



Newsletter from Satsuma Chuo High School ALT – Amy Roberts



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Hello! Welcome to my April newsletter ☺

I had a very busy month. I did many things! I hope the new school year has started very well for you. Please enjoy reading my April newsletter!

My first Hanami parties

April is a special time in Japan, because there are *sakura*. In English, *sakura* means cherry blossoms! Since I was a child, I have wanted to see Japanese *sakura*. So, I was very excited!

Hanami means 'cherry blossom-viewing party' in English. I went to two *hanami* parties in Sendai, and one in Kagoshima City. It was so much fun! I had a good time eating, drinking and talking with my friends. The *sakura* are very pretty, especially at night.



Me and my friends at the *hanami* at Nitta Shrine, Sendai

Welcome to new students and teachers!

April is a time for new students and teachers! I enjoyed meeting and talking with lots of new students and teachers at Satsuma Chuo. I taught many self-introduction lessons, and the new first-year students had fun learning all about me. Welcome to all the new students and teachers!

Welcome

I met a very funny man named Judy!

I often go to Nishikata Beach with my friends. It is very beautiful and peaceful. I enjoy watching the sunset, and collecting shells.

On April eighteenth (18th), my friends and I met a VERY funny man at the beach. He was wearing a wig, sunglasses and a very nice suit.



He told us his name is JUDY! My friends and I laughed very much, because Judy is a girl's name! He was a very funny man. We talked with him for a long time. When I think of Judy, I always smile!

I went on two school trips!

I was very lucky, because I went on two school trips in April! I went to Hirakawa Zoo with students from Sendai High School. The weather was very hot and I got sunburn! ☹ I enjoyed seeing the white tiger cubs. They were very cute! I met my friend Isobel at the zoo. She is an ALT in Kagoshima City. She is from the UK, like me! We enjoyed walking around, looking at the animals and talking with our students.



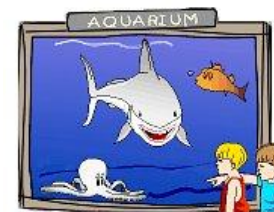
A white tiger cub: very cute!



I also went to Takachiho Farm with students from Satsuma Chuo. It is in Kirishima. The scenery was very beautiful and the weather was very hot again! I enjoyed eating strawberry ice cream and talking with many students and teachers.

I went to Kagoshima Aquarium!

I went to Kagoshima City for the day. The Aquarium was very busy, so it was difficult to see some of the fish. But I had fun! I saw many pretty and strange fish. Afterwards, we went to Dolphin Port. Sakurajima was erupting! Sometimes I can't believe that I live near to a volcano!



See you soon!

Thank you for reading my April newsletter. See you next time!

From Amy ☺