### MAKUHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ◀





### Nanohana-MIS Newsletter

Edition 360 - Friday 27 August 2021

#### From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



Our term has started out literally with a BANG! On the morning of the first day of school, we were surprised by a sudden and intense thunder and lightning storm. Fortunately, due to weather warnings on apps, we had enough time to make an announcement to keep students indoors until the



storm passed.

It was a joy to welcome in 11 new students and their families on the first day of school. The new children have already brought an added positive energy to the school. All in all, the start to the new term has been productive and cheerful, with students eager to be back in class learning and playing alongside their friends.

Additionally, as part of the Olympic School Cooperation Program, our 5th and 6th Grade students and teachers were able to attend the Paralympics! Everyone enjoyed feeling the Olympic spirit as they were welcomed by the numerous exuberant volunteers and police officers and then reveled in watching Paralympic Goalball, including one game with Team Japan! We stood out a bit as international school students and teachers as, between games, we cheered, clapped and waved our arms in support of the athletes who really seemed to enjoy the energy. Some of our students were even interviewed by NHK: <a href="https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/html/20210826/k10013224951000.html">https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/html/20210826/k10013224951000.html</a>

### Calendar

Wednesday 01 September Individual and Class Photos Grades 1-5

**Thursday 02 September** Individual and Class Photos

> Kindergarten 1-3 + All Staff

Friday 03 September

G5 Japanese Grade-Level Assembly



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### From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week and we got of to a thunderous start to the term with the flash storm the passed over the school on Monday. The children have looked happy and excited to be back at school and I have heard from the teachers that the students have quickly got back into the swing of learning. With many big events ahead this term, we are all hopeful that we can continue to enjoy the benefits of less restrictions and more social interaction in our community.

During the holiday, the children had the chance to complete the creative tasks included in the holiday homework challenge. I took the opportunity to speak to some of the children that had impressed their teachers with their efforts and I was also highly impressed with their ingenuity and impressive design and craft skills. When you see what they have created with odds and ends and old plastic, it makes you realise that the 'throw away' culture within society is truly wasteful. The

children have proved that with a little creativity and endeavor we can repurpose materials that would otherwise be thrown away, into new and useful objects. With the demand on the world's finite resources growing year by year, this approach will become more and more necessary. As the saying goes, "Waste not want not."



# House Point Totals

SPORTS DAY IS COMING SOON!











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## Kindergarten News

### From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



### Welcome Back! May Term 2 Be Fun and Exciting for Everyone!

This term, we welcome six new students across K1 and K2, a warm welcome to our new MIS families.

This week the children were very happy to see each other again and share what they did on their holidays. As the postcards arrived it showed us where we all went and the fun that was had. It was difficult to travel with current restrictions but I am blown away with how much fun the children had during summer despite this.

Well done parents!

As you know, children enjoy playing outside even during hot and humid weather. To protect their skin from the sun's harsh rays, we recommend that each child has a hat to wear while outside in the sun and that you help them to apply sunscreen each morning before coming to school. To further protect the children, we have constructed the outdoor tents with water misters under them to provide shade during this particularly hot weather. We will continue to support each child in maintaining their hydration throughout the day, by reminding them to drink water before and after play times.





<u>K1</u>: Learning Maths Together!

K2:
Doing
Scratch Art
&
Ordering
Numbers
0-20
then 20-0!

<u>K3</u>: Planting Vegetable Seeds!





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### **Grade 1 Stretch their Mathematical Minds!**

G1G played race to 100, then to 1000 with a partner this morning. Children jogged their memory of place value, and warmed up their brains for the next maths unit on addition (and subtraction)! Let's get ready to think about numbers!



### Origami Fractions? Just ask G2G!

 $\ln G2G$  this week, the students have been using origami paper to create different fractions. The students learned how to make, name, and write common fractions, such as halves and quarters.



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# Enjoying Being Together Again!



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