



国際教育広報部

Newsletter

1学年のみなさん、初めての JICA（国際協力機構）からお越しくださった留学生との交流はいかがでしたか？ 世界には訪れたこともない国々がたくさんあります。さまざまな国々の文化や国民性に触れることができたでしょうか？ 皆さんがグループで日本文化について調べた各プレゼンテーションの出来栄も好評でした。こうした交流会を終えてお互いの文化についての理解も深まったことと思います。

さて、1学期も本日で終わりです。楽しかったこと！精一杯がんばったこと！今後取り組みたいこと！2学期に向けて改善していくこと！さまざまな思いがあることでしょう。ぜひ夏休みでしかできない経験、体験、学びにトライしてください。今学期最後のニューズレターはお世話になった JET のハンナ先生とソレム先生の夏休みについてです。

Hannah's Secondary School Summer Activities

When I was in Secondary School, I would receive 6 weeks of summer holidays each year. During this time, the majority of students would hang out with their friends and family and enjoy what little heat we get in July and August with BBQ's, shopping & the beach.

Luckily, my family and I lived very close to the ocean, so three or four times a summer we would go to the beach, swim in the ocean, dig deep holes in the sand and then build sandcastles. Then we would return home and have a BBQ party in our back garden.

Top activities in the UK during summer

- Beach [sandcastles & Ice cream]
- BBQ's or Fish & chips [best foods]
- Vacation to European countries
- Hanging out with friends in town
- Picnics in the park with friends
- Chill out at home and binge shows
- Complain it's too hot [we don't have AC in our homes]



Sorem's Secondary School Summer Activities

In the Philippines, high school students get 2 months of summer vacation from May to June. I lived in a small island where everywhere you go, there is a beach. During summertime, we would go pick up some clams and other types of seashells, bring them home and cook it for dinner. Other times, we would go picnic by the shore, look for sea urchins and make our own version of sushi out of the freshly picked *uni*.

Favourite summer memories as a high school student

- Motorbike ride with friends
- Halo-halo in a coconut [summer dessert]
- Watching sunset by the beach
- Picnic under coconut trees
- BBQ and street food at the port



留学中の IGUSA 生からの現地報告メール

今回は2年生の川田さん、アブドラジゾヴァさんのメールを3通、写真と共に紹介します。



アブドラジゾヴァ ロビヤボヌ さん (オーストラリア)

Hello everyone! How are you all doing? I assume it is almost time for the summer vacation in Japan. Australia is in the middle of winter, so once again I am reminded that seasons are opposite. I have been working hard on a sort of end term exam that will take place next week, since my Uluru trip last month. After all, studying in English is a difficult task, especially when I have an assignment to write a

1000-word essay, which can take hours! However, thanks to the help of teachers and friends I began to be able to make some progress.

Despite the hard times, I went on a Melbourne trip for 3 days. It was such a wonderful time spent with springs, an aquarium and took interesting photo during the trip. My host sister and I got along really well, we wore matching clothes. I was appreciated for her kindness making me feel as I had a real sister.

Now, only 5 months remain for my Australia study. Let's work hard together to spend our high school life without any regrets!



川田さやさん (ニュージーランド)

<April>

Hi. I would like to talk about my third month as an international student.

I have completed two major assignments this month.

First is the music assignment. We had to form groups, decide what instruments to use, decide what songs to play, and practice. We chose Lupin III as the song we would play. And I decided to play the piano. We had only two weeks from the time we formed the group to the day of the performance. We practiced not only in class, but also in the morning, during breaks, lunch breaks, and after school. The time the other groups practiced was only in class. So, our level of perfection was higher than any of the other groups. After our performance, many students spoke to us and complimented our performance. It was a great pleasure for me.

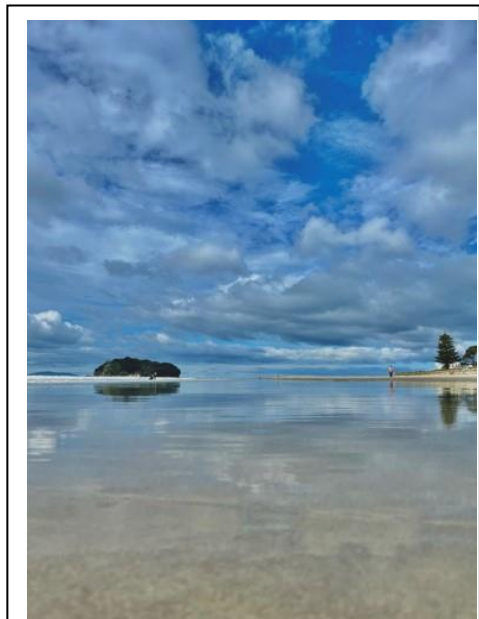
Second is the commerce assignment. We had to write paragraphs about one charity, or companies and many other things. These questions were too difficult for Japanese students. I asked the teacher and some friends about these questions many times and worked on them in class and at home. When they first returned that assignment, the results were not good. There were several areas to correct, and if I did not correct them, I would not receive credit. I tried my best, but the results were not good enough and I felt like I was losing heart, but many of my friends helped me a lot and I was able to resubmit my application on time and pass it. It gave me a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

Several short-term exchange students have returned home. The time I spent with them seemed to fly by. I am sure that my time here will also seem to fly by. Term 1 is over and now I am on a two-week break. Time is finite, so I want to make the most of it.



<May>

Hi. I am going to write about my fourth month as an international student.



First, there was about two-week school holiday between Term 1 and Term 2. During holiday, I went to Whangamata with my host mother and stayed one night. We enjoyed walking along the seafront and sightseeing. Also, we went to the Whangamata Club the first night. There were darts and billiards. The TV was showing a rugby game and a horse race. All the people there seemed to be enjoying the place and its atmosphere. Everyone were very friendly, and I also really enjoyed the place. Particularly memorable for me were the people who enjoyed pair dancing to the singers. I want to enjoy my retirement doing what I love with my loves ones.

Second, the event called "ANZAC Day" was held in Australia and New Zealand on April 25th. ANZAC Day is a day to remember those

who fought bravely for their country in war and to remember and honor their deeds and events. Two events were held in my area, one at 6:00 AM and the other at 10:30 AM and I joined the first one. I heard stories about the war from about three people and the nations of Australia and New Zealand. At the end of the ceremony, three guns that were used in the war were discharged. The sound was much louder than I had imagined and it terrified me. When I thought about how this sound would echo at all hours of the day in war, it made me think about how terrifying war can be.

Since the Term2, I feel that my listening has somewhat improved, and I am able to expand my conversations with my Kiwi friends. I also feel that there are more students I can call friends. Every time a Kiwi friend speaks to me, a feeling arises in my heart that I need to speak better and more. That is my motivation now. I will continue to work hard and do my best.



<June>

Hi, I am going to write about my fifth month as an international student.

Several days ago, I held a pizza party at my international teacher's house. There were seven international students there, including myself, and one Kiwi friend. We watched three movies, The Mask, Jurassic Park, and Pom Poko. All of these movies were great. After that, we ate pizza and danced to Just dance. It is already winter in New Zealand. But I danced as hard as I could then, so it was very hot. I also went in the Jacuzzi at her house. The hot tub felt very nice for the first time in about five months. It reminded me a little of Japan. I have been enjoying studying abroad lately. To be honest, I really wanted to go back to Japan the first few weeks. I missed my family, my friends, Japanese foods and bath. Making friends was hard, getting close with them. The assignments are not as many as in Japan, but of course they are difficult for me. I did not even understand what everyone was doing in class. Nothing was gone right. I lost track of why I wanted to study abroad and what my purpose was. However, my host mother's words at that time, "Your English has improved," supported me.



I also spend more time with my lovely kiwi friends, and I often feel that I am speaking English right now. Of course there is still a lot that can go wrong. I have not contributed anything for my teammates in my sports studies class. I speak English, but I don't feel much growth. But my friends and host family tell me that I am growing. At the same time, I remember having the support of many people. Just the fact that I have someone to support me motivates me to work hard. The fact that I want to make an effort and that I was able to make some effort gave me this feeling that studying abroad is fun.

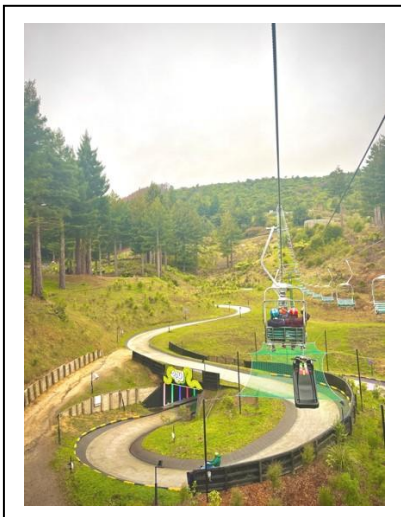
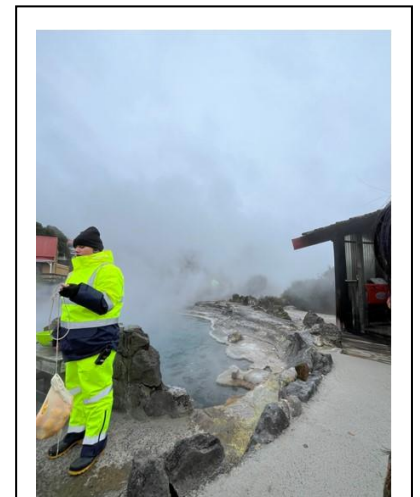
There are still numerous things I can't do and problems I have. I would like to work towards that again.

<July>

Hi. I am going to write about sixth month of study abroad.

28th June, we held an event called Matariki. It means the Pleiades in Māori and same thing as Subaru in Japanese. In the Māori culture, the day the Matariki starts shining about in June to July marks the start of New Year, and Māori people celebrates it. They think if the Matariki shines very strong and we can see clearly on the day, the farming will be great next year. On the day, people remember the person who has passed away, express gratitude, and set the aspiration, etc. At school, we held an event related to Matariki two days before the Matariki day. At first, we burned a piece of paper with my aspiration. If this aspiration is shown or known to others, it will not be come true. Next, anyone, whether a teacher or a student, had the opportunity to speak in front of the school if they wished. The import of a story was about person who has passed away. There were few people who talked about their grandpa, grandma, father, mother and cousin with crying. In Japan, we do not have this opportunity like talk about death of my relative to complete stranger. It was shocking to realize how many people are enduring unbearable pain. I thought I should live without regrets and grateful to people around me because we do not know when we will die.

First of July, I had a school trip for international students only, and I visited



Rotorua. This is a town in New Zealand famous for being the country's largest geothermal area and its hot spring. There is an area where Māori people are still living and keeping the culture of Māori. We went to a tourist called Māori village. I saw the Māori meal called "Hangi," cooked using geothermal heat, and watched cultural shows such as the Haka up close. The impact was much more than powerful than seeing it to on TV. After that, we visited skyline. We rode the gondola up the mountain, I enjoyed the attraction called Ruge. I could overlook Rotorua's lake and the entire town, and it was incredibly beautiful.

My study abroad program already passed 152nd day on 29th June, marking the halfway point. I feel anxious about surpassing the midpoint. Also, I worry that I haven't achieved the English proficiency and personal growth I expected in this six-month period. All I can do is keep striving. I want to push forward without regrets, giving my best effort.