

## Matthew's Report December 2021 Culture Festival

The 2021 School Culture Festival held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December was the first culture festival I have ever been to. In Australia, culture festivals do not occur<sup>1</sup> in high schools and clubs are very rare. I was excited to see all the exhibits<sup>2</sup> created by each class and participating<sup>3</sup> clubs. There were many exhibits, so I apologise<sup>4</sup> if your exhibit is not mentioned<sup>5</sup> in my report.

On the day before the festival, I watched the opening ceremony and listened to the Brass Band Club's performance. Even though I could not understand the Japanese, the opening ceremony was enjoyable to watch. The Brass Band performance was incredible<sup>6</sup>. The sound was amazing<sup>7</sup> even with the band performing in a different building from the other students.

On the day of the festival, I started in the south building and visited 1A, 3G, 1D, 2B, the Calligraphy<sup>8</sup> Club and the Flower Arrangement Club. The displays by the Flower Arrangement Club were very beautiful and well maintained. After this I explored the north building where all other classes had their exhibits. The English-Speaking Society's English displays taught me many new things about Ogaki thanks to the fantastic English ability<sup>9</sup> of the club. Some other highlights were taking part in a fair game<sup>10</sup>, watching the Cinderella short movie, taking photos with students, looking at mosaic art and more.

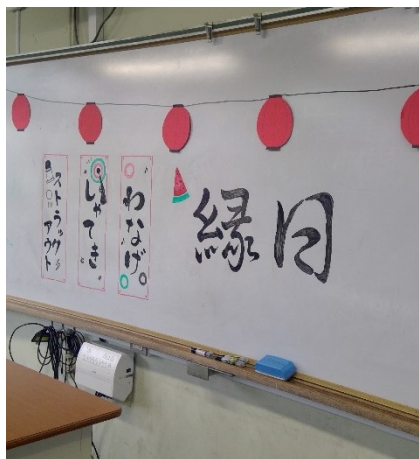


At 10am I saw the Drama Club's play which was amazing. Again, even though I did not understand the Japanese I understood the basic story of the play. The acting was incredible which was what enabled<sup>11</sup> me to understand it. The use of not only the stage but the audience area whilst<sup>12</sup> changing the stage was a very smart idea. Overall, I really enjoyed the drama club's performance.

My first culture festival was a fun experience and I look forward to see what next year's festival brings.

Thank you for reading!

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## Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup> occur: 行われる
- <sup>2</sup> exhibits: 展示
- <sup>3</sup> participate: 参加する
- <sup>4</sup> apologise: 謝る
- <sup>5</sup> mention: について話す
- <sup>6</sup> incredible: 信じられない・すばらしい
- <sup>7</sup> amazing: 見事な
- <sup>8</sup> calligraphy: 書道
- <sup>9</sup> English ability: 英語力
- <sup>10</sup> a fair game: 縁日の遊び
- <sup>11</sup> enable: 可能にする
- <sup>12</sup> whilst: =while/している間に