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The Students' Growth

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Thank you to the many parents and community members who attended our recent Open School Day and Moral Education Open Lesson. In addition to observing your children at school, you also had the opportunity to see a moral education class. As we approach the summer vacation, I encourage you to take time at home to talk with your children about a variety of topics and experiences. Swimming lessons began in June, and the pool area has been filled with the cheerful voices of our students. Seeing and hearing them enjoying themselves under the blue summer sky is truly heartwarming and reminds us of how vibrant and energetic they are.

July is a time to reflect on and consolidate the learning and growth of the first term. Since entering a new grade or starting school in April, students in every grade have participated in a wide range of activities. In addition to their daily lessons, they have taken part in class duties, student committees, *Tatewari* activities, neighborhood walks, social studies field trips, art museum visits, Sports Day, and even the aerial photography event for our school's 150th anniversary celebration. The students have worked very hard throughout these experiences. Each day and every activity has contributed to their growth. Of course, this progress would not be possible without the understanding and support of families and community members. We will continue to take every opportunity to recognize the students' efforts so that they can appreciate their own growth and develop confidence in themselves. Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings will begin soon. We look forward to sharing observations about your child's experiences at school, and we would also appreciate hearing about their growth and experiences at home. By working together, we can continue to support each student's development.

This year, the closing ceremony for the first term will be held on July 17 (Fri). The summer vacation will be slightly longer than usual. We hope that all families enjoy a safe, healthy, meaningful, and enjoyable summer break.

The 150th Sports Day

Sports Day Committee Head

This year's Sports Day was held on May 30 (Sat) as part of our school's 150th Anniversary Celebration. The English translation of the event slogan was "150th Anniversary: Make History, Go Nanzan!" For the past several years, the White Team had claimed victory, but this year the Red Team won by the narrowest of margins. The competition remained extremely close until the final relay race, making it a truly memorable Sports Day that will undoubtedly be remembered as part of our school's history.

One of the most impressive aspects of the event was the students' performances. Each grade demonstrated the results of their hard work and practice, moving and dancing in unison with their classmates. In the sprint races, many students showed great determination as they ran their best all the way to the finish line, and it was wonderful to see them sharing smiles and conversations with classmates afterward. Our fifth- and sixth-grade students not only participated in their own events but also took on important leadership and support roles through various committee duties that helped the Sports Day run smoothly. Their ability to balance both competition and responsibilities in service of the entire school community was truly admirable.

Sports Day was an event where every student had the opportunity to shine. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the support and cooperation provided by families throughout the preparation period. We hope you will continue to warmly encourage and support the energetic and enthusiastic students of Nanzan as they continue to grow and thrive.



July Goal

Reflect on your Studies and School Life in the 1st Term

July Events Schedule

Date	Day	Morning Assembly, Etc.	Events, Etc.	Periods/ Dismissal Time					
				G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
1	Wed	Music Assembly	4 Periods · G1 Japanese Etiquette Lesson	4	4	4	4	4	4
2	Thu	Keisan · Kanji	G6 Roppongi JHS Experiential Lesson · G4 Wheelchair Experiential Lesson	5	5	6	6	6	6
3	Fri	Reading	Tatewari Group Play (Groups 4 · 14)	5	6	6	6	6	6
4	Sat								
5	Sun								
6	Mon	Assembly	Tatewari Group Play (Groups 5 · 10) G1 Life Studies Playing With Water	5	5	5	5	5	5
7	Tue	Kanji · Keisan	Evacuation Drill (earthquake) Tatewari Group Play (Groups 6 · 8)	5	5	6	6	6	6
8	Wed	Class	G1 Art Museum Field Trip · Club	4	4	4	5	5	5
9	Thu	Keisan · Kanji	G3,4 Safety Lesson G5 Scoliosis Check-up Tatewari Group Play (Groups 7 · 9)	5	5	6	6	6	6
10	Fri	Class 1 Questionnaire Class 2 Tatewari	Clothed Swimming (G3~6) · G2 Art Museum Field trip Step Room Indiv. P-T Meetings (~ 17)	5	6	6	6	6	6
11	Sat								
12	Sun								
13	Mon	Pool Closing Assembly	4 Periods · Indiv. P-T Meetings ①	4	4	4	4	4	4
14	Tue	Kanji · Keisan	G6 Swim Meet · 4 Periods Indiv. P-T Meetings ②	4	4	4	4	4	4
15	Wed	Class 1 Tatewari Class 2 Questionnaire	4 Periods · Indiv. P-T Meetings ③ Step Instruction Ends	4	4	4	4	4	4
16	Thu	Safety	4 Periods · School Lunch Ends Indiv. P-T Meetings ④	4	4	4	4	4	4
17	Fri	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony · 4 Periods (Dismissal around 12 : 15)	4	4	4	4	4	4
18	Sat								
19	Sun								
20	Mon		Marine Day						
21	Tue		Summer Break Starts · Summer Swimming ①						
22	Wed		Summer Swimming ②						
23	Thu		Summer Swimming ③						
24	Fri		Summer Swimming ④						
25	Sat								
26	Sun								
27	Mon		Summer Swimming ⑤						
28	Tue		Summer Swimming ⑥						
29	Wed								
30	Thu								
31	Fri		End of Summer Swimming Instruction						

Dismissal Times 4 Periods : 1:15 5 Periods : 2:40 6 Periods : 3:30

※For detailed dismissal times, please check the notifications from each grade and class

School Closure Period in August

All elementary schools in Minato City will be closed from August 1 (Sat) to August 24 (Fri).

During this period, faculty and staff will not be on duty at our school. In the event of a serious accident or emergency, please contact the school's emergency mobile phone at: 080-5381-5411.

Early September Schedule

September 1 (Tue) Opening Ceremony 4 Periods Dismissal around 12:15

2 (Wed) School lunch starts Step instruction begins

Committee activities G1~4 4 Period day G5・6 5 Period day

Notice to All Grades

◆ About the School Evaluation ◆

A QR code for the school evaluation survey will be distributed on June 30 (Tue). We understand you are busy, but we kindly ask that you complete the survey by July 9 (Thu).

◆ About Individual Parent-Teacher Meeting ◆

Thank you for responding to the scheduling survey. The confirmed appointment schedule will be distributed on July 3 (Fri). Please check the date and time and visit the school accordingly. If you are unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances, please notify the homeroom teacher.

◆ Summer Swimming Schedule ◆

Grade 1: July 23, 28 Grades 2~3: July 22, 27 Grades 4~6: July 21, 24

Reception 10:10~10:20 Dismissal 1:00

*Details will be provided in a separate notice regarding swim participation, to be distributed later by the school.

◆ Use of the "Hoka-GO Club" (After-school Program) ◆

After dismissal, the Hoka-GO Club may contact families to confirm their child's attendance. If your child uses Hoka-GO, please confirm with your child each morning whether they will attend that day. We kindly ask that you do not send day-of attendance changes through the school.

◆ Swimming with Clothes (Clothed Swimming Safety Lesson) ◆

Students in Grades 3 to 6 will participate in a clothed swimming lesson on July 10 (Fri). This is part of a safety education program where students learn how to respond in case of an accident in a river or at the sea. Please ensure your child brings all necessary items and comes prepared.

[Items to Bring]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usual swimming gear (swimsuit, towel, swim cap) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-sleeved shirt and long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean shoes (washed in advance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A 2-liter plastic bottle (cleaned and labeled) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bag (for taking home wet clothing) |

Grade Level Notices (July)

Grade 1

○ Art Museum Field trip

On July 8 (Wed), students will visit the Mori Art Museum as part of their art studies. They will walk to the museum wearing their school hats.

○ Taking home of study materials

As we approach summer vacation, starting next week, students will gradually begin bringing their learning materials home. When your child brings home their tote bag, please have them bring it back to school the following day. During the summer break, please keep the learning materials at home and send them back with your child at the start of the second term. We kindly ask you to check that your child's name is written on all items and to replenish any consumable supplies as needed during the break.

○ Taking home morning glory pots

In preparation for summer vacation, we kindly ask parents to take home their child's morning glory plant.

- Please take your child's plant home on the day of your Individual P-T Meeting (July 13 (Mon) to 16 (Thu)).
- Homework will be distributed over the summer break to care for and observe the plant.
- Please have your child bring the plant back to school in September. Even if the plant has wilted, please bring it as is, as we will use it for seed collection and wreath-making activities after September. The schedule for these activities will be shared later.

Grade 2

○Regarding the mini tomatoes

As part of Life Studies, the students have been growing mini tomato plants. We kindly ask that you take your child's potted tomato plant home during the Individual P-T Meeting period and care for it over the summer. Please bring a large bag for carrying the plant. As part of the summer homework, students will observe and record the growth and development of the tomatoes. There is no need to return the pot to school after summer break. However, since the pots may be used again in 3rd grade, we ask that you keep them stored safely at home.

○Art Museum Field trip

On July 10 (Fri), students will visit the Mori Art Museum as part of their art studies. They will walk to the museum wearing their school hats.

Grade 3

○Taking Home the garden balsam plant

As part of our Science studies, students have been growing garden balsam plants. We kindly ask that you take your child's plant home during the Individual P-T Meeting period. (The pot used is the same one previously used for growing morning glories. **Please bring a bag large enough to carry it.**)

Students will have observation homework over the summer, so we also ask for your help with watering and care during the break. In addition, if your child's plastic bottle watering can has become worn or damaged, we would appreciate it if you could provide a new bottle. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Grade 4

○Water and Sewer System Caravan Lessons

Recently, as part of our social studies learning, students participated in a special outreach lesson about water treatment plants, dams, and protected watershed forests. We hope this experience will provide an opportunity for families to reflect together on the importance of water and discuss how valuable this resource is in our daily lives.

○Regarding Integrated Studies

On July 2 (Thu), during the fifth and sixth periods, students will participate in a social welfare experience program. As part of this activity, they will take part in a wheelchair experience and a white cane experience to deepen their understanding of accessibility and the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

Grade 5

○Pre-Camp Health Check for Hakone Summer School August 7 (Fri) gather by 12:50 What to bring: Camp pamphlet, Health Card

※If your child is unable to receive the health check at school, please be sure to have it done at a medical facility and inform the school of the results by the end of the day on August 7.

○ Hakone Summer Camp August 17 (Mon) gather by 7:35
August 18 (Tue) arrival at school around 3:00 (Please understand time may vary due to traffic.)

Grade 6

○Regarding the Junior High School Trial Class

On July 2 (Thu), during 5th and 6th periods, students will participate in a trial lesson at Roppongi Junior High School as part of preparations for next year's transition to junior high school. After the trial, students will return to Nanzan and go home from there. Please check and confirm the dismissal time with your child.

Estimated dismissal time: around 3:20.

Thing to bring: Backpack, water bottle, handkerchief, tissue, pencil case

○Regarding the Swim Meet

Date and Time: July 14 (Tue) 9:10~10:10 (Makeup day July 15 (Wed) 9:10~10:10)

Students will choose the swimming event they would like to challenge themselves in, and their times will be recorded. Please check with your child to see which event they have entered. We warmly invite all parents and guardians to come and watch as this event marks the culmination of the elementary school swimming program and will be a great opportunity to see the results of the students' hard work and practice. Viewing for parents will be available near the stairs leading down to the pool, located to the right of the gymnasium, by the white fence. Thank you for your cooperation and support.