

New Starts and Old Faces

In this year of 2014, we have already had to say goodbye to Sara, who is safely back in Iowa after her long trip home. Although she was only here for a year, she was a wonderful addition to the staff, and we are very sorry to see her go. Of course, we wish her and her wonderful family good luck in the future.

As always though, as one teacher leaves, another arrives, and so we welcome Marcia to the school. She has only been here a couple of weeks, but is already showing that she will be a great teacher and staff member. I hope that as many of you as possible get the chance to meet and talk with her, and perhaps show her (and her husband Nick) around Joetsu a bit.

This year will also see some old faces return to Joetsu, the first of these

will be Eileen Vernon, who worked at the Church 20 years ago, at the same time as Nicola. She is coming just in time for our Hanami Party, so I hope that many of you, both those who knew her back then and those who did not, will come along to the party and see her. I am really looking forward to seeing her again, and perhaps having a glass or two of sake with her! Later in the year another ex-Joetsu person, Katy Finn, whose brother, Frank, worked at the church for a short time, will also visit in the summer. It's all very exciting

As I mentioned just now, we will have our Hanami party as usual this month. All of the details are in Yoko's announcements, but, after 2 years of terrible weather on the day of

our party, let's hope for some sunshine and no wind this year!

Over the next three months, we will be announcing the next set of TOIEC tests here at the school, as well as the kid's Eiken tests. I hope as many of you as possible take the opportunity to challenge yourself with these tests. We will also announce our kid's summer camp and summer school plans soon. Again, I hope that a lot of you will be able to have your kids be a part of these fun and educational events.

We are also planning to have a charity concert in early summer, in aid of the ongoing relief efforts in both Tohoku and The Phillipines. Your help and support would be appreciated, so please look out for further announcements.

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as we've all been so busy, I think we are all looking forward to Golden Week, and being able to recharge our batteries!

Enjoy Hanami, and we hope to see you at the party!

News from Yoko

Happy Spring Cleaning! 日本では年越し前の年末の大掃除がありますが、外国では、スプリングクリーニングと言って、毎年春の大掃除の習慣があるそうです。教室もこの春、模様替えを少しいたしました。スタッフ一同がんばったものの、一日では終わらずまだ少し改装中で散らかっている部分もありますが、今しばらくご辛抱下さいませ(´▽`)m
また今年初めに目標としていた当ス

クールの New Web Page が、なんとか 4 月を前に完成しました! Phew! ご協力頂いた皆様、本当に有難うございました。受講生の皆様へのご連絡、イベント案内などもこれから更新していく予定です。どうぞご覧になってみて下さいね。
さて、ピーター先生の記事にもありますように、懐かしい顔ぶれが今年のお花見パーティでは見られるようです。高田カトリック教会で 20 年

程前に英語講師をしていた Eileen 先生が、スコットランドより高田まで懐かしい友人の皆さまに会いにいらっしゃいます。また今は東京でお仕事をいらっしゃる、Mary 先生も今年のお花見にいらっしゃる予定だそうです♪ Sara 先生の後任に新しく迎えた Marcia 先生の歓迎会も兼ねていますので、皆様もぜひぜひご参加ください。



Spring Event: Cherry Blossom Picnic



お花見・ポトラックパーティ

日時：2014年4月13日（日）

時間：12時半から

場所：高田公園

お花見の季節がやってきました☺当校でも恒例のお花見パーティを今年も開催します。

皆さんお弁当や飲み物を持ち寄ってピクニックを一緒に楽しみましょ

う！新講師マーシャ先生の歓迎会でもありますので、皆様どうぞお友達やご家族と一緒にご参加ください。場所は、昨年と同じく、美術館横の芝生のエリアをブルーシートで確保する予定です。

パーティにご参加の方は、前日までにご連絡下さい。雨天の場合は教室又は近くのカラオケボックスに移動いたします♥

Next Holiday Schedule

当校の次のお休みはGW休業です。期間は以下の通りです。

2014/4/29 (Tue) ~5/5 (Mon)

5/6（火・振替休日）からの通常営業です

2014年のTES年間休日カレンダーを配布しています。まだもらっていない！という方は、お手数ですが、受付までお知らせください。



Madoka's Kid's Class News

By Madoka Otsuka

Hello!! 寒かった冬も終わりを告げ、もうすっかり暖かくなりましたね！私の実家の梅の花も咲いてきました。桜が咲くのが待ち遠しいですね！TESでは、新学期に向けて体験レッスンを実施したり、2014年度のレッススタートに向けて準備に忙しい3月でした。キッズの皆さんも新学期の準備は済んで順調なスタートを切っている事でしょう。

ところで、今年の2月初めに、恒例の児童英検を実施いたしました。受けられた生徒さんそれぞれが緊張した面持ちで臨んだテストでしたが皆さんとても良くがんばりました！その中でも、当校に通われている有坂 祈莉さん(当時5年生)が、GOLDのテストで正解率パーフェクトを成し遂げました!!

祈莉さん、おめでとうございます!!今まで頑張って勉強してきた甲斐がありましたね!皆さんもこれに続いて良い成績を残せるよう、新学期から一緒に頑張っていきましょうね。テストの点ばかりでなく、「英語で話すことが楽しい!」と思えることもとても大事だと思います。2014年度もキッズの皆さんに、「英語って楽しい!面白い!」と感じてもらえるように講師一同尽力してまいりますので、どうぞ宜しくお願い申し上げます。クラスを楽しくするためには、生徒さん皆さんの強さも必要です。生徒の皆さんが、クラスで習った単語やフレーズをお家でも練習すること、そして恥ずかしがらずに大きい声で発言すること

が英語力向上へのとても大事なポイントです。これを忘れずに1年間頑張ってみましょう。私もできる限りお手伝いさせていただきます!

Congratulations, Inori!! And Good luck next term, everyone!!

**次回の児童英検は
2014年6月22日
に実施の予定です。
お申込みは5/25ま
でに♪**

Coffee in Australia

By Sean Whelan

Ordering coffee is simple, right?

The staff in your favorite restaurant or cafe will ask you what you would like to drink, and more often than not, you will want some coffee with your lunch.

"A hot coffee please" or "American blend coffee please" is all that is usually required to get a nice, hot cup of refreshing black coffee with milk and sugar served separately on the side.

But this wouldn't fly in Australia (or New Zealand!). Some people say ordering a coffee there is like speaking a different language.



Australia, over the years, has built a sizable coffee industry, with revenue from coffee sales alone hitting about 800 million dollars in 2013. This thirst for coffee has taken off in recent years, giving birth to specialty coffee shops, diversifying the way Australian's drink coffee, and also the varieties of coffee you can order.

In Australia, simply asking for a 'coffee' will not do. Here are some of the more common types of coffee you can order with your lunch.

A Short Black is a shot of espresso coffee (black) with foam on top, served in a 'short' glass.

A Long Black is the same shot of espresso served with 2/3 hot water.

A Flat White is an espresso served with 2/3 steamed milk and no foam. So it's, "flat".

A Short Machiatto is a Short Black with a little bit of milk.

A Long Machiatto is like a Flat White with 2 shots of espresso - good if you are very tired. Or if you are especially lacking in energy, maybe a **Doppio**, with 2 shots of espresso only will help.

Finally there are the *Cafe Latte* and *Cappucino*. **A Cafe Latte** in Australia is a tall glass with a single shot of espresso and 2/3 steamed milk. It's almost the same as a Flat White but has extra foam on top. It's usually served VERY hot.

A Cappucino is almost the same, with a little less milk and chocolate powder on top.

Phew!

So what do you order if you want something close to a hot coffee or an American blend? Try ordering a A Long Black with milk and sugar on the side. That's about as close as you get!

Cherry Blossom Time

By Nicola Maruyama

As the snow melts and the temperature rises it really feels like Spring has arrived. This is my favourite time of year in Japan because after the long winter and the snow, it's finally time to be outdoors again and what better way to do that than a Cherry Blossom party. Every April in Japan takes me back to my first Ohanami in 1994! I get the same excitement and love the friendly atmosphere in the park. In days gone by I would have gone to the park almost every day or night for a week, it was great fun. Now being a mother of two young kids I don't get to go every day but I will be there at least on a couple of occasions.

This year my old friend Eileen (ex-church teacher 1993-95) is visiting in April and she too is very excited about seeing the famous Takada Cherry blossom for the first time in over ten years. I hope to see you all at the school party on April 13th to enjoy the blossom and a light refreshment (alcohol!). See you all then.

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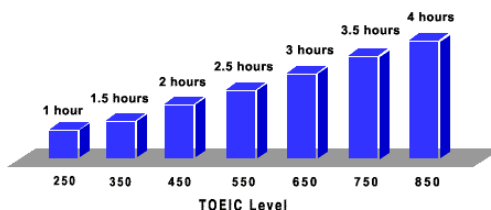
CHALLENGE YOURSELF! TAKE A TOEIC TEST

今回の TOEIC® IP テストの日程が決まりました！！

当校で受験のチャンスがある、TOEIC®IP テスト。今回のテスト日は **6/15(日)** に決定いたしました。受験される方は、受験料を添えて、受付にお申ください。TOEIC®IP テストの評価は公開テストと全く同じです。IP テストは公開テストより割安ですので、この機会をお見逃しなく！年齢制限はありません。

TOEIC テストはリスニング(45 分間・100 問)、リーディング(75 分間・100 問)、合計 2 時間で 200 問に答えるマークシート方式の一斉客観テストです。出題形式は毎回同じで、解答はすべて問題用紙とは別の解答用紙に記入します。テストは英文のみで構成されており、英文和訳・和文英訳といった設問はありません。サンプルテストも受けられますのでご相談下さい。

Study Hours Needed to Gain One TOEIC Point at Various TOEIC Levels



受験日: 2014 年 6 月 15 日 (日)

テスト開始時間: 10:00 から 12:00

(受験日・時間は応談いたします)

申込締切日: 5 月 31 日まで

会場: 高田イングリッシュスクール

受験料: ¥4,155 (税込)

♥ Welcome New Staff!! ♥

4 月 1 日より、セーラ先生の後任講師を務めます、新講師をご紹介します。お名前はマーシャ・ロクナ先生。前講師と同じくアメリカのご出身で、オレゴン州ポートランドよりおいでになりました。母国の大学では、第二外国語として日本語を専攻したそうで、とても日本語もお上手です。でも、皆さんは英語で話しかけて下さいね！4 月より、主にセーラ先生のクラスを引き継いでいます。宜しくお願いいたします。



Name: Marcia Rochna

Age: 26 years old

Nationality: U.S.A.

Likes: I love Ramen. I would like to eat lots of Ramen while in Japan

Dislikes: I do NOT like spiders or any kinds of bugs!

Favorite things to do: I like to read, listen to music and watch basketball games a lot.

Thing to try in Japan: I would like to practice Japanese more and be able to speak fluently someday. I like Hayao Miyazaki's movies so I would like to visit the Ghibli museum. My favorite is Totoro.

以下、Marchia 先生から皆様へのメッセージです。

I am from Oregon and graduated from Portland State University where I studied Japanese. It has always been a goal of mine to live in Japan and teach English. I want to inspire language learners to work hard toward their aspirations just like all my instructors motivated me. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in class and parties!

