



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



We would like to thank all of the parents who came out to this week's Parents' Evenings. It is so important that we work together in partnership for our students' well-being and academic success. We hope that you found the feedback on your child's learning and social growth to be valuable. As always, we appreciate your continued support of the school.



Last week, we were all able to feel true school spirit as we watched the students work in their House Teams on a variety of competitions to achieve great things together. The students designed realistic and fanciful animal hats, took an MIS Quiz, passed several Japanese challenges, and put on amazingly well-coordinated dance routines. In the end, it was **Team Midori** that came out on top by a narrow margin - due to all of the children working so well together from Grade 1 to Grade 6.

Many new events and learning opportunities await us in Term 2, including Swimming for Grades 3 & 4, the PTA Family Picnic & Fun Day, the New Zealand Schools Visit, Open Day, Calligraphy Week, many educationally-related trips, Sports Day, the Grade 5 Residential Trip, a wide variety of clubs & activities, Book Week, the Grade 4 Science Sleepover, the Winter Performances, and much more!

Until then, we wish you and your family a restful and rejuvenating summer vacation filled with fun and togetherness.

You deserve it, MIS!



Major Aug & Sept Events

Monday 28 August

First Day of Term 2
Kinder Postcards &
Elem Summer Tic Tac Toe
Homework Due

Wed-Thurs 30-31 August

K1 -G5 Class Group Photos

Friday 01 September

G3G Assembly

06, 13, 20 & 27 September

G3&4 Swimming

Friday 08 September

G5 Japanese Assembly

Saturday 09 September

PTA Family Fun Day & Picnic

Friday 15 September

G2Y Assembly

Monday 18 September

National Holiday - No School

Wednesday 20 September

New Zealand Schools Visit

Thursday 21 September

Open Day

Friday 29 September

G3Y Assembly

Saturday 30 September

MIS Sports Day

Congratulations to this Year's Inter-House Challenge Winners - MIDORI!



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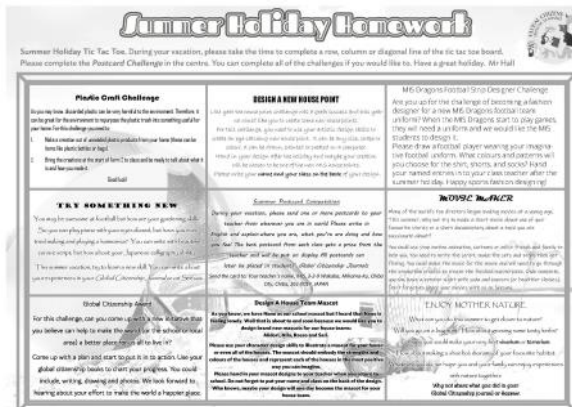


From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. The end of Term 1 is upon us and the summer vacation begins. It has definitely been a term full of inspiring learning experiences across the school. I am always impressed by the enthusiasm of our students, who right up until the last day of the term, go about their learning with commitment and an eagerness to do their best. The teachers really do well to keep up with them and are looking forward to taking the time to reflect upon the successes of the first term as well as to plan ahead for next term.

You should have received the holiday homework for your children - either the Kindergarten postcard challenge (via a Seesaw message) or the Tic-Tac-Toe challenge for elementary students. I hope your children enjoy completing some or all of the challenges and we look forward to seeing what they come up with after the holiday. Doing a little bit of the summer homework often is beneficial. We would also ask you to encourage your children to read regularly during the break to maintain their reading skills and language development.



Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the term. At MIS, we are fortunate to work with so many wonderful children and your support is a key reason why they are such incredible people to learn alongside. Have an amazing holiday and we look forward to welcoming your children back to MIS in August for another fun-filled, exciting term.

Congratulations to our Handwriting Competition Winners!



HOUSE POINT TOTALS MIDORI MOVES UP WITH INTER-HOUSE WIN!



Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before July 14th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.



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Kindergarten News



K1:
Making a
Balanced
Meal, Playing
in the Water,
and
Finding Joy in
Bouncing
Balloons!



K2:
Learning
About
Transporta-
tion
While
Enjoying
their
Trip
to the
Train
Museum!



K3:
Playing
Games,
including
with the
Giant
Parachute,
and Enjoying
a Picnic
with
their Families!





Grade 1 Develop their Programming & Coding Skills!

In ICT, Grade 1 have been learning about programming. They have learnt how to troubleshoot problems when they are on the computer and now know how to make a smart guess to fix a problem. They have also learnt how to make sprites move in Scratch Jr and how to use count-controlled loops! They have also learnt about de-bugging their Scratch Jr program when there is a problem. They have enjoyed being creative on Scratch Jr!



Grade 2 Prepare and Build their own Bento Boxes!

G2 had a wonderful time making Bento boxes and having a picnic with parents in the classroom! Our parent helpers helped us to prepare the food, washing and cutting the ingredients. The students really enjoyed the food and had a great time eating their picnic! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered or who came to eat with us, it was a very special day for all the children.



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For Grade 3, Basketball Develops Valuable Life Skills!

In Grade Three, the students have been playing basketball. They did a great job practicing their dribbling and shooting skills. It was great to see many students take this out of class and continue to practice during breaks as well. This has also been a great way to practice teamwork and communication skills when students are playing on teams to compete against one another. G3 students deserve commendation for their impressive enthusiasm, dedication, and the valuable life skills they are cultivating through their love for basketball.



Grade 4's Claymation Beetles Battle it Out!

It's a bug's life! G4 have been making models of the summer insects during Art time. We have also been animating our bugs with an iPad app called, StopMotion. Our stories revolved around a bug's search for food, fights with other bugs and even some epic adventures in the crossing the great Lilli pad pond!



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Grade 5 Design Creative Maths Board Games to Bring Learning to Life!

In Grade 5, the students have been using their maths knowledge and skills to plan, design, test, and build exciting new maths board games. The students had terrific fun working in groups to create their games. Very imaginative, Grade 5!



Grade 6 Dig In!

Both Grade 6 classes went clam digging at Sodegaura beach in Chiba. It was an excellent field trip – lots of learning about sea creatures and ocean tides, all part of an upcoming science unit on the earth and moon. Compared to past years, students were able to find loads of clams buried in the sand. Best clam digging year ever! A great day together at the beach!



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Grade 1 Students Carefully Tend and Record their Growing Morning Glories!

The Grade 1 students' asagaos (morning glories) have been growing so well! Children water them every morning and have carefully observed and recorded the color, shape, size and feel of asagaos. They are excited to see them bloom soon!



Super Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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Great Teamwork During the Inter-House Challenge!



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MIS PTA Newsletter

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

Report of activity Term 1

MIS School Bazaar (May 20th, 2023)

On 20th May, the Bazaar was held at MIS! We, PTA, ran Bouncy Castle and sold cold drinks. As has happened in the past, we set the bouncy castle on the green ground but due to rain the day before the bazaar, we had decided to set it in the Gym.

We had been worried about the weather and on that day, it started with a bit of unstable weather though the sky was starting to clear up so students could enjoy the activities outside!! In the courtyard area, we could find various stalls organized by each class, parents (volunteer) and some restaurants from outside. At the blue ground area, teachers set up the special stage and there were teacher's band, students who wish to perform, guest performers from outside and MIS Cheer Group, MIS Strings Ensemble to perform and show us their fantastic performance. We are sure whether someone had already experienced this event or not everyone could enjoy it, which had to be cancelled due to COVID19 for 3 years.



Despite our bouncy castle was done indoors, there were about 190 people participants and our activities were sold at a profit of 19,000 yen. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participation!! This proceeds will be used for the improvement of our school.

This time there were lots of members who were involved for the first time for this event as it was held for the first time in three years.

We really appreciated previous PTA members supporting this time. It was so reassuring to have them with us to make this event go well. Thank you very much to everyone who helped and involved!

Like this event, there will be more opportunities to communicate with school and families and we wish that we would like to support children's smiles and a better environment. We will plan for various events for Term 2. We appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation!



PTA General Meeting (May 30th, 2023)

We had PTA General meeting on 30th, May.
Topics were as follow,



1. Introducing

The number of board members is 25.
We are still looking for members from K3Y, G5Y and G6Y.

2. Report from Event Committee

Suggested events — Picnic and Game Day, Family Picnic and Treasure Hunt (maybe off site location), Information Session for parents. If anyone would like to suggest or share ideas, please contact the event mail account anytime.

3. Report from Treasure Committee

Budget for FY2023.

Explained this year's income and expected expenses.

* The budget for FY2023 has been approved at this meeting.

4. Report from IT Committee

Q&A for how to use PTA IT tools.

Develop training to onboard new PTA members in 2024.

5. Report from Donation Committee

PTA donated books to the classroom library last year.

Any ideas are welcomed.



6. Report from PR Committee

Taking the minutes for each monthly meeting and the general meeting.

We also update the minutes on the MIS PTA website.

The Newsletter will be issued once in each term so we are preparing for the newsletter of this term.

Thank you for your participation!



☆Schedule for Term2☆

OPTA Monthly Board Meeting (the third Tuesday of each month) 12:15-13:15

○September 9th • MIS PTA Family & Friends Games Day 2023 (TBA)

○Autumn • Terry Fox Run (TBA)

○Autumn • Crosswalk Monitoring (TBA)



For more information, visit www.mispta.com.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact events@mispta.com