

# MUSTARD ROOT

## Club Visits – Josh Fandel

Hi Everyone! From this month on, the ALTs will be making small English newsletters. The newsletters will have short stories about us, puzzles, and other pieces in English. We hope you enjoy!

Maybe you already know, but Valeria-sensei and I often visit clubs after school. We visit many clubs, but we mostly help the English Club and the Photography Club.

The English Club is practicing hard for an Academic Debate contest in October. Academic Debate is longer than Parliamentary Debate, and students do much more research and writing. Students work very hard, but we also have a lot of fun!

In Photography Club, Valeria-sensei and I usually give comments about students' photos, but last month we went on a photo trip! We walked to many places and took many pictures with students. I laughed a lot!



**Me posing for Photo Club**

Recently, I've also been visiting the Track and Field Club. It's been great! I love running, and talking with the students is always interesting. Sometimes it's a little difficult, but I still have a good time!

I enjoy visiting clubs because I enjoy talking to students and learning about them. If you think me and Valeria should visit your club, please tell us!

## Kakigori Summer – Valeria Magallan

Hello everyone! Starting this month we will be writing 'newsletters'. We will talk about English announcements, our lives, and share a little bit of our culture. I hope you can practice reading through this. Please Enjoy ~

The heat of summer was brutal! But *kakigori* saved me! In my free time, I enjoy driving around Kumamoto and going to new cafes. This summer, my friends and I

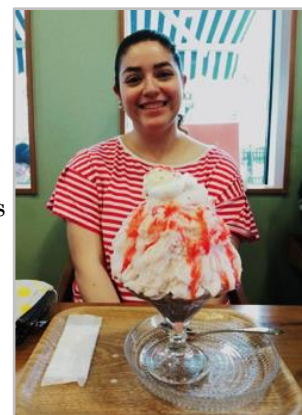


**ALT friends eating kakigori**

went to some *kakigori* cafes. I think my favorite one is Iroha in Ozu! However, since the summer started, it has been impossible to get a reservation because it is so popular...

Interestingly, many cultures have icy treats that are similar to *kakigori*. For example, in Korea they have *bingsu*. Also in the USA we have *snow cones* and in Mexico it is called *raspa*. I really enjoyed these icy treats back home so I'm very glad that I can enjoy Japan's version of shaved ice.

If you can recommend *kakigori* shops or other delicious treats, please let us know! I have heard that there are many unique cafes in Kumamoto.



## ALT English Whiteboard!

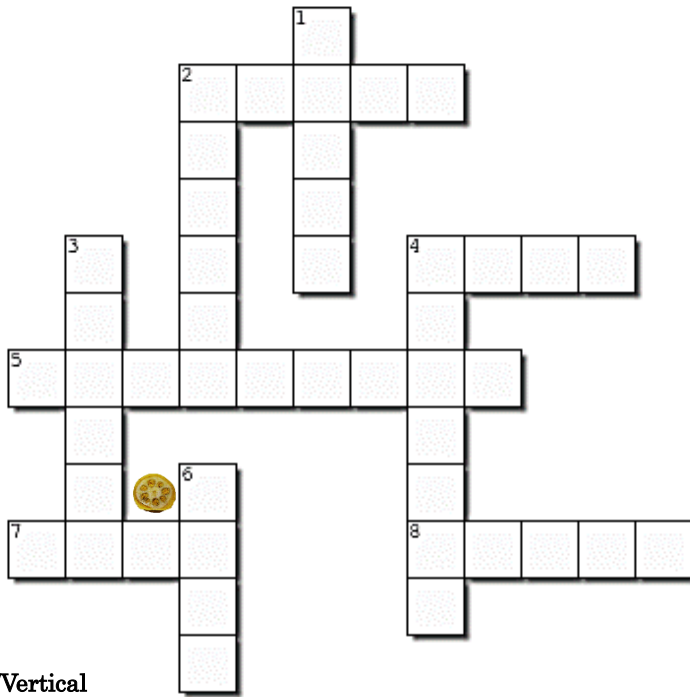
We will put a whiteboard near the Teachers' Room. If you want to meet with the ALT's, you can write your class and number on the whiteboard (name is optional).

You can meet with us for Eiken practice, interview practice, other English help, or just to talk. Please use the whiteboard!



## Crossword Puzzle #1

Read the clues and fill in the boxes with the correct words.



### Down/Vertical

- 1 What would you like to \_\_\_\_\_? Coffee, please.
- 2 This season is also called 'fall' and it starts in September
- 3 Red and Yellow combined.
- 4 I ride my \_\_\_\_\_ to school every day.
- 6 Is he part of the soccer \_\_\_\_\_?

### Across/Horizontal

- 2 Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ and you'll reach the station.
- 4 I have never \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain
- 5 I can't do it today. I'll have to take a \_\_\_\_\_. (HINT →)
- 7 I'm not good at the piano, but I can play the guitar \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ at people when they make mistakes.

## Eikaiwa Pointers

Let's learn a new phrase with Goto-sensei!! This month's phrase is... "Raincheck."

### For Example:

A: Would you like to come to dinner on Saturday?

B: It's kind of you to invite me. I'd like to, but I have a meeting.

A: That's too bad. My parents want to meet you.

B: I'm sorry, but I'll have to take a raincheck.

「土曜日の夕食に来てくれませんか」「ご招待ありがとうございます。行きたいところなのですが、会合があるんです。」「それは残念ですね、夫があなたに会いたがっています。」「またの機会にお願いします」

(今回はダメだが、次の機会には受け入れると約束する)招待などを断るとき決まり文句としてよく用いられます。知っておくと便利ですね! (\*^^)v



## Crime Puzzle Story – Lady Hope

Mr. Kaynine's new puppy had been stolen. Mr. Bones, the dog walker explained, "I was walking the puppy in the park before lunch today. We had stopped at a tree when somebody knocked me down, grabbed the puppy, dropped a note, and ran. I couldn't see his face."

Mr. Kaynine spoke, "I got this puppy from a friend who owns poodles. I have another friend who owns pitbulls. We wanted to make a dog that was strong and cute at the same time (Selective Breeding!), and this puppy was my best hope. In fact, this morning I decided to name the puppy Lady Hope. I thought she'd be a champion. That's why she's so valuable."

"Please read the note that was dropped," said Dr. Quicksolve, who had been asked to help.

"It says, 'If you want to see your dog again, leave ¥100,000 at the park bench at midnight tonight. Try any tricks and you'll never see Lady Hope again!' I don't know what to do. That dog is very important to me," Mr. Kaynine said sadly. Dr. Quicksolve looked at Mr. Bones and said, "I think you should show us where the dog is, Mr. Bones."



Why did Dr. Quicksolve suspect Mr. Bones?

The answer will come next time.