



# Nanohana-MIS Newsletter

Edition 420 – July 11, 2025

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



As you look through the pages of this latest edition of our Nanohana Newsletter I'm sure that you will be as impressed as I am at all of the incredible opportunities our students have had just since the last newsletter. We have had three different Inter-House Challenges, celebrations of student success, Book Week including the Book Parade, numerous trips (too many to feature them all here), performances, spirit days, sports competitions, cultural learning opportunities & celebrations, assemblies, the Terry Fox Run to benefit cancer research, and both Student Council and House Captain elections.

But I think the most remarkable thing is the day-to-day learning opportunities that our teachers provide, involving differentiated, student-centered, collaborative activities to foster students curiosity, creativity, achievement, and growth. I'm fortunate to be able to see these each and every day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for what they create for our children day in and day out. They are truly remarkable! A special thank you to all of the parents who took the time to come out to this week's Parents' Evenings. We so appreciate being able to partner with you for our students' success!

Looking forward, we have many more opportunities planned (or to be planned) to continue to enhance our students' lives and bring our community together in Terms 2 & 3. Until then, I wish everyone a restful and fun-filled summer vacation. We can't wait to receive a postcard from each child to their teacher telling us of their adventures and how they made them feel. We will welcome you all back on August 25th for a fresh start.



*The most overwhelming key to a child's success  
is the positive involvement of parents.*

*- Jane D. Hull*



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## Upcoming Events

**Sat-Sun 12 July - 24 August**

Summer Vacation

Summer School for the  
First Three Weeks

**Friday 22 August**

Staff Training Day

**Monday 25 August**

First Day of Term 2

**Wednesday 27 August**

G3&4 Swimming - 1 pm

**Wednesday 27-28 August**

Class Group Photos

**01, 03, 10, 17, 24 September**

G3&4 Swimming - 1 pm

**Friday 05 September**

G5 Japanese Assembly - 1 pm

**Saturday 06 September**

PTA Family Fun Day & Picnic

**Monday 08 September**

Clubs Begin

**Thursday 11 September**

Open Day

**Monday 15 September**

National Holiday

**Monday 23 September**

National Holiday



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, went 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 and to plan ahead for next term.

You should have received the optional holiday homework for your children be it the Postcard Challenge for kindergarten students (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 often is beneficial, and we would also ask you to encourage your children to read regularly during the break to maintain their reading skills and language development.

I would like to congratulate the MIS Dragons football team for their performances during their recent games against Tokyo YMCA. The MIS players were full of confidence and good spirits as they tried their best in both matches to score goals and play well as a team. Although both games resulted in losses, the MIS teams played with determination and fulfilled our goal for the games, which was to enjoy playing football together. Please enjoy some photos of the day below. We look forward to more games in Term 2.

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 and exciting term.

## MIS Dragons vs TYMCA Football Friendly Matches



### HOUSE POINT TOTALS

**NILA ON  
TOP!**



**SALE**

Music Recital and  
Bazaar photos  
will be on sale  
until  
July 17, 2025.

Order at: <http://snapsnap.jp/>  
Passcodes were  
sent home  
previously.

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## Kindergarten News



**K1:**  
Making  
Rainbows,  
Naming  
Colours,  
and  
Celebrating  
Tanabata!



**K2:**  
Tending the  
Kindergarten  
in their  
Beautiful  
Jimbei!



**K3:**  
Visiting the  
Tokyo  
Sea Life  
Park  
&  
Showing Off  
Their  
Yo-Yo  
Catching  
Skills!



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**Grade 1 Create Fairytales with Coding in ICT**

In ICT, the Grade 1 students have been learning about programming with Scratch Jr. The students went through a series of lessons to learn how to code using the various command blocks. After they had learnt how to use the command blocks, they were given various fairytale projects to complete. The students watched short videos telling the stories of The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, and Jack and the Beanstalk. They then had to recreate these stories in Scratch Jr!

**Grade 2 Cook Up a Storm and Picnic with their Families**

Grade 2 students recently enjoyed a special day of learning and fun with their parents! As part of the healthy eating unit in PSNS, students prepared their own nutritious lunches. Parent volunteers came to school to assist the students in preparing stir-fry vegetables, frying sausages, cutting up fresh fruits, and packing their own lunchboxes. While making these simple, healthy meals, students also learned basic food preparation skills. The day ended with a picnic at the park, where students enjoyed their meals with their families.



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### G3 Study Famous Artist and Recreate Their Artwork

Grade 3 recently had a fun and creative art lesson based on the work of the artist Joan Miró. They used dice to roll random numbers, which helped decide the shapes they included in their artwork. The students had a lot of fun using their imagination and trying out Miró's colourful, playful style.



### Grade 4 Learn All About Trash

At the Shinminato Clean Energy Centre, the Grade 4 students learned how garbage around the community was disposed of, from being picked up and dumped by a garbage truck to being burned by a hot incinerator. It was exciting to get an inside look at the facility and the Grade 4s enjoyed the unique sights.



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### Grade 5 Take a Trip to the Farm

Grade 5 went on an exciting field trip to The Farm, where they had the opportunity to explore agriculture first-hand. They enjoyed digging up fresh potatoes and picking vibrant red onions straight from the soil. It was very hot, but they had a great time!



### Grade 6 Experience Ancient Traditions

Grade 6 recently learned about the Jomon era in Japan which spanned from roughly 14,000 BC to 300 BC. The students had the opportunity to touch ancient pottery and try making fire by hand. Some students said they felt the spirit of ancient people through the pottery, while others were impressed by how much time and effort it must have taken to make fire every day.



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### Grades 3-6 Get Creative with their Calligraphy!

We celebrated Calligraphy Week the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> where students from Grades 3-6 practiced their handwriting, paying close attention to *tome* (stop), *hane* (flick), and *harai* (sweep).



## Our 2025-2026 Student Council Representatives!



## Our 2025-2026 House Captains!



## Entertaining Glee Club Performance!



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## Amazing Assemblies and Students of the Week!



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## Even More Students of the Week!



## Kindergarten Natsumatsuri!







## Book Parades During Book Week!



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## Inter-House English Word Quest!



## Inter-House STEAM Challenge!



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## Inter-House Challenge!



Congratulations Congratulations Congratulations

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## Terry Fox Run!



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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 (June 28th 2025)



On June 28, under clear blue skies, our school community came together for the annual Terry Fox Run. Terry Fox, a Canadian hero, was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 18 and lost his right leg. Determined to raise funds for cancer research, he ran a full marathon every day with a prosthetic leg.

Inspired by his legacy, Terry Fox Runs are now held around the world, with all proceeds donated to cancer research institutions via the Terry Fox Foundation in Canada. Despite the summer heat, students, parents, and faculty gave their all, running with hope and determination to support advancements in cancer research.





## Bazaar (May 17th 2025)

On Saturday, May 17, our annual Spring Bazaar was held on campus. The PTA hosted a refreshment stand, offering a variety of drinks to help everyone stay cool and refreshed throughout the day.

This year also marked the debut of a brand-new mascot sign featuring “Nano,” a beloved character created by one of our students. Originally named “Fiddles,” Nano was first imagined as part of a summer homework project: “Design a school mascot.” According to the student’s story, Fiddles is a baby alien who accidentally got left behind on Earth when his mother returned to space. Luckily, he found a home at MIS and decided to stay forever—because he loved the school so much.

Thanks to the creativity and dedication of our volunteers, the Nano sign was a big hit with students and families alike!



### ☆Schedule for Term 2☆

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

○Family Picnic Day (Date TBA)



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