



Newsletter from the Satsuma Chuo High School ALT – Amy Roberts



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Rainy season is finally over, and summer is here! Welcome to my July newsletter. Please enjoy reading it ☺



Tanabata: the Star Festival ★

On July 7th, it was Tanabata. Tanabata is the Star Festival. I like the story of Tanabata very much. It's a little sad, but it is very romantic. Two stars are separated all year, but on July 7th they are reunited. I enjoyed learning about Tanabata in class. Some students sang the Tanabata song to me. The words are very beautiful. These are the words in English!



*The bamboo leaves rustle,
shaking away in the
eaves.
The stars twinkle
on the gold and silver
grains of sand.
The five-colour paper
strips
I have already written.
The stars twinkle,
they watch us from
heaven.*



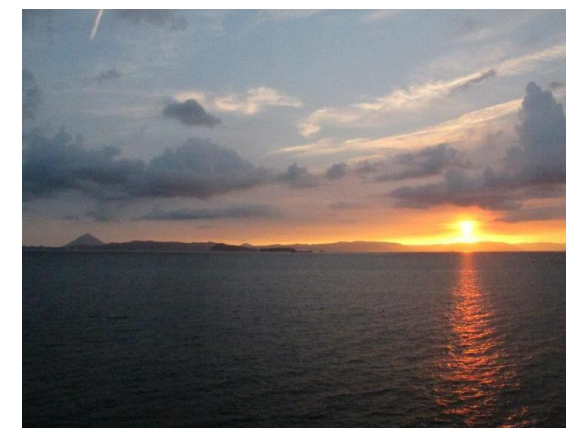
A trip to Miyazaki

I went to Miyazaki prefecture with five friends. We had a great time! The weather was very hot and sunny. We ate lots of delicious food such as mango ice cream and tuna. We visited Udo-Jingu. Udo-Jingu is a beautiful shrine on a cliff. I threw stones and I made a wish. We also visited Kojima. Kojima is Monkey Island! We travelled to Monkey Island on a boat. The monkeys were cute but very noisy! Afterwards, we swam in the cool, blue sea. I love Miyazaki. It's very beautiful!



A trip to Kanoya and Sakurajima

I went to Kanoya and Sakurajima with three friends. We had lots of fun! On Saturday we swam at a beautiful gorge (山間). The weather was very hot, but the water was cool. It was great! We ate dinner at a restaurant with a beautiful view. We could see the sea, Kaimondake and Sakurajima. We ate Italian pizza and watched the sunset. It was very special. On Sunday we drove along the coast and enjoyed the view. Then we went to the Sakurajima Lava Observatory. It was so hot!



In other news...



I got my Japanese driving license! Now I can drive in Japan for one more year. It was quite easy, because I am British!

I said goodbye to many good friends ☹ July is a strange time for ALTs like me. Many of my good friends have left Japan and returned to their home countries. I will miss them very much! ☹

The London 2012 Olympics began! It's very exciting. I wish I could watch the sports live! I feel very proud to be British at the moment.