



The Second year of Reiwa is almost over. This year definitely started with Corona and will end with Corona. Due to the Corona disaster, many events and competitions were cancelled, and some schools even cancelled their sports festivals and cultural festivals. At our school, we have been trying to carry out our children's educational activities as much as possible. We spent more time than usual planning and preparing for these activities, always considering the risk of infection and how we can ensure their participation without any worries. We would like to thank all our parents for their understanding and cooperation, even though there were times when we had to limit their participation.

Little by little, competitions and contests for our club activities are starting again. However, since the beginning of December, there has been a rapid spread of the infection and a cluster of corona infections in schools across the country. There is no telling when, who, where, or how the infection will spread. Especially for 3rd year students, we need to make sure that all students are in good condition to take the entrance exams. In the wintertime, it is even more important to ventilate the classrooms, so we use air circulators provided by the town's board of education to open the windows in the hallway and push the air out of the classrooms. In any case, we would like to continue to avoid "3 Mitsu" by wearing masks, washing and disinfecting our hands thoroughly. (3 Mitsu is translated as 3Cs which is closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings)

"Key to your yearly plan is New Year's Day.

Key to your life plan is diligence. Key to your family plan is your health"

The days from January 1st to January 3rd is called "Sanganichi" and until January 7th is called "Matsunouchi". There is a tradition to clean the Shinto altar, Buddhist altar, house, study desk, etc. to welcome the New Year Gods. As a member of your family, you probably have a role in helping out. New Year's Day, the start of a new year, is the time when we can change our minds and approach things with a renewed spirit by cleaning and purifying our minds.

There is an old proverb that says, "The whole year's plan is made on New Year's Day. It means, if you don't have a plan in place, you won't be able to get things done. It is also said that the way you spend the beginning of the year will determine how good or bad the year will be. In fact, there is another part of this saying and it follows, "❶ One's plan for the year should be made on New Year's Day, but one's whole life will be determined by the diligence and hard work one puts into, and ❸ One's health will determine whether or not one can support his or her family.

So, students, as we start the new year, I would like to ask you to set your goals and outlook for the year, put them into action, and make persistent efforts. Also, you must maintain good health both physically and mentally. I hope you are capable of facing these tasks both at school and at home.

We cannot see any signs of the situation being brought under control so we must continue to be very careful. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Principal Katsuhiko Takada

## 【January】



1 / 8 (F) Starting ceremony  
9 (Sa) 10 (Su) Indoor soft tennis tournament  
12 (Tu) No TV day 13 (W) Leave on time day  
14 (Th) 15 (F) 3rd grade assessment test  
19 (Tu) Open school day (period : 1~3,5,6)  
Joint training for all clubs (Opening : 16:10~)  
22 (F) English approval test (Eigo Kentei)  
25 (M) Parental survey  
27 (W) Staff meeting (Leave on time day)  
29 (F) Private school exam JHS entrance orientation (to Anamizu elementary school students)

## 【February】



2 / 1 (M) survey (students) 2 (Tu) Tuition transfer  
JHS entrance orientation (for Koyo elementary)  
4 (Th) Educational advisor visit (C)  
5 (F) Risshi Shiki for 2nd graders  
10 (W) Leave on time day① No TV day  
13 (Sa) Prefectural kendo tournament (at Unoki)  
15 (M) PTA meeting ( 3<sup>rd</sup> time) 16 (Tu) · 17 (W) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade final exam  
18 (Th) JHS orientation day (5th and 6th hour)  
6th graders will come and have a trial lesson  
21 (Su) Eiken(interview) 24 (W) Leave on time day②  
25 (Th) School evaluation committee

※Please check the high school entrance exam schedule from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade's handouts .

# Glory of Anamizu



## ◆The 55th Noto brass band contest

(The 52th Prefectural brass band contest 【the Okunoto branch tournament】) : La Porte Suzu

Second prize **Woodwind Quintet** ( We will not put student names on this page. )

Third prize **Brass Trio** ( We will not put student names on this page. )

Third prize **Mixed Quintet** ( We will not put student names on this page. )

## December Topics

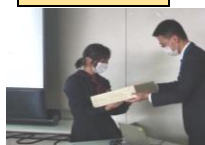
◆**December 3rd (Th)** The town's Human Rights Commissioner read a human rights essay to us. Basic human rights (the right for us human beings to live happily as human beings) are rights that have been obtained through the efforts of many people throughout the long history of the world. We must continue to protect them together. In addition, we are teaching in schools to prevent discrimination, prejudice, and bullying against people with corona infections.



◆**9th (W)** With the cooperation of the Wajima Police Department's Life Safety Division, we held a drill to deal with criminals. This year, only teachers and staff participated in the drill due to the corona. Recently, it gets dark after 5:00 pm in winter. At school, we tell our students not to go home alone, but we appreciate if you could tell it to your children at home as well.



◆**10th (Th)** A taxation class was held for third graders. They talked about specific topics such as the fact that about one million yen of tax money is spent per person for elementary, junior high and high school students to study in school. The students were able to gain a deeper understanding of how tax is used. During the lecture, the students were surprised to hear about Japan's total debt and the fact that some countries have a 35% consumption tax.



◆**15th (T)** Noto was hit by heavy snowfall, but two days later, students took advantage of the sunny weather to enjoy playing in the snow on the playground. As the saying goes, "A child is a wind, full of energy" and I was impressed by the energy of the children who were shouting with joy as they played in the snow. Snowman, a winter tradition, was also made. While adults think of "conquering the snow," the students tend to think of it as "using the snow" and "enjoying the snow."



## Thank you for your warm support

★ We received infection prevention sets (sanitizer, medicated soap, masks, etc.) for all students from the town. The set will be used for thorough hand washing and disinfection when returning home, as well as for winter vacations. The third graders should also utilize them during your examinations.



★ The town committee provided us 23 circulators for efficient ventilation to prevent the infection. They were placed in all classrooms and a staff room. In addition, 6 large cooling fans were placed in the lunchrooms on each floor to prevent heat during summer.



This year, to keep the social distance, students were divided into classrooms and lunchrooms to avoid crowding, but next year, students will be able to enjoy meals at their lunchrooms. We would like to thank you for improving the school environment for our students.



★The entire town suffered from snow damage, including fallen telegraph poles and some fallen trees, which caused buses to be suspended. We were having trouble plowing the heavy, wet snow with our shovels, but Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] kindly removed the snow from the school entrance and parking lot with a snowplow. Thank you for your warm support.