



国際教育広報部

Newsletter



早いもので 2023 年もあと 1 週間を残すところになりました。井草高校のみなさんにとってどのような年でしたでしょうか。クリスマスは、キリストが今から約 2000 年前、ユダヤのベツレヘムの馬小屋で、聖母マリアのもとに生を受けました。この生誕をお祝いする日がクリスマス（降誕祭）です。しかしながら、クリスマスがいつ始まったのか、所説あり、クリスマスに行われるイベントはキリスト教由来のものばかりではありません。たとえばクリスマスツリーは、古代ゲルマン民族のお祭りから伝わったとされています。おそらく土着信仰との融合に端を発しているのかもしれませんが。みなさんはクリスマスをどのように過ごしますか？家族とごちそうを食べたり、友人とパーティを開く、プレゼント交換をするなど楽しいことがたくさんありますが、世界の状況を考えてと 1 人でも多くの子どもたちが穏やかなクリスマスを過ごせるように願わずにはられません。

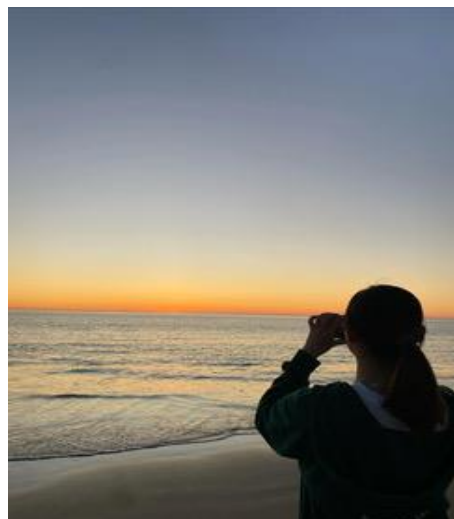
さて、今回の Newsletter では、留学生から帰国の報告・JET のハナ先生とソレム先生のクリスマスコラム・英語科・鈴木翔先生のスペイン留学の素敵なエッセイもお楽しみに！

クリスマスの平和が、今もこれからも、みなさんの心と思いにありますように、どうぞ良いお年をお迎えください！

🌸次世代リーダー道場生からの手紙

✉️海津 まこと 3年生 南オーストラリアから帰国しました！

I would like to talk about the Australian culture I experienced during my studying experiences. First, I want to say Australian English is way harder than American English because we've been learning American English in Japan. When I first came to Australia, I couldn't understand what they were saying at all. Australians, often referred to as Aussie, tend to shorten the words and add the "-ie" sound at the end, such as calling barbecue "barbie" and mosquito "moszie." Additionally, breakfast becomes "brekkie." There are other uniquely Australian English words like "arvo" for an afternoon, "boot" for the trunk of the car, "power point" for an outlet, and "capsicum" for a pepper. These Australian English words were confusing me when I first came to Australia. But now I can understand some of the words 😊 Second is how friendly the Aussie is. Since Adelaide where I lived was not a quite big city, I didn't see as many people around my house as when I lived in Tokyo. Despite that, every time I passed someone, they said hello to me. I felt so happy when someone greeted me friendly. Finally, Australia is of course known for its beautiful nature and wildlife. They have so



many stunning beaches and the sunsets that I saw at the beach were always beautiful. Moreover, if you're lucky, you can see wild kangaroos and koalas in daily life. While I had the opportunity to



see wild koalas once, they live up in the trees, so I couldn't get a close-up view of them. Therefore, I went to the zoo with my tennis teammate and saw koalas at close range. I'd like you guys to know that Australia is the best country to feel its beautiful nature, wildlife, and connection with local people!! 😊

Makoto Kaitsu

☑中平 茅 2年生 南オーストラリアから帰国しました！

My Australian Adventure!

Hello everyone, I'm Kaya Nakahira, currently residing in Australia for the past 10 months. I'm thrilled to share my experiences from the heart of South Australia, a charming city named Seaford, located right next to the ocean. My journey here has been filled with new experiences and adventures. Seaford, which is located by the beach, has given me a lot of opportunities to go down to the beach after school and on weekends, a pleasure I seldom enjoyed in Japan. During summer, my host family and I often cool off at the beach while they train at the gym. One of the most exciting aspects of my stay here has been the Australian schooling system. The educational approach here is quite different from Japan, with less stress on constant testing and homework. It has been a refreshing change to have limited homework and fewer tests. Additionally, the curriculum offers a unique range of subjects that we don't typically find in Japan. For example, in Outdoor Education, we have been to camping trip in the second semester. Food and Nutrition is another exciting subject where we get to cook something new every Tuesday. I even had the chance to bring a taste of home to my classmates by cooking sushi! I look forward to sharing more about my Australian journey with you all. Until my next update.

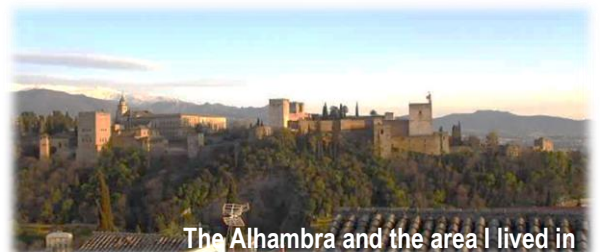


🌀鈴木 翔先生 <国際教育広報部>

¡Hola!, ¿Qué tal? Me llamo Sho Suzuki. Enseño inglés en el instituto de Igusa. Mucho gusto. I use Spanish because I majored in it in the university. I studied in Spain for half a year when I was 21 years old. Let me share a little bit of my experience abroad.

Living in a new environment is always tough for you. When you do it in the environment where you have trouble in making yourself understood, it gets even harder. After I arrived at Granada, which is located in the southern part of Spain, I could not talk with anybody around me for almost 2 weeks because I did not have a good command of Spanish. I was really worried about not having accomplished the goal to improve my Spanish nor to get acquainted with new people. Maybe I was not brave enough and too shy. One day after school, I just joined a group of exchange students to talk to them, which was really scary for me at that time, and they simply accepted me as if I were in the group from long ago. They told me that they were curious about me since I was the only Asian student there but they couldn't talk to me because I looked so serious and as if I kept away from them. I felt relieved to be able to be part of the class and surprised to know the way they thought about myself. Since that day, I started enjoying the class and other activities with them. We studied, ate, and traveled a lot together. I learned a simple fact that I cannot make myself understood unless I communicate with others in person.

Living in a community where you are a member of a minority group can also be tough. After I stayed with my host family for 3 months, I looked for a new place to live. I was looking for a shared apartment for exchange students. Some owners did not accept me just because I am not from European country(maybe they were worried that we had some trouble because of my being different from them), but others did not care about where I was from. At last, I came to live with other exchange students from different countries in an apartment close to the Alhambra. We had little in common because we had different cultural back grounds. I was really annoyed by the way Jimmy Jump, from France, used the bathroom, and I often annoyed him by cooking pasta in a poor way. He even got angry and we had a lot of arguments about how I should cook pasta. We failed in cross-cultural understanding when we thought BEING DIFFERENT IS STRANGE AND SO, WRONG. But still, we had a really good time telling each other about our own culture, language, or way of living. We sometimes succeeded in understanding each other when we thought BEING DIFFERENT IS INTERESTING AND SO, WONDERFUL.



CHRISTMAS

In the United Kingdom



In the **United Kingdom**, Christmas is a family holiday! It is the one day a year all families come together, exchange gifts, share a large roast dinner with Christmas crackers & play multiple games.

We celebrate **Christmas Eve** (24th), **Christmas Day** (25th) & **Boxing Day** (26th).

On **Christmas Eve**, some families allow one present to be unwrapped. Most will have parties!

On **Christmas Day**, we all wake up and open the presents under the tree. We then play with our new gifts before having a large roast dinner, either cooked by the family or out in a restaurant.

On **Boxing Day**, we eat leftovers and play games.

Hannah Sensei's Traditional Christmas

This is one of my favourite times of the year. I love Christmas! This year I will celebrate Christmas in Japan, away from my family (Mother, Father & Sister) for the second time.

Many people have Christmas traditions. My family's tradition is Christmas Day table presents! We unwrap gifts together in the morning, however after the roast dinner we each have one more present to open!

This Christmas will be the first time to celebrate with my partner, I am very much looking forward to decorating and spending Christmas day with them.



CHRISTMAS

IN THE PHILIPPINES



You would be surprised how long Filipinos celebrate Christmas. For Filipinos, Christmas starts early in September till the first Sunday of January. There are a lot of feasting, exchanging gifts, going to church, Christmas caroling and singing.

Simbang Gabi

On the 16th of December, churches will be crowded with people attending the Simbang Gabi. It is a series of nine dawn masses. We don't mind getting up early and going to church still sleepy because we believe that if we complete attending all the nine dawn masses, our wishes will come true. Apparently, mine did come true. And that is to come to Japan!



Christmas Caroling

Singing is part of being a Filipino. As soon as September starts, Christmas songs fill the air. Kids in group go from house to house singing Christmas carols in exchange for coins and candles. I enjoyed this as a kid so much.



Noche Buena

On the 24th of December, we stay up late and feast on lechon, ham, rice cakes, steamed sticky rice and many more sweets. Noche Buena is a big, open house celebration with family and friends. Neighbors also drop by the house, share their food and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Christmas is the time to be merry. From my family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



★国際教育広報部★

次回もお楽しみに!

鈴木翔 佐々木博美 磯部圭子 山木ひろみ 今井玲於

☆多 Very Merry Christmas☆多