



# Nanohana–Winter Performance Edition

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



This month rounds out yet another active Term 2 here at MIS, culminating with the amazing Winter Performances last week. As Mr. Hall has written in his article, it is always remarkable to watch our young performers develop their choreography, practice their dance moves, coordinate with one another, master the song lyrics, project their beautiful voices, and work together to create what are always spectacular performances. I would like to congratulate not only the students but also the Arts Team as well as all of the teachers and other staff that came together over the past few weeks to bring these shows to fruition. What a remarkable team!

Thus, we dedicate this edition of Nanohana to our wonderful Winter Performances! Please enjoy the photos on pages 3-5 which showcase our young performers. We hope that you enjoyed the shows.



In alignment with the World Cup, we also hosted the annual MIS House Soccer Tournament this term. It was a competition filled with teamwork, hard-fought wins, and heart-breaking losses. All of the house teams performed exceptionally well together - both at the Lower and Upper Elementary levels. It was impressive to watch the talent that our young student-athletes displayed! Please check out some photos of the competition on page 6 of this edition of Nanohana.



## Congratulations to this Year's MIS House Soccer Tournament Champions!

**Lower Elementary Champions - Rosso**  
**Upper Elementary Champions - Midori**



Additionally, this past term we offered our very first MIS Hip Hop Club as an after school activity. And, boy was it a hit! We watched our dancers develop thanks to the coaching, guidance, and encouragement from our talented hip hop professional coaches, Yinka & Arisa from Form & Freedom. At the end of November the students in this club put on the first ever MIS Hip Hop Dance Recital in the MIS Multipurpose Hall which was jam-packed with parents and staff who enjoyed every bit of the show. Brilliant moves, Hip Hoppers! You can see some photos of our Hip Hop Dance Club Recital on page 6 of this edition of Nanohana.



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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 04 January**

First Day of Term 3

**Wed-Fri 04-13 January**

Calligraphy Weeks

**Monday 09 January**

Coming of Age Day  
School Holiday

**11, 18, 23, 25, 30 January**

G1 & 2 Swimming

**Sun-Tues 15-24 January**

Art Exhibition - Colton Plaza

**Monday 16 January**

G3-6 Spelling Bee

**Tuesday 17 January**

PTA Board Mtg - 12:15pm

**Thursday 19 January**

G1&2 Spelling Bee

**Monday 23 January**

Elem Science Fair HW Due

**Monday 30 January**

MIS Maths Challenge



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



Greetings from MIS. In this month's Nanohana, I would like to give thanks to everybody involved for making this year's Winter Performance the success it was. About eight weeks ago, Mr. Satterwhite and the teachers were told about the theme for this year's performance. Since then, they thought creatively about how to deliver an enthralling show for your entertainment. It is always amazing to see the transformation that happens in the intervening weeks. The students go from not knowing a single step of their dance or note from a song's melody to being able to perform with such confidence on the stage. Credit must go to the teachers for the change they bring about in such a short space of time.

In the run up to this year's shows, I have been so impressed with the amazing team ethic that our teachers and administrators display to make sure that everything is perfect for not just the shows themselves but also the rehearsals and the practice times. The Winter Performance is truly a collaborative and community building experience. A big thank you goes out to the kindergarten teachers, parents, and especially Ms. Mochizuki, for their creativity and dedication while making the costumes for the kinder show. The children looked amazing.

Additionally, I would like to thank you all for the support that you gave your children in the build up to the show. It was so heart-warming to have a large parent audience again, and I thank you for your attendance as it helped to make the event even more special for the students. Thank you for all of your support. It is truly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to look ahead to the highlights that we have in store for Term Three. The first day of term will be Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January and we will happily welcome back the students after the Winter Break. G1 and G2 will begin their ten weeks of swimming lessons in the second week. Clubs will begin from the 16<sup>th</sup> of January and end on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. We will have the MIS Spelling Bee in the third week and a new champion will be crowned. The MIS Maths Challenge will take place at the end of January and will give the children a chance to flex their mathematical muscles. The annual ISA tests for Grades 3-5 will happen on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February. In the third week of February, we will host parents again for the MIS Science Week and during that week, Grade 6 will travel to Gunma for their annual Ski Trip. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of March will roll around quickly and, on that day, you will receive your child's final report of the year. Parents' Evenings will be hosted during the week beginning March 6 and will provide you with the chance to hear from your child's teachers about the progress they have made this year. In that week, we will be hosting the annual Award Ceremony and will celebrate the achievements of the award winners. This will then lead us to the final week of term and the Graduation Ceremonies for K3 and Grade 6. The last day of term will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and will lead to a much-needed recharge before we begin a new school year in April 2023.

As you can see from the details above, Term Three will be packed with events and learning and as ever, the MIS staff will be committed to doing all they can to support your child(ren)'s learning. I would like to thank you in advance for all of the effort you put in to supporting the school's plans. Between now and January 4, I hope you have a wonderful holiday time with your family. All the very best to you.



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## *Elementary Yellow Winter Performance*



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## *Hip Hop Dance Club Recital*



## *MIS House Soccer Tournament*



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# MIS PTA Newsletter

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## Report of activity Term 2

Terry Fox Run (November 5th, 2022)



MIS families gathered at the school on Saturday 5th November for Terry Fox Run. Nearly 200 students and parents participated to walk and ran to raise funds in support of cancer research. We invited two inspirational child cancer survivors who are now achieving great things.



We really appreciated that we could have such wonderful guests and it was a great opportunity to recognize and understand how they survive and live strongly. In spite of this difficult COVID situation, we think we could achieve our concept of "Reunion MIS community".



## Crosswalk Monitor (October 3rd - 7th, 2022)

The PTA organised the regular crosswalk monitoring around the MIS school campus on the mornings and afternoons of October 3rd - 7th. The main areas for monitoring are the busy crossings near the Aeon Style shopping area and the near Shibuya Makuhari school.

We need more follow up for this event. It might be easier if we could have the committee for crosswalk monitoring.

We think that it's really important to set a specific sign for the school zone between AEON Style and the residence. Also we will apply to set the signal around this area to the Chiba Nishi Police Department.

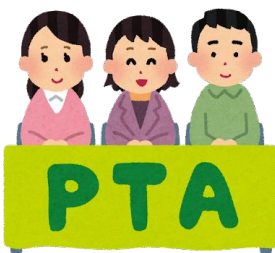


## PTA General Meeting (March, 2023)

We will be held PTA General Meeting on 7th March 2023.

Topics were as follow,

1. Approval of New Three Positions for 2023.(President,Vice President,Auditor)
2. Review of PTA activities in 2022.
3. Q&A



### ★Schedule for Term 3★

- PTA Monthly Board Meeting (the 3rd Tuesday of each month) 12:15-13:15 via Zoom Online
- January or February Afternoon session by PTA (Date TBC)
- 22nd February Teachers Appreciation(TBA)



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