



Takada English School

Summer Plans and Events

As I write this, the rainy season is doing its best to dampen spirits here in Joetsu, but I don't mind the rain; it doesn't bother me so much, it's the heat and humidity of the coming summer that I don't like. Time is going by so quickly that it's hard to believe that summer is here already! As usual, the last 3 months have been busy ones here; perhaps especially busy for everyone here at TES.

Marcia has started working, and she is settling in very well. We are really happy to have someone with her skills teaching here. I hope that you are all getting to know her and that you are enjoying her classes. In May, we also had a visitor from Scotland, Michael Suzuki, who came out for just 2 weeks to get some experience of teaching in Japan. He did a great job, and I want to thank you all for making him feel welcome, and for taking part in the class activities he did. I know that he

really enjoyed himself and felt it was a valuable experience. For students, when someone like Michael comes to school, it is a great chance to try to use your English on someone different, and I am happy that so many of you tried your best to communicate with him.

As for the coming months, we start July with a big event, our "Beatles" charity concert. The planning and preparation for this event has been more than we would have for a regular event, and the number of people involved is large. We have about 15-20 people who have no connection to the school who have all been giving up their time and money to practice for this concert, as well as all the staff who have been working very hard to try to make it successful. At the moment, one week before the event, we have sold 150 tickets, so

we expect to have a great night. To everyone that has bought a ticket, thank you so much; all of the money will go to help people who really need help. To all of the staff, who are working hard to make this event a success, thank you for turning this into what I hope will be an event to remember. And to all of the people volunteering to take part in the concert, the biggest thank you of all; this would not be possible without you all! You are doing a good thing.

The next 3 months at TES sees some other events too; there will be a couple of special summer events for kids, which I'm sure will be a lot of fun (if a lot of hard work for the staff!).

At different parts of the summer, there will be teachers visiting their home countries, so you might have different teachers sometimes (even me!). I hope that you enjoy having a

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different face in the class for that short time, but also that you can ask your teacher lots of questions about their trip when they come back.

I hope you all enjoy the events that we have planned for you, and that you have a great summer.



News from Yoko

あっという間に今年ももう7月！今年の夏はイベントが目白押しです！まずは皆さんご存知の通り7月12日（土）のチャリティコンサート。本当にたくさんの方々にご協

力いただき、160枚のコンサートチケットは全て完売致しました！皆様のご協力に心から感謝申し上げます。今回のコンサートの売り上げは、東日本大震災義捐金、そし

てフィリピン台風救援金として、日本赤十字、及びフィリピン赤十字に寄付されます。当日会場では、ビールやソフトドリンクも販売いたしますが、そちらの売り上げも

全て寄付されます。ボランティアでご協力頂いたパフォーマーの方々も今日まで一生懸命練習してきました。どうぞ楽しいコンサートを期待して下さいね！

2014 TES Summer Kids's Events!



「TES キッズサマーイベント」

TES ではサマーキッズイベントを今年も開催いたします。第一弾は、小・中学生対象で 7/27 (日) に開催される「妙高自然の家」でのサマーキャンプ。お蔭様で 40 名以上の参加者が集まりました。ご応募有難うございました。

第二弾は、小学生以下のお子様を対象の「英語 DE 縁日ごっこ」です。こちらのイベントは締切が 7/24 (木) までとなっておりますが、お申込みはお早めに☆

☆TES presents : 英語DE縁日ごっこ

Date : 2014/8/9 (土)
 Time : 夕方 4 時半.~5 時半位まで
 Place : 高田イングリッシュスクール
 参加費 : ¥500- (お子様 1 名につき)
 *大人の参加費はかかりません。

こちらのイベントは保護者の方の同伴をお願いしています。英語クラスに通っていないご兄弟でも一緒に参加できますので、是非ご家族でご参加ください♪

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予約・人数確認の為、出席される方は **7月24日(木)までに上記料金を添えて**受付までお申込下さい!

Next Holiday Schedule



誠に勝手ながら、当校では以下の期間お休みを頂きます。夏休みの日程は以下の通りです。

2014 / 8 / 10(日) ~ 2014 / 8 / 17(日)

8 / 18 (月) からの通常営業です

7 月後半から 9 月前半まで、講師の帰国等の関係で各クラスの担当講師が変更になる場合がございます。各クラス毎にお知らせいたしますので、どうぞ宜しくお願いいたします。



Rediscovering Japan

By Nicola Maruyama



Since April I have had visitors from Scotland staying with me every month. First was Eileen who came for

the Cherry blossom then Michael who came for teaching experience. We then had a flying visit from Neil and Kiyomi who were back in Japan for a wedding and finally Rob and Katy an ex-ALT from Joetsu who is back in Japan for the first time in 15

years. I've had a great time with these great friends and what has been especially good is seeing them enjoy everyday things in Japan. Their excitement and appreciation of pretty ordinary Japanese things reminded me of how I felt when I first

came to Japan. They have raved about the great service, the politeness, the cleanliness, the efficiency etc., things we take for granted. I have seen Japan through new eyes and enjoyed rediscovering and appreciating the everyday joys of Japan.

The First Three Month in Japan

By Marcia Rochna

The first three months in Joetsu have been enjoyable and a learning experience. While I have lived in a foreign country before, living in Japan has a lot of differences than living on an Army base in Germany. Nick and I have grown accustomed to living in a smaller apartment than we have before, driving on the opposite side of the road than we were used to, taking off our shoes more than

we usually would, and being far more polite than what is normal in America.

We enjoy eating out often and trying new places as much as we can. Japanese food is our favorite cuisine and here in Joetsu we do not have to worry about running out of new restaurants to try. We have started a list of our favorite places where we are repeat customers. Kojima Ramen is probably at

the top of that list. Nick loves their curry and the ramen is my favorite. Plus it is close to our apartment. Tonkatsu Ooya is always good; we can see why this shop is a local favorite. All in all, we are happy and feel adjusted to our new surroundings. We have made it feel like home for us and we love all the activities we have done and friends we have met.

My parents are visiting next month and we are excited to show them around and introduce them to the wonderful people of Joetsu.



Marcia's Favorite Chasyumen at Kojima Ramen ♪

Summer Distractions...

By Sean Whelan

Usually I would start by talking about the weather, because that is a topic everybody can relate to.

But recently it's been so hot and humid, that's probably the last thing anybody wants to hear about so I think it would be better if I talked about something else instead!

Soccer? The World Cup? Yes, that could be interesting, but I'm afraid I'm no expert when it comes to the 'thinking man's game'. I used to play when I was in my twenties, I even had a few games here with a club in Japan, but I haven't touched a soccer ball in many years now, so I don't think I could give any world cup predictions.

I could talk about upcoming events and mention the charity concert - one which I will be performing in...but then I would be reminded that it's all happening next week (!) and our last practice in coming up very soon! Must remember those words.

No, perhaps the best thing to talk about would be my recent addiction to internet radio and podcasts.

Did you know that there are literally thousands of free-to-air radio stations and podcasts covering every conceivable topic from Astronomy to Zoology on the internet? Some of my favourite stations for listening to music are

made available by the ABC (Australian Broadcasting Commission) on Double J and Triple J, where you can listen to past and present rock and alternative hits respectively.

But if you feel like getting a bit of education in while you clean the house (as I like to do) I highly recommend the Stuff You Should Know and the TED podcasts - both of which feature

informative lectures and podcast shows on almost anything imaginable. As these are free-to-air, there may be the occasional advertisement, but for the most part, they are always interesting and always entertaining - the perfect way to distract yourself from pressing things like weather, memorizing songs and the world cup! Enjoy!

SEAN'S RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS:

MUSIC

WWW.ABC.NET.AU/RADIO/

EDUCATION

WWW.NPR.ORG/PROGRAMS/TED-RADIO-HOUR/

WWW.STUFFYOUSHOULDKNOW.COM

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FIFA World Cup Brasil

6月からスタートした4年に一度のサッカーの祭典、FIFA ワールドカップも、あと準決勝・決勝戦を残すのみとなりました！接戦が多く見どころ満載の今回のワールドカップ、準決勝は、若きエース、ネイマールを失った開催国のブラジル VS ノイアーが鉄壁の守りを見せる強豪国ドイツ、得点マシンロッペンを抱えるオランダ VS メッシ率いるアルゼンチンと死闘間違いなしの戦いで目が離せません！TES ワールドカップチャリティくじにご参加下さった皆様有難うございました。皆さんの応援していた国は勝ち残っていますか？くじ 1 枚 500 円×参加国 32 か国＝合計 1 万 6 千円の内、5 千円は見事優勝国を引いた方に、千円は惜しくも準優勝の方に、残りの 1 万円は、チャリティコンサートと同じく赤十字に寄付されます！ Thank you for your contribution!



♥ Madoka's Kids News ♥

Happy Tanabata! 笹の葉さらさら～♪先日、このビルの大家さんからたくさんの短冊を頂いて、キッズクラスの皆さんにそれぞれお願いを書いてもらいました。みんな様々なお願いごとを書いてくれて、読んでいてもとても楽しかったです！まだ始めたばかりのA～Bクラスは、日本語でお願いごとを書き、英語で名前を書きました。年齢が上がるにつれて、I want ～.のように、簡単に自分の願いを書けるお子さんもたくさんいました。女の子で一番多かったのは、”I want to go to Disneyland!” (ディズニーランドに行きたい!)で、男の子で一番多かったのは、”I want a game!” (ゲームソフトがほし

い!)でした。皆さん、「ゲームソフト」って和製英語だって知っていましたか？私はお恥ずかしいことに、最近知りました…(^_^;) game だけでいいんだそうです！soft は、software から来ていたんですね！英語のように見えて実は違う和製英語、まだまだたくさんありそうですね！毎回のレッスン中にそんなちょっとした「気付き」に出会えるのもまた面白いですね。ちなみに私のお願いは、”

I want the time to do nothing!” 何にもしない時間が欲しいです！でもいざあるとついあれもこれもしたくなってしまいそうです…(笑)。

7/27にはキッズイベントとし



先日、友人の結婚式でお肉が当たり大喜びのまどか先生☆

て、妙高自然の家で日帰りの Summer Camp、8/8には園児の生徒さん対象の「英語 De 縁日ごっこ」(近日案内配布予定)も予定してイベント盛りだくさんの2014年夏 @ TESです！！皆さん水分補給をこまめにして、熱中症などに気を付けて夏を楽しみましょうね♪