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こんにちは (Kon'nichiwa) is the general greeting used in Japan. Although おはようございます (Ohayōgozaimasu) is used in the mornings (Good morning). Riko Yamaji is our Japanese student in Year 10.

This term has seen three young men join us from Italy. Fabio Cristofolletti, Luca Di Martino and Riccardo Masserini. They are all Study Abroad students – this means that they are with us for a short time. Fabio only for this term, Riccardo and Luca until the end of the year.

Also we have been very busy with Study Tours and Professional Visits. The two Professional Visits saw teachers from Korea and Japan join us. The Korean teachers with us for four days. They had presentations by Mr Steinhardt, Mr Vanek, Mr Thomson and Mrs Hawkins. These were interpreted by our own Jean Jang in Year 11. She told me she also learnt a lot about the Queensland Education system and about the school while translating. We also had

Danny Kim on the first day helping. He is in the Football Academy and his father is a famous soccer player from Korea.

The teachers were from different teaching disciplines and they attended classes in their areas. Special thanks goes to Science, Music, Art, and Languages. Their last day they decided not to work shadow their assigned teachers but to spend time with Ms Matthews in Music. They all enjoyed their time with us.

A special thank you also to Kym Ford and the Indigenous Dance group who performed two Welcome Dances on their arrival. The Korean teachers were very impressed and wanted photos with the students.

The second group from Japan were with us for 1 day – they were all English teachers. Thank you to Mrs McFadzean and the English teachers for their work with the group. Also to Special Education as two of the Japanese teachers were also Special Education teachers.

We had three groups of Japanese students in the school as well. The first group from TOHO High were with us for only half a day. They buddied up with 8I and spent most of Mr SueSee's class trying some Japanese games. They then went down to the oval and played thepan and edur.

We also had a visit from our Sister City Kobe. This saw two teachers and 6 students from Kobe enjoy a week with us at Cavendish Road.

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This visit was also greeted with the Indigenous Dance group performing the two Welcome Dances.

The visit is reciprocal which means that Michella Cheung, Suzannah Cooper, Carly Norris, Jordan Phillips, Jenna Cox and Simone Farlie together with Miss Masselos and Mrs Maynard will spend a week in Kobe. We depart on 24 September and return on 2 October.

The Science department also had a two day intensive visit from Jonan Super Science High. The students presented their paper on Water Purification using charcoal. Four of our students will travel to Jonan in August next year to deliver their findings into the research topic given to them by Jonan.

During this very busy time we also had inspection visits by Japanese Principals who wish their students to visit with us next year.

Birthdays this Term

Five birthdays were celebrated over this term.

6 July – Jacky Cheung

11 July – Yuchen Han

17 July – Riko Yamaji

10 August – Luca Di Martino

13 August – Dilan Hiralu

This term we will be combining the birthday party with the end of term party and farewell for Fabio Cristofolletti. It will be held at first break on Friday 20 September.

Grammar Lessons

Mrs Sneddon has been providing ESL help for our international students. I know that sometimes you would like the students to

remain in class but the students gain so much from their sessions. Some students have requested more help. I am currently working on this to secure more ESL help for the students after school hours.

If you have any concerns with any of the students please contact me on mmass2@eq.edu.au or extension 709.

Students

July saw four students join us – three boys from Italy and one girl from China

Fabio Cristofolletti (with us for Term 3), Riccardo Masserini (with us for Terms 3 & 4) and Luca Di Martino (with us for Terms 3 & 4) – all are going into Year 11.

Grace Xian finished her High School Preparation course early and has joined us in Year 10. Grace will be with us until she completes Year 12.

Homestay News from Lesley

My student wants to travel while they are here. What forms do they need to complete?

Your student must see Miss Masselos to obtain the correct Travel form.

Any time you spend a night or more away from your homes, it is considered **travel** and falls under the rules and guidelines set up. Your school will give permission to you to travel with your natural parents during vacation time. EQI offers trips to Cairns, Sydney and the Outback during school holidays.

If you are spending time away from your homestay family then the following **rules** apply.

Adult supervision is compulsory (over 25 years of age and must hold a Blue Card).

Type 2 form – travel within Brisbane to stay overnight with a

friend. You must have the form completed and given to Miss Masselos a minimum 24 hours before the sleepover. You must be supervised by a mature adult with a blue card. Your Homestay family must have a contact number and address of where you will be staying. They must make contact prior to signing the form.

Lesley will be working in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. If you need to contact her please either come and see her or send her an email on lhuxl6@eq.edu.au.

Cultural Differences

Japan

Population **127.4 million**



Size: 377,873 sq km

Location: North Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Russia and the Korean Peninsula. Japan has 4 main larger island and over 4,000 smaller islands.

Climate: varies considerably depending on the region and season. Summer is very hot and humid. Winters are usually mild, with the northern areas of Japan receiving more snow. Spring and Autumn are usually sunny with mild temperatures.

Tokyo has been the capital of Japan since 1868.

Population: The population of Japan is composed of 98.5% ethnic Japanese. The remaining 1.5% are mostly Korean, Brazilian, Chinese and Filipinos residing in Japan. There is also an ethnic minority of indigenous people, called Ainu, who live mostly in northern Hokkaido.

Religion: The two main religions are Shinto and Buddhism.

Interesting Facts

- ⊗ When entering a house, the guest must replace their shoes with slippers.
- ⊗ When greeting someone it is customary to bow. The longer and deeper the bow is, the more respect it conveys to the other person.
- ⊗ Besides cleaning the body, the Japanese believe taking a bath helps one to relax after a long day at work.
- ⊗ Whistling at night will attract snake bites.
- ⊗ 4 is an unlucky number.
- ⊗ Chopsticks should not be stuck in food because they resemble incense stuck into altar rice at funerals.
- ⊗ Over 70% of Japan consists of mountains and has over 200 volcanoes.
- ⊗ Japan has produced 15 Nobel laureates (in chemistry, medicine, physics)
- ⊗ Animated Japanese films and TV shows (Anime) account for 60% of the world's animation based entertainment. This includes Astroboy and Sailor Moon.
- ⊗ Ikebana is the art of floral arranging.
- ⊗ Kabuki theatre is an art form rich in showmanship. It involves elaborately designed costumes, eye-catching make-up, outlandish wigs and exaggerated actions performed by the actors.
- ⊗ Sumo-wrestlers adhere to a strict lifestyle. The sport dates back over 1,500 years. In 1909 it was established as the national sport of Japan.

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Sayonara

Until next term!