



Nanohana-MIS Newsletter

Edition 386 - April 2022

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We have a very successful first four weeks of school with many new families joining MIS, lots of engaging learning, the beginning of clubs, and several special activities, including the raising of the MIS Koinobori, Music Recitals, Sakura Medal Book Bowl, and Student Council Elections. We hope you will enjoy the photos of these events and more throughout this edition of Nanohana.

I am so proud of all of the students who ran for Student Council in their in-class and whole-school elections. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to these students who will serve as their class's Student Council Representatives and Alternates!

2022-2023 Student Council Representatives

G1G: Momoko Nakashima G1Y: Sora Nghiem G2G: Ota Ueki G2Y: Kanata Ueki G3G: Himmel Mitsuyuki G3Y: Mei Citrano G4G: Ami Kawahara G4Y: Leia Nishihara G5G: Kurara Ichiyanagi G5Y: Yuito Murota G6G: Yu Ohsugi G6Y: Lili Wrigley

2022-2023 Student Council Alternates

G1G: Emma Nishijima G1Y: Ann Citrano G2G: Rin Miyajima G2Y: Kano Furuya G3G: Soma Yoshimura G3Y: Machiko Kurushima G4G: Shusuke Fukui G4Y: Shun Nin G5G: Marina Suzuki G5Y: Yuka Manabe G6G: Alen Kobiah G6Y: Haruka Takahashi











Major May Events

Fri 29 April - Sun 08 May Golden Week Holiday

Monday 09 May

Change to Summer Uniform

Wednesday 11 May

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Tuesday 17 May

PTA Board Meeting MIS Library 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 18 May

K1-G2 Phonics Parent Coffee Morning 9:15-10:15am G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Wednesday 25 May

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Wednesday 30 May

G5&6 Swimming - 1pm

Tuesday 31 May

PTA General Membership Meeting via Zoom 12:15pm-1:15pm

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Innovative Bilingual Education for an Ever-Changing World



From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. The first few weeks of Term One have been full of positive energy and excitement with one of the highlights being the start of our clubs. The response to clubs this term has been impressive, with over 380 places taken up by our students. This equates to an average of nearly 76 students attending clubs each day. ACE Club and Tennis Club continue to be very popular and the wide range of artistic clubs are well attended. The same can be said for our technology-based clubs, robotics and computer club, which are growing term on term. We now have 7 Lego Robotics kits for the club members to use. Sports clubs continue to be popular and the return of frisbee club has seen many children sign up to

improve their throwing and catching skills. The MIS community is very fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers who have the passion to share their interests with the students in the afternoons. I also feel that MIS teachers are privileged to support students that want to take their learning beyond the day to day, timetabled lessons and have the spirit of adventure to try something new. Together, we all benefit from having such diverse extra-curricular activities at MIS. Importantly, should your child need to be absent from a session, please send a Seesaw message to your child's class teacher and they will let the club leader know. Finally, each term, we post the curriculum overviews onto the school website. These overviews provide you with the opportunity to find out about what your child will study in any given term. Suggestions for ways you can support your child's learning journey are included and additional information, specific to your child's grade is also shared. Please head to the school website to tap in to this invaluable resource.

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MIDORI AND
NILA ARE TIED
AT THE TOP!



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Kindergarten News



K1: Learning About Themselves And Their Body Parts As well as Creating Wild Animals!

<u>K2</u>: Invited their Teddy Bears to School and Drew Self Portraits!

K3:
Completing
Their Very
Own
Fizzy
Emotions
Experiment!





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Grade 1 Go Techy in the ICT Suite

To begin their ICT lessons this year, Grade 1 learned to identify various parts of computers and other devices in and around the ICT Room. They focused on the terms 'monitor', 'keyboard', 'mouse', 'printer', 'wifi router', 'projector', 'interactive white board', 'CPU' and 'headphones'.



Grade 2 Nurture the MIS Garden Space

As part of their PSNS unit, G2 have been learning about what a plant needs to survive. They have been clearing weeds and aerating soil to make a perfect environment for new plants to grow. They will be taking care and maintaining the garden over the coming months. We're all excited to see what will grow!



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Grade 3 Care For Our Earth

G3 focused on Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd, discussing ways we can help out planet. They used their observation skills on a nature scavenger hunt, finding a variety of leaves, grasses, flowers, scents, insects and more. They marked their finds on their sheets and took photos to use in their art and ICT lessons.



Grade 4 Collectively Set Their Standards As A Class

At the start of this term, G4 enjoyed getting to know the new routines in Upper Elementary. To begin with, they spent time thinking about and sharing with each other what they imagined the perfect classroom to be like. They then set about writing and presenting the standards that they are going to follow in G4 to try and make their ideas a reality! We know they will all try their very best.



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Grade 5 Discover What's It's Like To Be Meteorologists

Grade 5 are learning about 'Changing Weather' and how countries are able to forecast weather so accurately. They are going to make their own weather station and record daily conditions. Many new words need to be known such as...'meteorologist', 'barometer', 'thermometer', & 'anemometer' to name just a few! They sure are having fun!





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Grade 6 Use Their Powers in Maths

The G6 students are studying decimal numbers and how they change with multiplying and dividing by "powers of 10". The students are keen mathematicians, and everyone has worked diligently on their independent assignments. A great start to the school year!



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Elementary Kokugo Students Find and Feel Spring All Around Them!

This month, the children started an exciting new school life. In Kokugo, the students gave self-introductions to their new class-mates and teachers. They read and wrote Spring-themed poems. Grade 1 even went out the courtyard and found signs of Spring all around them. Everybody has truly had a great start of the year!



Sakura Medal Book Bowl!



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Competitive Student Council Elections!



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What Amazing Music Recitals!



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MIS PTA Newsletter

We can help create the best possible environment for learning and growing.

Sign up for the MIS PTA 2022-2023

Whatever your personality, lifestyle or schedule, there are many ways to contribute and make a positive impact.

Watching kids having a great time and knowing you've helped make that happen is a great feeling!



On-site meeting

Zoom meeting

Monthly PTA Meeting
The 3rd Tuesday



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What does the PTA do?



Fundraising
PTA have donated
playground
equipment such as
new sand pit.



Charity Events
We believe that setting a good example
of volunteering is
important.



Appreciation
We show how
much our staff and
teachers mean to
us with
appreciation
events.



Major FUN Activities of MIS PTA

May School Bazaar





MIS PTA sets up the Bouncy Castle, one of the most popular items of the bazaar! All proceeds are donated to the school.

Your child(ren) may join us selling water bottles or popcorn (they love it!)

Please note that the School Bazaar 2022 is cancelled

Autumn

Terry Fox Run



Terry Fox Run is organized by the school and PTA provides the support to run this fun event! In 2021, more than 200 MIS families participated!!!





March

Teachers and
Staff
Appreciation
Day





Above: PTA collected letters from the students and sent to teachers/staffs along with the small gift! (Feb 2011 & 2022)

Left: Potluck in Feb 2019 (cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020-2021)





PTA also takes the lead on

Appreciation Day. This is still

a new event and we look for any new exciting ideas!!!

Teachers and Staff