

The second big event in October was the Keika Festival. On October 21 and 22, Kei-Sho, along with Keika Boys' School and Keika Girls' School, held the biggest annual event at Keika, the Keika Festival. Unlike other events like the Sports Day, the Keika Festival is held together with all 3 Keika schools. This means that the event is much larger, and there is much more stuff that occurs during the 2-day period. However, this is the Kei-Sho Chronicle, so I will only look at what the students of Kei-Sho did, as well as the larger 3-school events.





## Keika Fest:

The first day started with a fanfare from the Keika Gakuen Symphonic Band to mark the opening of the festival. They also performed two concerts, as well as a parade along Hakusan Street. And they closed the festival on the second day with a finale.

On the first day, there was also a stage event where students from all 3 schools could volunteer to participate and show off a skill they have, whether dancing, singing or playing instruments.

For class events, for the first time in 4 years, students were allowed to make food stalls. Due to Covid-19, there have been restrictions on the types of food that students were allowed to sell, but this year, the second-year students, as well as students from 3A made stalls selling festival foods from yakisoba, and gyoza to chocolate bananas and cotton candy.

The first-year students created exhibits about Mt Fuji, as an extension of their 3-day fieldtrip to Lake Kawaguchi in May. Students worked in groups to research and explain various topics











relating to Mt Fuji. The exhibits covered a wide variety of topics, and it was interesting to see the students work be displayed like this.

Various clubs also had their own exhibits or events. The model club, photography club, calligraphy club and computer club all made exhibits showing the clubs' efforts and results throughout the year. The tea ceremony held several tea parties over the two days, where students prepared tea in traditional Japanese style. The guitar club held several live performances over the two days, with students performing solo, as a pair or as a group.

Last, but not least, the Kei-Sho Dance Crew had a large performance where they performed many numbers they had practiced throughout the year. This was the last time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students to perform as part of the crew, and it concluded very emotionally.









Keika Festival only lasted 2 days, but it was packed with enough excitement and memories to last a lifetime. Congratulations to all the students and teachers who put together such an amazing event. The students, teachers and visitors all seemed to have a great time seeing what the students had put together. - Llew