

## Yusuhara a Home from Home: 19. A Festival Finally! Kind Of...

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After being here in Japan for three years I heard word that festival season would finally be returning. One of the smaller goals I had was to attend a festival, something that is to much of the world an iconic staple of Japanese culture. My first year I unfortunately had prior engagements but didn't think much of it as I would see one the next year. Perhaps the year after. Then three years later it was returning!

I was quite excited to go, during lessons I learned about festivals and what to expect. What events happen, the types of food and entertainment stalls around and the general experience. I was disappointed to learn that the main festival was cancelled but was still looking forward to the fireworks. I went along with Maree the high school ALT and saw a lovely fireworks display that lasted just over 30 minutes. There were many people who turned up and I also had the opportunity to see many former students. Overall it was an enjoyable time!



A photo from the fireworks display held in the school playground