are so many difficult words. I have researched them and the website says this word is harder than grade 1 of Eiken and TOEIC 990. I was so surprised and almost gave up. In the English and humanity exam, I had to read a lot of sentences. I thought it was going to be a terrible score, but it was not bad. I got over 70% for both



exams. Their score encourage me to speak and study English. 1 month ago, the season of volleyball began. I was so confused because there are some differences in rules. And in Australia, the students are taller than Japanese students. But I could be a regular member by using my strengths. Recently I'm into cooking. I cooked curry rice, Okonomiyaki, fried rice and so on. In Australia, normally people cook only one dish for each meal. But I can't get enough nutrition so I don't like it that much. That's why I started to cook something which can cover not having enough nutrition. I think it is going to be good if I live by myself.

One of my friend's host father pointed out my pronunciation. I was so surprised about that because it was the pronunciation of "L". I thought Japanese people can't pronounce "R" well. I have heard that "L" is the same pronunciation as ラ行 in Japanese before. For example, in one of my friends' names "Dylan" the name "L" has to be pronounced the same as “L” of “Hello”. I think it is the same as ろ in Japanese.

Anyway, I'm having fun with my life in Australia. I only worry about the temperature in South Australia in the winter season. I think SA is colder than Tokyo because of the dryness. I will make more and more friends in Australia!

### ☒小澤 実味さん(ニュージーランド)



The other day, I went to Taupo, one of the cities in New Zealand. Unfortunately, the weather was heavy rain and So I didn't really go out. But I was able to watch a beautiful night view. I had a good trip. By the way, I have only 5 months to go and time seems to be going so fast. Other international students have already gone back to their home countries and leaving me as the only international student. So I feel a little lonely. But my school has no exams and I have been taking cooking classes at school three times a week lately. So I feel more at ease and am living a fulfilling life.

## 🌸JICA 国際協力出前授業(1年生対象)

7月13日(木)に8名の留学生をお招きし、各クラスの代表生徒が中心になって講座を行いました。留学生からの発表後に積極的に質問をしたり、「フルーツバスケット」や「はないちもんめ」など、様々な形で楽しく交流を深めているのが印象的でした。以下に、生徒から留学生に宛てた Thank you letter を紹介します。

“You taught us many things today. Especially I'm interested in Syrian food. I want to go to Syria, and I want to learn the culture of Syria. Are you enjoying your stay in Japan? If you say yes, I'm very glad. Japan has so many good points. I think you will be able to enjoy Japan very much. I want to meet you again someday.”

“I was surprised to hear that Nigeria has some kinds of religion and there are 250 languages. I have never been to Africa so I want to go to Nigeria and other African countries. I was glad to take pictures with you. I'll keep it forever. Thank you for letting me have a good time. Please come again. We're waiting for you!”



## 東京体験スクール@井草

7月10日（月）から14日（金）うちの4日間、オーストラリアから留学生が6名やってきました。

1年生・2年生のバディスチューデントと共に授業に参加し、クラスでの交流を深めました。

放課後には ESS 部・弓道部・書道部・剣道部・漫画研究部の協力のもと部活動体験に参加し、様々な活動を楽しんでいました。最終日には、8月にオーストラリアに語学研修に行く生徒たちを中心にフェアウェルパーティーも開催しました。ご協力いただいたみなさん、本当にありがとうございました！



## Sylvia's Column



Dear Igusa students,

Happy summertime! For many of you, this season is your favorite time of the year, isn't it? Even though summer vacation is 5 weeks long, there's so much to do that it feels short. As we say in English, "Time flies when you're having fun!"

Recently, I've seen how everyone is busy preparing for club activities and the Igusa school festival in September. In particular, the mosaic picture looks like hard work! I can't wait to see what the full picture looks like.

When I walk by your classrooms and ask about your artworks, you always tell me a lot. I know that it's hard to explain Japanese school festival and club things in English, so I really appreciate how you try your best to tell me your ideas.

Also, do you remember when the Australian high school students visited us last week? I saw many of you step out of your comfort zones to speak to them and make them feel welcome. I'm so proud of you! I hope you can keep doing this whenever you meet someone from another country. English class test scores are important, but don't let them hold you back from making friends with foreigners. No matter if your scores are high or low, as long as you have courage, open-mindedness, and a bright smile, you can be a great cultural ambassador of Japan.

As you work on your projects in August, drink lots of water and take good care of yourself! Do a little bit of summer homework every day, and be careful of heatstroke (熱中症) when you go outside. May I suggest bringing some homework to an aquarium and writing reports while looking at cute azarashis? There are lots of fun things to look forward to in September at Igusa, so I hope you can have a restful summer!



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