



Nanohana – MIS Newsletter

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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 3-6 which showcase our young performers. We hope that you enjoyed the shows.



Upcoming Events

Monday 18 December

G4Y Assembly

Tuesday 19 December

PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

21 December - 03 January

Winter Holiday

Thursday 04 January

First Day of Term 3
Calligraphy Week

Friday 05 January

G2 Japanese Assembly

10, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 January

G1&2 Swimming

Friday 12 January

G3G Class Assembly

Mon 15 & Thurs 18 January

G3-6 & G1-2 Spelling Bees

Tuesday 16 January

PTA Board Meeting - 12:15pm

Friday 19 January

G4G Class Assembly

Friday 26 January

G1 Japanese Assembly

Monday 29 January

MIS Maths Challenge

Super Assemblies and Students of the Week!



Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before Dec 20th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.



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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. During Term Two, the drama club and prop making club were eagerly preparing for the show and the teachers and students spent many weeks learning their songs and the dances. 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 re-hearsals and the practice times. The Winter Performance is truly a collaborative and community building experience. A big thank you goes out to the MIS art curriculum team for their creativity and dedication to putting on such a wonderful set of shows.



Additionally, I would like to thank you all for the support that you gave your children in the build up to the shows. It was so heart-warming to have a large parent audience, 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 Thursday the 4th 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 15th of January and end on Friday the 1st 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 6th and 7th 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 Nagano for their annual Ski Trip. The annual Award Ceremony will be held on the 1st of March where we will celebrate the achievements of the award winners. On that day, you will also receive your child's final report of the year. Parents' Evenings will be hosted during the week beginning March 4th and will provide you with the chance to hear from your child's teachers about the progress they have made this year. 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 15th of March and will lead to a much-needed recharge before we begin a new school year in April 2024.

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 the 4th, I hope you have a wonderful holiday time with your family. All the very best to you.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS A TIE FOR FIRST PLACE!



SALE

School Photo Sale

Book Week
Parade
photos are being
sold until
Jan 11, 2024.

Order at:
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Kindergarten Winter Performance



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Lower Elementary Green Winter Performance



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Lower Elementary Yellow Winter Performance



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Upper Elementary Moana Musical



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MIS PTA Newsletter

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

Report of activity Term 2

Terry Fox Run (November 4th, 2023)



MIS families gathered at the school on Saturday 4th November for Terry Fox Run. Nearly 180 students and parents participated to walk and ran to raise funds in support of cancer research. We invited a inspirational child cancer survivor 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.



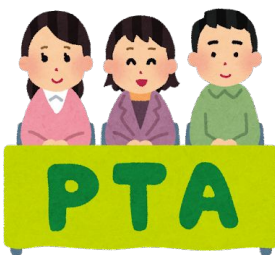
PTA Family Picnic & Fun day (September 9th, 2023)



It was the second year to have a family picnic for MIS families. Our PTA theme for last year was to “Reconnect the MIS community for supporting our children’s education” and we held PTA family picnic and fun day for the first event of 2022 using this vision as a guiding principle. The event ended with a great success and in response to popular requests, we’ve decided to hold this event this year again. This time, we prepared following activities; Hip hop classes, Ballet classes, Dodgebee , Basketball and Treasure hunt. There was a little concern about a typhoon, but we had a wonderful weather on that day!

It was a great event for the children and families. Thank you all for coming and thank you especially to Mr.Citrano for your encouragement.

We really appreciated the cooperation to make this event go smoothly!!



☆Schedule for Term 3☆

OPTA Monthly Board Meeting (the 3rd Tuesday of each month) 12:15-13:15

OPTA General Meeting (Date TBA)

○Teachers Appreciation(Date TBA)



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