



# Nanohana—MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School



It feels like recent days have been true celebrations of our students' gifts and talents. We were treated on Tuesday to a spirited performance by our MIS Cheer Dance Dolphins followed on Wednesday by a concert by the talented and joyful MIS Glee Club (see photos of these performances on page 2). Such talent!

Yesterday, we were wowed by the students' incredible acting and singing skills at the MIS Matilda Jr Musical! Having watched these young actors and actresses develop their roles over the past months has been an amazing thing to witness. And then to see them pull it all together on-stage was inspiring! Bravo to them! (see photos of the musical on page 11)

I look forward to our upcoming End-of-Year Awards Ceremony for very deserving students who have given their all academically, creatively, and socially to make their school a better place for others. Well-deserved recognition, indeed!

Then, of course, come our K3 and G6 Graduations which undoubtedly will bring tears of joy to many proud parents. Several of our graduating Grade 6 students began in our MIS Pre-School meaning that they have been here for 10 years – witnessing and living the entire MIS experience. Congratulations (in advance) to all of our graduating students as you have made us proud!

## Upcoming Events

**Tues-Thurs 03-05 March**  
Parents' Evenings

**Tuesday 03 March**  
PTA Gen Mem Mtg – 12:15pm

**Wednesday 04 March**  
G1 & 2 Swimming – 1pm

**Friday 06 March**  
G4Y Class Assembly – 1pm

**Thursday 12 March**  
Board Mtgs 1:00-4:30pm

**Friday 13 March**  
End of Year Awards Ceremony  
1:15pm (Gates Open 1pm)

**Tuesday 17 March**  
K3 Graduation – 9:45am  
G6 Graduation – 1:20pm  
Last Day of School

**March 18-April 01**  
Spring Break

**Thursday 02 April**  
First Day of School  
Elem Open Ceremony – 9:30  
Kinder Open Ceremony – 10:40



### Grade 4 Present in Japanese About Universal Design

In Japanese class, the fourth graders gave group presentations about barrier-free features and universal design in their everyday surroundings. They discovered that places such as train stations, aquariums, zoos, airports, and shopping centers all have thoughtful designs and improvements to make them more convenient and accessible for everyone.



### Lost & Found

Please make sure you check the school's Lost & Found in the office before March 17<sup>th</sup> as after that items will be donated or disposed of.





From Mr. Anthony Hall, Deputy Head of School



Greetings from MIS. This week, I'd love to share just how much joy, enthusiasm, and teamwork our Grade 6 students brought to their recent stay at the Rising Sun Hotel. Our Grade 6 Snow Trip was a truly memorable adventure in the beautiful surroundings of Kurohime Kogen, nestled in Nagano Prefecture, where we were lucky to be greeted by plenty of fresh snow. The excitement began right away with a lively snowball fight, sledding, and lots of laughter on the training slopes. Evenings were just as special, filled with delicious family-style meals, time to relax, and plenty of shared fun. On the first night, Mr. Irish brought everyone together for a quiz and an energetic dance-off, while other evenings were spent playing ping-pong, watching a movie, and gathering around a cozy campfire.

Each morning began with a hearty breakfast before heading out to the ski slopes. Students were grouped by experience level, giving them the chance to connect with classmates they might not usually spend time with. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming and such a supportive spirit as everyone encouraged one another and worked hard to improve their skiing. On the final day, excitement was high as the sleds came out for a series of races down the slopes - a definite highlight! The students made the most of every second and were very reluctant to say goodbye when it was time to leave.

The teaching staff were incredibly proud of how our students embraced every opportunity with positivity and determination. The hotel staff should also be commented for their politeness, responsibility, and tidiness - praise that truly reflects the wonderful young people they are. Most of all, the students' beaming smiles throughout the trip said everything. The memories they created together will stay with them for years to come. What a fantastic group of students! Please enjoy looking at the photos of the trip on page 10 of this edition of Nanohana.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

NILA ON TOP!



MIS Cheer Dance Dolphins & Glee Club Shine!



SALE

Winter Performance DVD/Blu-Ray will be on sale until February 28, 2026.

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



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# Kindergarten News



**K1:**  
Planting and Growing Their Very Own Beans!



**K2:**  
Making Dinosaur Fossils Out Of Salt Dough & Balancing in PE!



**K3:**  
Going On A Pokemon Scavenger Hunt!



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## Grade 1 Produce Amazing Fabric Art

In Grade 1, the students have been creating a piece of fabric art. They were able to choose an animal or natural item that they would like to use for their creation. Students then begun creating stencils and cutting fabric that they have been using to create their piece of art. The children have been thinking carefully about what colours and textures they would like to use for their art piece.



## Grade 2 Develop & Refine Their Coding Skills

During STEAM lessons, the G2 students have been using block-based coding to create and sequence instructions. They have also been learning how to use loops to repeat actions more efficiently and simplify their programs. We look forward to seeing them continue to build their confidence and creativity as they develop their coding skills.



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## Grade 3 Study and Create Traditional Aboriginal Artwork

The students in Grade 3 explored art from Australia and learned about traditional aboriginal Australian designs and techniques. They studied patterns, symbols, and colours used in indigenous artworks, then created their own pieces inspired by these native Australian styles. The students showed great creativity and care in their artwork.



## Grade 4 Create Skeletons and Brains

Grade 4 took part in a Straw Structure Challenge! In teams, students used straws and tape to build the tallest free-standing tower they could. They linked this to their science learning about the human body. The straws represented the skeleton, providing structure and support, while a tennis ball represented the brain. Students had to design a strong 'skeleton' that could safely hold and protect the 'brain' at the top. There were a few collapses along the way, but students showed resilience by redesigning and strengthening their structures. A fantastic hands-on way to understand how our skeleton supports and protects the brain.



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**Grade 5 Put their Global Citizenship into Action**

This past year, our G5G students worked hard designing beautiful artwork for the three pillars in our courtyard. They learned how to mix mortar and thoughtfully place each tile to bring their designs to life. Through teamwork and creativity, they turned their ideas into lasting works of art. Please take a moment to enjoy their incredible creations the next time you visit MIS!

G5Y learnt about allergies and anaphylaxis. They then considered how anaphylaxis may affect the MIS community and looked at ways we could support students. This has resulted in the creation of a proposal to purchase spare EpiPens for the school. It has been great to see the students learning about such an important issue and how they can help others.



**Grade 6 Make Real-Life Decisions in Home Economics**

Over the past month, students have been working hard to complete their final Home Economics projects. They carefully planned and prepared their chosen dishes by designing a booklet, researching recipes, and organising their ingredients before cooking. Throughout the process, they demonstrated independence, organisation, and creativity. Dishes created included delicious chocolate brownies, flavourful tacos, and traditional yakisoba. The students should be proud of the effort and care they put into their final projects.



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# Amazing Assemblies & Students of the Week!



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# MIS Matilda Jr. Musical



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