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健康状態	良好です。問題ありません。少しずつ春の気配がしてきました
各種行事 への参 加	<p>Dear Gosford North Rotary Club</p> <p>Well I am officially an Obama High School student and no longer a St Joseph's Catholic College Student. On my first day, I was so nervous and terrified as I only knew one student (Aki). When I arrived, they had a welcoming ceremony, as soon as I stepped foot in the hall everyone turned and looked at me pointing and wondering who I was. I was asked to do a speech during the welcoming ceremony and it was scary as I had 300 hundred students staring at me as I stood on the stage and did a speech in Japanese hoping that I wouldn't mess it up.</p> <p>Everyone was very welcoming and curious to who I was and what I was doing in an Obama uniform. I soon made lots of friends and got asked a lot of questions with the very basic English they had. Over the last month, I have been asked some weird questions like for example Do I have coloured eye contacts in, because my eyes are blue?</p> <p>School life I Japan is very different to Australia. We don't move classrooms unless it's for sport, cooking or music. All the classes are in Japanese which is a bit difficult but I am managing, math is my favourite subject, I think that because I can understand it. I can understand all the working just not the words. We did a math quiz on the 3/2/2017 and I was the first to finish with only 1 question wrong. My math teacher was amazed and so were my fellow class mates as they thought I couldn't understand. Some classes I can't understand so I will just study, I want to try and do well grades wise while attending Obama High School and to also pick up my Japanese.</p> <p>Obama has a South African English teacher (Miss Marmalade) and she was very quick to ask me if I wanted to help her teach English. So once or twice a week I will leave my normal classroom and go with her to year 11 or 12 classrooms and help her teach English to the students. Miss loves it as it's a second set of ears to pick up on pronunciation errors etc. and the students also get to hear a different accent.</p> <p>Since going to Obama I have been asked about Australia and to teach them about it, I have been amazed to how little the Japanese don't know about Australia for example they think Uluru is a mountain with lots of red trees, never heard of the opera house or Sydney harbour bridge. I was very shocked when I found this out as I thought they were known worldwide, but obviously not.</p> <p>On the 4/2/2017 I went to the lantern festival in Nagasaki again but with my father, younger brother and my friend Aki from school. The lantern festival never gets old sill beautiful every time.</p> <p>This month has been a real challenge when it comes to weather for me. It some ways it was a new experience earlier this month we had a bad thunder storm to the point my house started shacking which freaked me out because I have never been in a</p>

storm that bad before. Unzen also had snow for 3 days straight, it caused some problems when it came to getting to school and one day I was almost 2 hours late to school, I also remember that one morning I got into my classroom I felt like a human walking snowman as I was covered in snow. I really enjoyed the snow as a lot of snow ball fights happened with my brothers.

Today 21/02/17, we had bad wind, this morning Aki and I were standing at the bus stop and a massive blow of wind came and pushed us to the end of the bus stop and into the railing, never been in wind with that much force before and a part of me hopes it doesn't happen again. We have also had some hot weather, well for me anyway with a lovely 15 degrees. I know it doesn't sound very hot but when you have been living in cold weather it feels boiling. I have also established that Japan has one extreme to the other when it comes to weather conditions and they can change in a couple of hours.

On the 20/2/2017 I received a parcel from my mum in Australia, it was amazing felt like Christmas but in February. Even though they were just English toddler books for the boys as they are learning English it still put a huge smile on my face. Can't wait for the next parcel to come, as I am low on the famous Vegemite and milo!!

On the 25/2/2017 I went to my friend's house Hinano Higuchi that had recently came back from America. That afternoon we caught the train into Nagasaki Station. We stayed in the city for around 3hrs as she wanted to show me around and go shopping of course. The day after we had our District meeting on the 26/2/2017 in Saga, I think they are one of my favourite rotary meetings in Japan as it gives me a chance to talk to past exchange students, current exchange students and students who are getting ready to go on exchange. At the district meeting I had to do 1 speech and 1 presentation. My speech had to be an over view of my month so far since our last district meeting in Japanese of course, while the presentation was all about my life in Australia and Australia itself but in English.

Today on the 28/2/2017 I had my first experience at a Japanese hospital, as I had been sick and had a fever. I first went to my local one but soon had to be transferred to the city hospital for extra examination. Turns out I had an inflamed large intestine and a fever. I was very surprised by the Japanese hospitals as they are nothing like Australian ones no waiting for hours.

Tomorrow night (1/3/2017) I will have my graduation ceremony for year 10, as of the first of April, I will be a year 11 student, how scary is that!! Kind of feel like I am too young for that year, well growing up to fast anyway. Over the last couple of days, the teachers have been working very hard to teach me the school song and a Japanese song for Obama, I am slowly learning.

I hope you enjoyed my February monthly report, lots more to come. Thank you again Gosford North for this amazing opportunity.

