



国際教育広報部

Newsletter

新しい年度がスタートしてひと月が過ぎようとしています。コロナウイルスの影響が薄らぎ、活気ある井草高校が戻ってきました。オーストラリア国際交流説明会には保護者の人数を含めると120名ほどの参加がありました。次世代リーダー道場生の申し込みの人数も例年を大幅に上回っています。皆さんの熱量を感じるうれしいスタートになりました。

国際教育広報部が発行している「Newsletter」では、国際理解教育関連の行事や校外の企画についてお知らせするとともに、海外留学している生徒からのメッセージやJETのシルビア先生のコラムも掲載します。

今回のNewsletterは、シルビア先生の素敵な「はじまり」についてのessayをお届けします。

日本とカナダの違いは？

Igusa Newsletter April 2023 - Sylvia's Column

Hello Igusa students! Welcome back to school. Are you enjoying the colors of spring? April is a time of beginnings in Japan that brings new surprises and joys to people young and old. This week, it was heartwarming to watch the 1st grade students commence their high school careers in our entrance ceremony. 2nd grade and 3rd grade students— I trust that you will be dependable and gracious upperclassmen who set good examples of what it means to be a student at Igusa. 1st grade students— do your best! Everyone here wants you to succeed, so don't be shy about asking for help when you need it.



Speaking of colors, many Japanese people think of the color pink when they think of beginnings because of April's cherry blossoms. Do you know what the color of beginnings is in Canada? It's orange. Why? In Canada, the new school year begins in September, not April. We dress up in warm wool coats and walk to our new schools under orange and yellow maple trees. With every gust of wind, light autumn leaves dance in the air like cherry blossom petals do in Japan. The sights might be different, but the mood of happiness and anticipation is the same in both countries in the first week of school.

I've been in Japan for about 1.5 years now, so you might be wondering whether I prefer starting school in spring or in autumn. The truth is, I don't like starting school in autumn for one simple reason: the season that comes after is winter, Canada's worst season. Canada's winters are long, dark, and rainy. It's hard for me to get the motivation to study when the weather is dreary during exam week. Japanese students are so lucky to enjoy blue skies and blooming flowers with their new school year. When it's time to take the first exams, the weather is warm and everyone's looking forward to summer vacation with new friends. Because the weather is so nice in April and May, we can have lots of fun school events like tug-of-war, school excursion, and sports festival. I encourage you to use these events to grow closer to your new classmates. Your high school friends are most likely to be your friends for life, so step out of your comfort zone and meet as many people as you can!



***留学中の次世代リーダー道場生から届いたメールを紹介します。現地の生活にも慣れてきてファミリーやクラスメイトと楽しく生活しているようです。**



〈 川岸 奏瑛 さん 〉 オーストラリア

Hi everyone! This is Kanae. Are you doing fine? I am going to talk about my March in Australia.

Recently, I'm getting used to the life in Australia.

I used to have headache every time I talk with someone, but now I can relax and talk.

I feel the number of times I understand English is getting increasing.

As school trip, I went to Tangalooma Island for two nights and three days. The ocean was so clear. I had never seen such clear water. At the island, I fed a wild dolphin, did snorkelling and saw a little shark, did paddle boarding, and experienced a lot of other things with my friends. And during the trip, I feel we all got to know each other. We did Skittles Game until midnight. It was so fun! I think spending time all three days was big effect on getting close to friends. Another day, I went to birthday party of my friends. My friend bought big balloons. We did pinata. One of my friend made a cake for everyone. It was really good. It was just like a party!



On March thirty first, term 1 had finished. I had big assessments and exams at the end of the term.

Because of them, I was physically and mentally exhausted.

The exam of marine science was the hardest one for me. However, I studied hard so I could pass it!!!

The exam of math was so easy on the contrary. I felt it was like a short exam. Honestly, I do not want to back to the math class in Japan. It is too hard for me.

In the English class, I had to read a book, "The Running Man" and watched a film, "Edward Scissorhands" to write thesis. The book is so thick and has about 300 pages.

The assessment was to write thesis about appearance and reality in those works.

It was also hard. I made a lot of big efforts for the other subjects. I think I did very well.

I feel I couldn't have time with my host family because of assessments and exams.

So, I want to get e closer to my host family. I made Risotto which I learnt in cooking class.

My host family said it was enjoyable. I was so happy. My host sister liked it most, so I will challenge it again.



In the holiday, I am going to do kayaking with them! Surprisingly, they have kayaks and we are living near the beach, so we can go there from the river by kayaking! It is so cool isn't it? And my host family got a new car, so we are going driving. I will take a break and just enjoy my town during this holiday. And I will start studying soon. I will do my best in term 2!

Thank you for reading.



〈 中澤 彩乃さん 〉 **アメリカ**

Hello! How's everyone doing? I'm doing great. I heard 3rd graders are working on dances for the school festival. That sounds so fun I wish I could be there. I hope you guys have a wonderful time.

In March, I had five musical shows for four nights which was extremely hard and amazing. Before the shows, we had a week called "A hell week" in which we spent all day long rehearsing for each day. Our director was so strict and our mental and bodies were breaking down. But it was an absolutely good memory to spend time together and encouraged each other. I'm so happy to have had this experience. Now I'm on a tennis team. I'm struggling a lot because I had never played proper tennis before. I was thinking to quit the team but it was definitely not a good idea. So I'm doing my best to be able to be a good player not perfect. As you can see, do your best and enjoy yourself when you try something. Everyone will know your passion! See you on the next report :)



〈 佐野 麗沙さん 〉 **オーストラリア**

Hi long time no see you guys because I just skipped report last month haha. By the way, 3 months have already passed since start to live in Australia. I seem to start new grade in Japan, but I start again grade 1 (year 10) in Australia. Last week, it was my first time holiday week here, I was so surprised and had nothing to do because I do not have many homework and almost all public transportation is closed. So, I didn't go anywhere. In here we have a school term and holiday week. It means school term has two months, holiday week has two weeks. I guess you know Australia is easy to me studying math, or something like that. I have a reason why I skipped report last month. The reason is that the teacher didn't use it. If you will not use mine again, I will never write report again.



〈 土井 麻羽さん 〉 **カナダ**

Hi, everyone! I'm Mau. It's been 7 months since I came to Canada! I'm gonna talk about recent my life in Canada.

There is one big thing that happened in March. The thing is I changed my host family. But it's not because my host family weren't match with me. It's because they are gonna move to a different town, and they started selling their house (when people move, it's common here to sell their house). Which means random people who is thinking to buy their house are gonna come and look around our house. Then every time they have to leave house, they keep their house nice and clean. It's gonna be busy and hard, so they decided to change my host family. But we are still keeping in touch.

The new host family is really nice! They are Host mother, father, two younger sisters. They are from Quebec so their first language is French. But also they can speak English as well. I was so surprised that one of my host sister (who is youngest, 5 years old) is started learning English last summer and she can speak English really well.

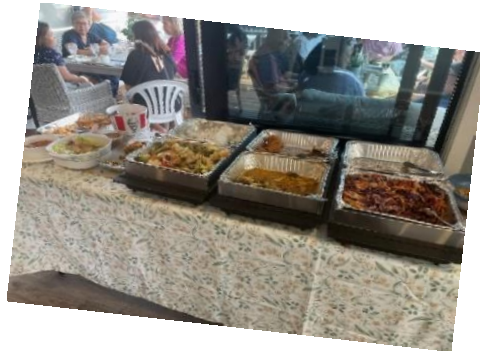
We spent all Easter weekend together. Easter is one of really common event in Canada, we did egg hunt from bunny, we went to watch hockey game, we watched many easter movies, we had nice meals.

It was really fun! Also their cousins and grand parents came from Quebec at that time. They cannot barely speak English, which means they only speak French. But they try to talk with me. It was hard to communicate, but it was so good. They are so nice. Me and my host family are gonna go to their place next month, so I wanna learn French and I wanna talk with them again!
I'm so surprised that I only have almost two months left...! I really don't wanna leave here, but I'll do my best and enjoy rest of my life in here!!
Thank you for reading, have a nice day.)



〈 小澤 美咲さん 〉 ニュージーランド

I had a volleyball match two days ago and this was last one. I was very happy to win against top team that I had never won before. Also most club members are Samoan. So Samoan was used in the volleyball club and I learned a lot of Samoan. I'm sad that I can't play volleyball with club members from now on because I have to change club activities every semester. But it was great memory for me. Then, I made sushi rolls with my host family. Although I can't buy authentic ingredients in NZ I could make it with spam and dashimaki egg. It was yummy and I was happy that my host family enjoyed it. Then, I had my host father's birthday party at home. My host family is Filipino. So I normally eat Filipino food and there was a lot of Filipino food at the party too. Although sometimes I don't like the taste of Filipino food, my host family always accepts it and is very kind. Probably my host family will visit Japan next year and I'm looking forward to it. But sometimes they speak to me in Filipino and it confuses me. But I'm happy to get a chance to learned a lot of language other than English.



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