



Nanohana—Winter Edition

Edition 424 — December 19, 2025

From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School

I want to wish each and every one of you a holiday season filled with family, friends, and memorable moments. Happy Holidays!

This Winter Edition of Nanohana is dedicated to the special events our students, staff, and parents had the privilege of experiencing. Not only have we continued to have class assemblies, highlight students of the week, and a creative award winner of which you can read about on page 2 – but we have also had enjoyable Glee Club, Strings and Band Concerts, a number of trips, and some visits from Santa to our Pre-School and Kindergarten (photos below). One particularly special event was our Grade 3 Exchange with our neighbors at Utase Elementary School. Students worked in mixed groups to play teambuilding games and interact in other fun ways (photos below). It was a mutually beneficial time for everyone involved. In January, G5 will host students from Utase Elementary School here at MIS for some buddy reading and other fun activities.



Upcoming Events

Monday 05 January
First Day of Term 3

Mon-Fri 05-09 January
Calligraphy Week

07, 14, 21, 28 January
G1 & 2 Swimming – 1pm

Friday 09 January
G2 Japanese Assembly – 1pm

Sat-Wed 10-14 January
Chiba Schools Art Exhibition
Colton Plaza

Monday 12 January
Coming of Age Day
No School

Friday 16 January
G1G Assembly – 1pm

Monday 19 January
Clubs Begin

Mon-Fri 19-23 January
MAP Growth Testing

Tuesday 20 January
PTA Mtg. – 12:15pm

Friday 30 January
G5 Utase Elem-MIS Exchange
G1 Japanese Assembly – 1pm

Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before Dec 19th as after that items will be donated or disposed of.



From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Season's greetings to you all. In this month's Nanohana, I would like to look ahead to the highlights that we have in store for Term Three. The first day of term will be Monday January 05 and we will happily welcome back the students after the winter break. G1 and G2 will continue their ten weeks of swimming lessons starting on January 07. Clubs will begin from the January 19 and end on Friday February 27. On February 27 you will also receive your child's final report of the year. The third and final set of MAP tests for K3 to G6 will happen between January 19 to the 23. Grade 6 will travel to Nagano for their annual ski trip on February 16 for four days. The annual award ceremony

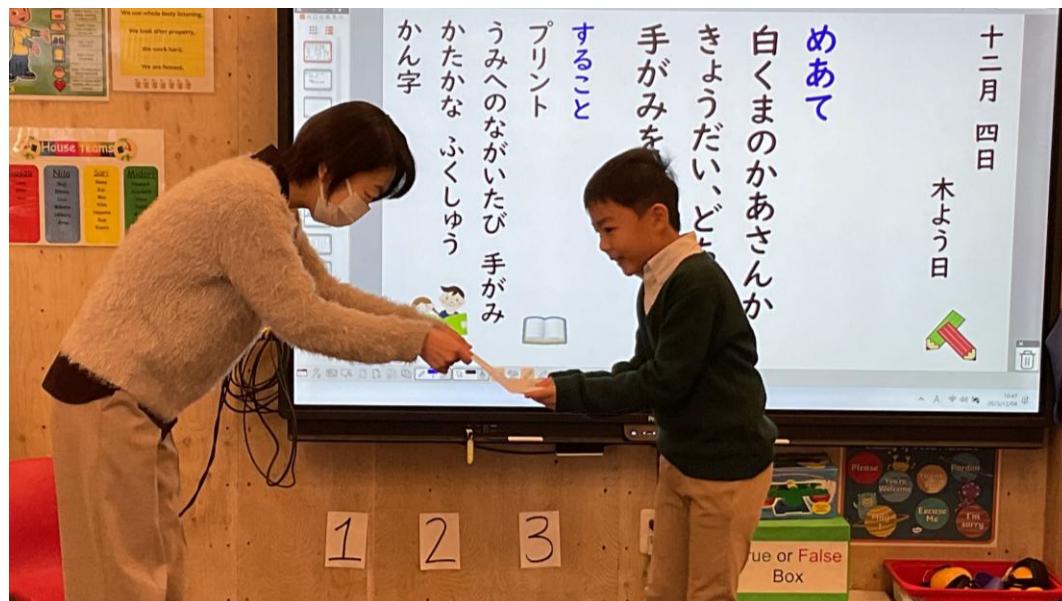
will be held on March 13 where we will celebrate the achievements of the award winners. The MIS Musical will be held on February 26 at 1:15pm. Parents' Evenings will be hosted during the week beginning March 02 and will provide you with the chance to hear from your child's teachers about the progress they have made this year. This will then lead us to the final week of term and the Graduation Ceremonies for K3 and G6. The last day of term will be March 17 and will lead to a much-needed recharge before we begin a new school year in April 2026.



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 5th, I hope you have a wonderful holiday time with your family. All the very best to you.

MIS Student Awarded for Exceptional Creativity in Japanese Writing

Our G1 student received the Excellence Award in the "Future Creator Award" category of the writing contest, 「夏のチャレンジ 全国小学生『未来』をつくるコンクール」 by Benesse. His piece, written on the theme 'If I Could Use Magic' was full of humour and wonderfully original ideas. Congratulations!



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HOUSE POINT TOTALS

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ON TOP!



SALE

Sports Day and
Music Recital
photos will be on
sale until
Dec 31, 2025.

Order at:
<http://snapsnap.jp/>

Passcodes were
sent home
previously.

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Wonderful Assemblies and Students of the Week



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PTA Newsletter

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

REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING



The house team colour banners to be hung on the gymnasium walls are a donation we have planned for many years, originating from a request by the school. To donate these banners, we asked for your vote to obtain approval prior to the special general meeting. Thank you to all the parents and who voted.

98.3% of respondents supported the donation to the House Team banner, and this donation has been approved. The construction work is scheduled for the winter break, which should brighten up the start of the new year for MIS!

ROAD SAFETY

The PTA, in cooperation with the school, has recently submitted a request to Chiba City and Chiba Nishi Police for the installation of traffic lights at the junction in front of AEON STYLE Makuhari Bay Park.

With two new schools opening nearby, we believe raising awareness of road safety will help prevent accidents.

Hanamigawa Ryokuchi Traffic Park (<https://www.chibacity-ta.or.jp/en/spots/hanamigawaryokuchikoutsuukouen>) is one of the places where we can learn road safety.



Hanamigawa Ryokuchi Traffic Park

Family Picnic Day September 6th, 2025

At the Family Picnic Day held in September, the children enjoyed treasure hunt, dancing, kendo, and water play. We extend our gratitude to the teachers, school staff, and PTA volunteers who assisted with the preparations and running of the event.

We also thank the parents who kindly donated drinks from our wish list! Those drinks were sold at the Bazaar and the Family Picnic Day.



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day February, 2026

Upcoming Event!

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held in late February to express our gratitude to our teachers and staff. Further details will be announced at a later date!



For more information, please visit PTA website www.mispta.com.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact contact@mispta.com.