ASPnet Interschool Exchange Report (English) (学校間交流報告書 (英))

School name (学校名)	Higashidoori Elementary School
Partner school country/regio n (city) (交流相手国/地 域 (都市名))	New Zealand / Auckland
Partner school name (交流相手学校 名)	St Cuthbert's College
Exchange period (交流期間)	Since last April, 2018
Exchange method(s) (交流方法)	□ Letters (手紙) □ Emails (メール) ☑ Videos (ビデオレター) ☑ Video/Voice chat (Skype) (ビデオ/音声チャット) □ Conference (会議) □ School visit (学校訪問) □ Other / Please specify (その他/具体的に)
Exchange area(s) (交流分野)	□Peace and human rights ☑Intercultural learning (平和と人権) (異文化理解) □Environmental learning ☑International understanding (環境学習) (国際理解) □Disaster risk reduction education □Energy education (防災教育) (エネルギー教育) □Biodiversity □Climate change □World heritage education (生物多様性) (気候変動) (世界遺産教育) □ESD □GCED □SDGs □Other / Please specify (その他/具体的に)
Exchange objective(s) (交流目的)	Cultivation of practical communication skills through intercultural exchanges.
Details	• Intercultural video letter exchange: Introductions of the school

(交流内容)	and culture. • Live feed video chats.
Results (交流の成果)	Since 2007, our schools have practiced English education with our village's own curriculum. We pride ourselves for our special English education program. Moreover, we carried out elementary/junior high school integrated communication skills improvement program, to improve our students' English communication skills. Our interactions with St. Cuthbert's College became a strong motivation builder for our students and by allowing our students to converse with the authentic speakers using English they practiced since they were in kindergarten, we encourage our students to develop stronger practical English communication skills.
Challenges and how they were overcome (交流にあたり困難だったこと、克服した方法)	The differences in seasons and time zones between Japan and New Zealand caused several difficulties. Such as the misalignments of long-term holidays between us, and difficulties of receiving email replies within each other's working hours. Due to cultural differences, there were great difficulties communicating through emails. Since the time differences between Japan and New Zealand are slim, I felt that it was better to make contact directly via telephone.
Future plans and visions (今後の予定・展 望) Photos (写真)	Next school year, I'd like to propose that we should introduce each other's traditional arts and traditional dishes for our video exchange.

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