



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



As we approach tomorrow's Sports Day, I want to thank all of the children who submitted their amazing art work to us as part of our competition to determine a top artist from both Upper and Lower Elementary whose artwork will garner the Sports Day Program.

After careful deliberation from our staff, the winners of this year's Sports Day Program Art Competition are Sakura Nakashima (G2Y) and Emily Yam (G5Y). Congratulations to you both! Everybody will be able to see their creative designs when they pick up their copy of the program tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Additionally, I wanted you all to know about that thanks to the support of the MIS PTA, the school is having a large sand pit with climbing wall and pergola installed on the kindergarten playground. The sand pit, which has been designed by and is being built by engineer Allan (Chris) Ashmore, is completely custom-built for MIS and will provide a versatile space with shade for our children to enjoy. It's safe to say that no other school will have anything quite like this unique play space. The progress of the construction is really coming along nicely now, so we thought we'd share this picture to give you an idea of its progress and beauty.



Can't wait to see the children playing in it!

Calendar

Saturday 25 September

Kinder Sports Day - 9:00am
G1-3 Sports Day - 11:15am
G4-6 Sports Day - 1:30pm
No Homework this Weekend

Mon 27 Sept - Fri 01 Oct

Calligraphy Week

Tuesday 28 September

G6 School Transfer Mtgs.

Wednesday 29 September

G6 School Transfer Mtgs.
G3 & 4 Swimming - Day 5

Thursday 30 September

G6 School Transfer Mtgs.

Friday 01 October

G3 Music Recital - 9:00am
G1 Music Recital - 9:40am
G2 Music Recital - 11:00am
K3 Trip to Mihama Koen



Thank You,
Sakura and
Emily
For
Designing
the Artwork
for
our Sports
Day
Program!



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From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. In this week's edition of Nanohana, I would like to highlight a recent student initiative that demonstrates the leadership skill that we have amongst the students at MIS. Three weeks ago, I was visited by Keisuke and Liam from G3Y. They came to see me to let me know that they had really enjoyed watching basketball in the Olympics and they wanted to know if it was possible to set up a mini 3-on-3 basketball league for G3 students. I told them that I thought it was a great idea and that they should go for it. I explained that I would be happy to help and I was also sure that their teachers would support them. I mentioned that it would be nice to play the games in the gym but this would require a teacher to watch them. The boys took this advice on board and went away to plan.

The next week, I heard from Keisuke that he had already recruited the players, drawn up the league format and scheduled the games. He politely explained that they would prefer to play outside at break and lunchtimes as this would require no adult support. Needless to say, I was very impressed with the way the G3 children had taken the initiative and had made their idea come to life. Keisuke regularly gave me updates and I explained that it would be my privilege to referee the final in the gym. The players liked the sound of this and last Friday the day of the final arrived.

The final saw Team A face off against Team E and it was a high-octane battle between six players that really wanted to be crowned G3 3-on-3 basketball champions. The G3 spectators cheered on the teams and Leona gave a running commentary. During the game, I was struck by the players determination, teamwork, and good spiritedness. The game ended with Team A winning by a small margin. The players congratulated each other and all seemed to leave the court happy, even in defeat. I was very impressed with the way the tournament was organised and felt it displays the leadership talent at our school perfectly. Well done to all involved. I look forward to the next tournament.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

PRE-SPORTS DAY NUMBERS!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Kindergarten Sports Day

Since the beginning of Term 2, the children in kindergarten have been preparing for the special occasion of sports day. During practice each week, the children build their endurance, stamina and team working skills so that on the day they can compete at their best. Further to this, the children have focused on their growth mindset - reminding themselves that it is important to try their best and never give up.

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.
-Babe Ruth



During our rehearsal on Wednesday it was wonderful to see the children enter the field with smiles on their faces ready to try their best and cheer on their friends. Everyone had a wonderful time cheering for their classmates and for their house team and we can not wait to share this special occasion with you.



K1:
Pom Pom Cheering for Sports Day!



K2:
Celebrating Mini Beast Week!



K3:
Sharing their Scary Spiders and Webs!



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Grade 1 Explore Cityscapes!

For art this unit, Grade 1 is studying "Can Buildings Speak?" The students looked at cityscapes of different cities and explored the different height and shapes of buildings. Students enjoyed using their creativity to design their own sky-lines!



Grade 2 Are Ready to Cheer at Sports Day!

This week, G2 were back in the art room and were busy getting some house themed shakers ready for Sports Day. They are ready to cheer for their peers while showing off their creative designs!



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