

# The Inage 3<sup>rd</sup> year student comedy writer's guild



Above: Shunsuke visits Tokyo.

## Out of the Blue

2 Years ago, when I was walking in the street in Tokyo, I saw some strange things out of the blue. They were flying in formation above me. Suddenly, they shot laser beams and the city was destroyed. You know, they were UFOs. I barely escaped the attack and survived. Since then, I have been hunted by aliens.

By Shunsuke Shimizu 3E

## Smells and Memory

My sister likes the smell of new shoes. She has a very interesting story. When she was 3, she went to a shoe shop. She felt that the smell of new shoes is so nice that she licked some of the new shoes in the shop. But, it had no taste and she was disappointed.

By Nanae Murazumi 3D

Three years ago, when I was a junior high school student, one English teacher, an ALT, came to my school. His name was ジェームズ・ターナー. He said "I like to play the guitar". I like to too. So I played guitar with him and he gave me a CD. Now, I am a high school student. One day, an English teacher came to my school. His name is "ジェームズ・ターナー"

By Kai Miyouchi 3D

I have one dog. I sometimes walk with my dog. One day, I walked my dog and as usual, my dog did excrement. But, when I saw this, the excrement disappeared. I looked for it all around, but I couldn't find it. So I gave up. When I arrived at my house, I smelt something very bad. So, I looked at the bottom of my shoes...

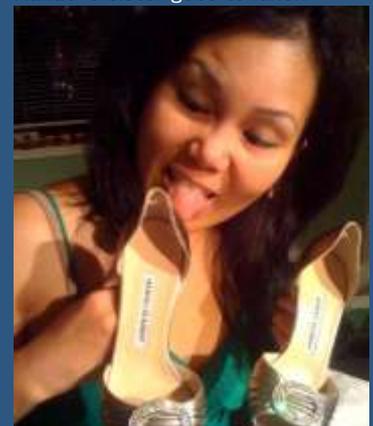
By Ayumi Harada 3E

*Dear reader, what follows is a collection of the funniest stories from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year 普通科 students of 稲毛 high school from 2008-2009.*

*All stories were written in 5 minutes timed writing classes. As so many stories this year caught our attention as 'the best', we singled out these entries, as the strangest and funniest for your entertainment. Thank you for your great stories, we will miss you.*

*James Turner  
Paul Shiel*

Nanae's sister goes to lunch





Ryoko's grandfather gets hooked on Grand Theft Auto 4

## Grandparents and the Elderly in Japan

I think the number of old people who don't qualify to regard themselves as old people in Japan is increasing. For instance, yesterday I saw an old man who may be unable but he maybe doesn't know it. So, he stopped many cars because of his ignorance of the traffic signals. I think they are like a virus.

By Hiroki Nakajima 3A

I live together with my grandparents. My grandfather always stays in the house. He often plays Mahjong TV games. When he loses the game, he complains at the TV. So he doesn't go out, even when we say "let's go to dinner together" He only goes out to play the public lottery.

By Ryoko Kawaguchi 3A

My grandmothers interesting story is when she went for a walk in the park. When she came back home she had a bicycle.

By Ryuichi Takeda 3G

My grandparents live in Nagasaki. We cannot see them often because they live so far away. They are always very glad to see us. We took pictures of the whole family when we saw them in Nagasaki. But my grandmother was so happy to see us that she put on heavy makeup. In the picture, her face and neck are a different color!

By Aiko Shinzato 3E



Ryuichi, Where's my bike?

## "I may be killed by old people..."

Japanese elderly people are very vigorous. And they don't know fear. So, I feel that old people are more fearful than bad boys. Especially, elderly women are stronger than any other people. Therefore I can't see them. If I see them, I may be killed by them.

By Ryo Majima 3G

My grandfather liked going to Pachinko. He often went there and my grandfather wanted him to stop it. One day he saw my cousin, who lives with my grandparents, playing a pachinko game. It was a Pokémon game. He tried it and he became addicted. So he stopped going to Pachinko.

By Kana Yamanita 3C

This is not a story of mine, but of one of my friends. One day, he wore used jeans which had some small holes. It was fashionable a few years ago. But his grandmother didn't know that! So she said to him, "Don't you have money?" "Shall I buy new ones for you?" That is very funny.

Unknown writer



## Ryo's worst nightmare

I respect my grandmother's life. Her husband died when my father was 20. She has 3 children. Her youngest son was only 3 years old. She ran a Tofu store to scrape a living for the 3 children. She has a good knowledge of natural food, so she goes to a mountain which is near, and she catches a lot of weed. (In this context, weed is common slang for marijuana — 大麻)

By Yoshimi Maeda 3G



## Smell and Memory



Tomoyuki's favourite fruit



Mr. Kamata's favourite smell

When I arrived at home one day, I noticed a terrible smell that had spread all over the house. I didn't know where the smell came from. I asked my mother "what is that smell?" She answered "it's Durian fruit" Then I tried opening the refrigerator, and at that moment, I lost my mind. When I woke up, it is already the next morning...

By Tomoyuki Kawabe 3A

In a train, I saw an American. Then, I felt a very strong smell. Where does this smell come from? Soon I understood where the smell came from. The smell was the American person's perfume! I wanted to move to another place, but I couldn't do so because the train was so crowded. Japanese people usually don't use strong smelling perfume, so I wanted to tell him: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do!"

By Tomoyuki Kamata 3F

When I went on a homestay visit to America, I drank "Dr. Pepper". It looks like cola. My host family liked it very much and they recommended that I drink it. They said "Every Japanese person that has stayed with us couldn't drink it, but we think you can do it!" So I drank it. Suddenly, my nose went completely numb and I had a fit of coughing! I think it smells like the science room in my junior high school! My host family laughed at me.

By Hiromi Nagano 3A



## Smell and Memory

I have eaten a lot of Umaibo (うまいぼ) My friends and I. We bought about 300 umaibos and began to eat them without drinking water. We ate hard but I had to give up. I ate 34 Umaibos and I had a punishment from my friends. In addition, our room was very smelly! What's more, our mouths were very smelly! But it was delicious.

By Yuya Hanatani 3F

Yuya's Umaibo Diet



Special thanks to all you guys for writing such wonderful stories to us this year. We laughed, and sometimes cried (with laughter). We apologise to all the great writers who didn't have their stories published in our little newsletter. Thanks again, and best of luck in your future. Hope you keep studying English, no matter what path you may take.

Best of luck!



PAUL SHIEL  
Unusually in a SUIT!



JAMES TURNER  
Unusually in a  
Washing Machine!

## Are Japanese Children spoiled by society?

I think that Japanese children are spoiled by parents. Japanese parents don't hit their children, so children don't know pain. But I think parents should not abuse their children either. If parents do this to their children, they will have hate and do something bad. So I think parents should hit children measurably.

By Yuta Mariko 3C

Inage Junior High School students are very spoiled because they have no manners as they're loud and conceited. They think they are special since they are Inage JHS students. But they are too conceited. It may be true they are smart, but it is also true that they have no manners.

By Minami Fukushima 3A

### Are you well read?

I love the Harry Potter series. It was written by J.K. Rowling. I first read this book when I was an elementary school student. At first, it made a big impact and I believed "I can use magic and I will be a wizard!" I practiced magic for two or three hours everyday for a year but I couldn't use magic. I realized "It's a fiction book!"

By Wataru Tsukakoshi 3B



## Are you worried about Global Warming?

I'm worried about global warming. Because I dislike hot temperatures. I think what causes global warming is carbon dioxide, so I should stop breathing as much as I can. I also warn people against throwing away garbage. The earth made me, so I should protect it!

By Yuya Hanatani 3F

## What's in a name?

My name is Jun (純) because I am a pure boy. My parents say that the stroke number of my name is good and foreigners can easily pronounce my name. I like my name very much, but I am often teased when I hear 6月 in English. If I had to change my name, I want to be called God. Because I can feel good!

By Jun "God" Matsushita 3F



I worry about global warming because I have naturally curly hair. Global warming changes climate. In the case of Japan, the climate is sub-tropical, but global warming will change this to tropical. The tropics have a lot of moisture which causes worry to people who have naturally curly hair in Japan.

By Ryota Watanabe 3E



I like my name. But I don't know my name's meaning. My parents don't know too. We don't know because my name was given to me by my father's boss (上司). I have never seen him. So we can never know...

By Yoshiaki Okabe 3F

I like my name, because my name is short. So, it is easy for me to be remembered. When I heard why my parents gave me this name, my mother said that it was accidental how they thought of my name. I was SHOCKED!

By Miki Inou 3C



Daisuke "Stalin" Tanaka

My field of interest includes history, economy, politics and law. It is because my dream is to become a dictator or president. They teach me a lot of things which will help me to realize my dream. I will stand in the court as Emperor of Tanaka Teikoku (田中帝国).

by Daisuke Tanaka 3B

# What do you want to experience in life?

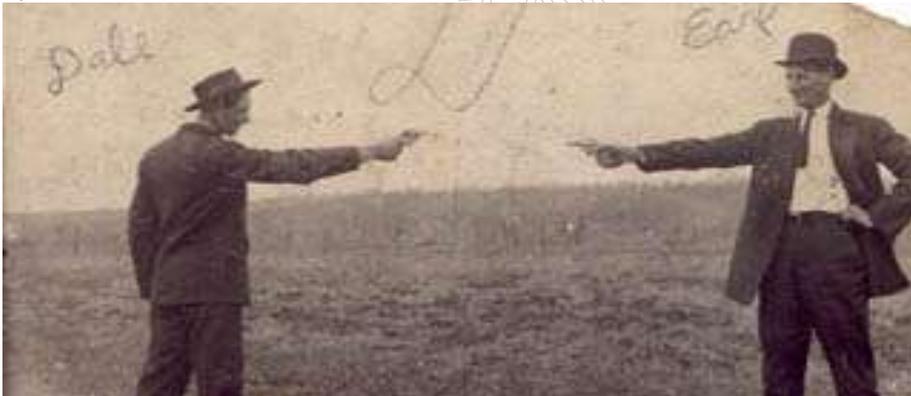


I want to keep crocodiles in the future. I love crocodiles! When I went to Australia, I could touch a crocodile. He had a long tail and his eyes shined brightly. I felt very happy. If I live with crocodiles, my life will be exciting and dangerous. I want to keep at least 5. Please come to my house in the future!

By Yukari Inoue 3B

I want to gunfight some day. I like movies, for example "Biohazard" and "Mission Impossible" so I want to use a gun and fight an opponent. Those movies include violent action. It is very cool.

By Azusa Ito 3E



I want to be a President of the United States of America. Now, the age of Bush is over. We need CHANGE. We all, white, black, Hispanic, Asian etc. have to get together and build America. Not only WASP's America. Maybe it is a very hard thing. I want Mr. Obama to do this.

By Shunsuke Shimizu 3E



I want to live a life of self-sufficiency near the beautiful sea. It is because I want to live in a hard condition where my work depends on my life. I want to fight dangerous sea monsters and bears and make them into delicious food. Then, with meditation in my small island, I'll come to understand 'Safari' and become a God with special powers. I will be enlightened

By Daisuke Tanaka 3B



Good luck to Daisuke

I want to go to near death. Why do I think so? That is in many comic books, the main character becomes strong and returns from near death. And I think everyone can do it. I think being alive is a most simple pleasure. And if we can return from near death, our life will shine every time. And I thought all dangerous or eccentric experiences are needed for our heart and spirit to grow.

By Hiromi Tanaka 3G

