



Canterbury Japanese Supplementary School

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20 YEARS OF HOSHUKO HISTORY

Over the course of 2 weeks, we discussed “The Future of the Japanese Association,” during our class days. During this there were a few who were unaware of the establishment of Hoshuko, so I would like to briefly introduce it here.

Hoshuko’s history starts in 1993, with the volunteers of the Japanese Learning Committee. In the October of 1997 the Establishment Committee was founded, and the Canterbury Japanese Supplementary School was opened on April 10th 1998. At the time there were 57 children / students. On November 27th of the same year, it was registered as a charity trust corporation under the New Zealand charity and trust act of 1957. In commemoration of this, the anniversary of the establishment of the Canterbury Japanese Supplementary School is set as November 27th.

『At first around 4 or 5 families gathered, with the topic of how to teach their children Japanese, and so the Japanese Education Society came to be, with each family teaching on rotation. At the time there were not a lot of Japanese families, and we were thinking about how to give the children an opportunity to use Japanese outside of the house. The common thought was that “It would be a shame if we could not speak with grandma and grandpa in Japanese,” when going back to Japan, and so we organized teaching materials and methods all by ourselves, using Kanji workbooks that families had at home and commercially sold textbooks』

《Excerpt from the Canterbury Japanese Supplementary School 10th anniversary booklet, First Executive Committee, 石堂 良人》



To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the school, and in order to establish a school emblem, more than 30 designs were submitted from the students, and after a vote within the school, the design from Ichiro Yuuki was elected. It features the national birds of Japan and New Zealand, the pheasant and the kiwi, and has Japan’s Mt Fuji and New Zealand’s Mt Cook as a background.

In 1999 it was approved as a foreign educational facility by the Ministry of Education. There were several difficult conditions in order to achieve this certification. We were able to get it certified at the time thanks to the Christchurch Japanese Association, which was the parent body of the

school. Thanks to the existence of the Japanese Association, we were able to be certified by the Ministry of Education. Thanks to this, we were able to receive teacher's salaries, and almost half the rent for Ilam School, and the current Hoshuko was established. I have heard that the path leading here was very tough.



Last week, we had a whole school assembly. I will briefly introduce what the president / vice president of the student council talked about.

Hello everyone. This year I will be serving on the student council. We are the president, Shota Asou, and vice president An Horiuchi. The goal of the first term is to "greet actively, and make friends."

I think all the new students for this year are surrounded by new classmates. As the principal said in the entrance ceremony last month, we hope that all the new students will become accustomed to Hoshuko. Because the supplementary school is only once a week, we hope they will get along with classmates as soon as possible, and make Hoshuko life as fun as possible. As a guest said at the entrance ceremony, friends are a treasure for life. To those who are moving up a year, take care of the friends you have, and always strive to make more. In order to increase friends, it is best to talk to them without being shy. Everyone was doing very well in the greeting exercises. If you greet people in the same way, you will surely make lots of friends. We, the student council, will do our best for Hoshuko, thank you very much.

Lets make a wonderful school with the student council at the center!

Notice

We will hold the whole school lesson visit and annual report meeting on Saturday June 16th. Please join us.

- **Whole school lesson visit**

Time : 13 : 15 ~ 14 : 00 (1st Period)

Place : Each Classroom

- **Annual Report Meeting**

Time : 14 : 05 ~ 14 : 50

Place : Ilam School Hall

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- Please teach at home, not to touch any of the equipment and work belonging to Ilam School.
- If you cannot receive your homework due to a temporary return to Japan etc. we will mail it to your designated address. Please stamp an envelope that will fit A4 sizes (\$4.00 worth), fill in the mailing address, and submit it to your teacher or the office.
- If you have any existing medical conditions that may affect your school life, please contact your teacher or the office. (cjss1998@gmail.com)