



Nanohana - MIS Newsletter

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From Mr Anthony Hall, Acting Head of School



It has been a pleasure to step into the role of Acting Head of School since the beginning of Term 2, and I would like to thank everyone for their support, encouragement and kindness during this time. I am very happy to share that our first month has been a positive one, with our children continuing to be happy, engaged and excited about their learning at MIS.

Since the beginning of Term 2, our students have enjoyed a wonderful variety of learning experiences and school events, including Open Day, Water Play Day, the PTA Family Fun & Picnic Day, the MIS Rice Paddy Harvest and our New Zealand Schools Visit. These are the experiences that create lasting memories and help strengthen our sense of community. You can see photos and read more about these events throughout this edition of Nanohana.

I would particularly like to thank all of the parents who were able to join us for the PTA Family Fun & Picnic Day with their children. It was heartwarming to see families enjoying the day together, watching their children try new activities, have fun and make memories, while also having the opportunity to meet and spend time with other MIS families. Special thanks go to the PTA team for their event planning and camaraderie on the day.

Our New Zealand Schools Visit once again provided a meaningful and engaging cross-cultural experience for both our students and our visitors. Sixty students and ten principals from schools in the Waikato region of New Zealand spent the day alongside MIS students across the grades, sharing experiences and making new connections.

The opening assembly is always a highlight, with our New Zealand visitors performing the haka and the visiting principals sharing interesting aspects of Māori culture. Our students proudly sang the Japanese national anthem and Momiji, a traditional Japanese song about autumn, for our visitors. It was wonderful to see how quickly all of the students made connections and enjoyed each of the activities together throughout the day.

As we look ahead to the remainder of Term 2, there are many more exciting opportunities and experiences to come. We look forward to continuing to learn, celebrate and grow together as an MIS community, and to sharing these experiences with you.

Upcoming Events

Monday 05 October

G3&G4 Swimming 7

Wednesday 07 October

G3&G4 Swimming 8

Saturday 10 October

MIS Sports Day

Monday 12 October

National Health & Sports Day

14 to 16 October

G5 Residential Trip

Friday 16 October

Spirit Day

K1 Class Assembly 9:45am

G3G Class Assembly 1pm

19 to 23 October

Half Term Holiday No School

Monday 26 October

Change to Winter Uniform

Tuesday 27 October

Tsunami Evacuation Drill

PTA Meeting 12:15pm

Wednesday 28 October

G3&4 Swimming 9

Friday 30 October

Music Recitals

G4 Science Sleepover



Grade 4 took the NZ visitors on a tour of the school. More pictures can be seen on page 2.



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HOUSE POINT TOTALS

TRY YOUR
BEST SARI!

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Midori

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Nila

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Rosso

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Sari



Please join us for the
MIS Sports Day
Saturday 10 October

Where: MIS Field

When: Kindergarten - 9:00-10:30

(Children register in class at 8:30. Gates open at 8:20)

Lower Elementary - 11:15-12:45

(Children register in class at 11:00)

Upper Elementary - 13:30-15:00

(Children register in class at 13:15)

**We look forward to enjoying a fun and action-filled day
with you all.**



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Kindergarten News



**K1 enjoyed making porridge and pretending to be Goldilocks.
Look out bears, there are hungry children about!**



Our role play ice cream shop.



Spirit Day Water Play!



Exploring weight in maths.



Language and Environment: Working on identifying, sorting, labeling, verbalising and writing facts about insects. Learning about life cycles of plants and insects.



Maths: Classifying 2D and 3D shapes; exploring numbers 1-20. Working with number bonds, place value concepts of tens and ones. Understanding that ten ones equal one ten.



Elementary News



In Grade 1, the students are completing various art pieces based on the book "Windows" by Jeannie Baker. In this art lesson, children imagined what the view from the window of a city resident would look like. The children then used charcoal to create their art work. As we go through this unit, the students will be experimenting with various mediums in their lessons.



Students in G2 have been learning about warning signs in our local community, including road safety signs. In this activity, students matched different road signs with their meanings and discussed how these signs help keep people safe.



Grade 3 Boat on the Ocean Pictures.

In art, children have been learning how to blend different watercolor pictures and create a scene from under the ocean using their imagination. They applied pen to dried, blended watercolors to create these beautiful works of art.



As a follow-up lesson, students will design their own warning signs for MIS, focusing on what they think would be important and helpful for our school community.



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In Science, Grade 4 has been working with circuits, first looking at simple circuits with one lightbulb, before building up their knowledge to working with series and parallel circuits, involving two or more lightbulbs. They also learned how to draw circuit diagrams, including batteries, wires, switches, and loads. Finally, they learned what kind of circuits are best to use in different situations. It was a fun time, experimenting with different wire configurations and connections!



Grade 5: Make an equitable city

In Grade 5, students completed a challenge to design an ever-growing city with enough green spaces to ensure it remained equitable and accessible to everyone. As the city grew, it became increasingly challenging to add new features without taking away valuable green spaces.

In home economics this term the Grade 6 students learned how to make (and shop for) fruit salad. It was our first time in the kitchen preparing something. All the Grade 6 students were very serious about the lesson – they assigned different jobs to group members, and were very careful using the knives to prepare all the fruit. A terrific effort for their first time in the kitchen together!



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Kindergarten Assemblies



We celebrated many happy birthdays and stars of the week together in our kindergarten assemblies.



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Congratulations to our many students of the week.



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OPEN DAY

Thank you all for
making this such a
special day together.



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Full STEAM Ahead



Over the summer holiday, we took delivery of some brand new furniture for the spare classroom. This furniture is perfect when we need some extra surface space for the robotics lessons that are taught as a part of our brand new STEAM curriculum.

Grade 5 Rice Harvest



After months of growth, the rice was finally ready to harvest. Grade 5 listened attentively to the instructions and were then able to harvest some rice. Hopefully, we get a good yield.



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Wet Play Spirit Day



The children and teachers had a wonderful time for the first spirit day of the second term. Wet play day has become a favourite for many as the chance to soak your teachers and friends doesn't happen very often. Thank you parents for supporting the day.



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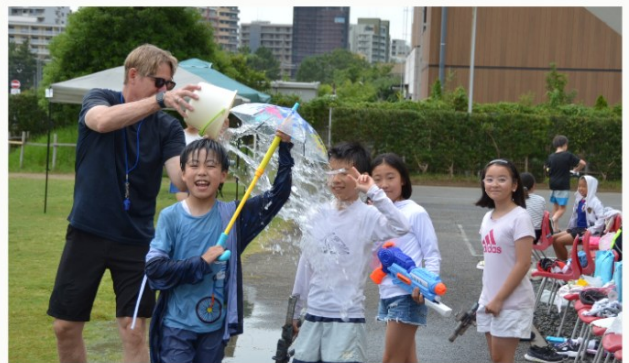
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MIS Family Fun & Picnic Day



Thank you to everyone who came along to the MIS Family Fun & Picnic Day on the 5th of September. The rain held off and the sun made a rare appearance that allowed us to picnic in the sunshine. Thank you very much to the PTA for putting on such a cheerful event. Much fun was had by all.

Please join us for the MIS Terry Fox Run

Saturday 7 November 9:45am-1pm

Where: MIS Field and Playground

What/Why: Family fun walking/running to raise money to support cancer research

How: As the June event was cancelled, a new sign up sheet will be sent to you all soon.

Turn in your Reply Slip by the 2nd of November.

See you on the 7th of November.



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