



## How did you think and act in semester one? How would you do that in the summer holidays?

Principal Koshun Hirozawa

3 months have passed by in a blink of an eye since the entrance ceremony on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are now at the closing ceremony. How was the first semester?

First years: Be able to do what's necessary

Second years: Be able to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> years and carry on the tradition

Third years: Be the leader, represent the school



These were the challenges I gave you all in the May newsletter. I was proud to see the first years greeting with loud voices in the morning, and I even saw some of you tidying your shoes in the shoe locker. The second years supported the third years in committee work and the club activities, and because of that you were able to get good results in the club activities. The third years put in all their effort and were serious in doing all things. You all looked like you enjoy yourselves as you participated in group work. In the club activities as well, you led the first and second years and gave all your best in the tournaments. I think all the school years have completed these challenges this semester.



## This summer, think about your way of life



Now, as the last of this semester, I want to introduce to you contents from a recent talk I was most impressed with. Dr. Keigo Koizumi from Toba Kawashima Clinic graduated Jichi Medical University; after working in many hospitals he started working at Toba Kawashima Clinic in 2009. This island has a population of 330, with 70% being elderly people! One thing he said that really left an impact on me was, "Do whatever anyone can do harder than anyone else. Also, I want to be used by the people of this area." Another thing he said that supported the previous sentence was, "I want to give as much care to this island as it has trusted me. For the people on this island, I want to do the best of my abilities." Not only did Dr. Koizumi do that but he went beyond and researched about what was needed by the people of this island. He said that his way of life was to change himself to fit the situation. This talk made me think about what it meant to live in the area, and to be used by the area.

The long summer holiday will start tomorrow. For the first years that are interested in all kinds of things, think about how you will use this time to live your life. The 2<sup>nd</sup> years will be doing work experience; think about what it means to work. The 3<sup>rd</sup> years will have open day at the high schools; take this time to think about your future.

This will be the first and last time you will have this particular summer holiday, and you will have much time to yourself. I wish for this to be a summer holiday where you will be able to fill whatever void you have in your hearts.

### July

**25, 26 (Mon, Tues) Parent teacher meeting  
(distribution of report cards) in the afternoon**

27, 28 (Wed, Thurs) Workplace Experience (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### August

2 (Tues) Tuition payment due date

4 (Thurs) School day

10 (Wed) ~ 16 (Tues) Refresh Week  
School Closed

Please contact the bureau in case of emergency

21 (Sun) School cleanup day (backup 28<sup>th</sup>, Sun)

24 (Wed) ~ 31 (Wed) Sports Festival Practice Week  
Extra Classes

### September

September 1 (Thurs) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Opening Ceremony, Sports Festival rehearsal

2 (Fri) Sports Festival preparation day Tuition payment due date

3 (Sat) Sports Festival < School Day > (backup 4<sup>th</sup>, Sun)

5 (Mon) Off Day

7, 8 (Wed, Thurs) Achievement test (1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Academic ability test (3<sup>rd</sup>)

9 (Fri) Railroad Accident Evacuation Drill (3<sup>rd</sup>)

10 (Sat) 11 (Sun) Oku-Noto freshmen tournament

12 (Mon) NO TV DAY 13 (Tues) Supervisor visit B

14 (Wed) 2<sup>nd</sup> period student council election

16 (Fri) Traffic safety

22 (Thurs) Health checkup for school trip (3<sup>rd</sup>)

28 (Wed) ~ 30 (Fri) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade school trip

30 (Fri) School Bus trip (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)



## End of all club competitions

The last tournament for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students has come to an end. Looking back, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders worked for three years with many restrictions on competitions due to COVID-19. However, everyone did their best and we have reached the end of the competition.

The tournament was held in hot weather, but many parents were there to cheer the students. Thank you very much for your support.

6/25 (Sat) 26 (Sun) Pref T&F tournament  
7/9 (Sat) 10 (Sun) Tsushin T&F  
7/16 (Sat) 17 (Sun) 18 (Mon) Pref tournament  
7/17 (Sun) Brass band prefectural competition

### \* Congratulations! \*

Track and Field (Prefectural tournament)

Boys 400m 6<sup>th</sup> place

Women's Long Jump 7<sup>th</sup> place

Girls 4×100m Relay 8<sup>th</sup> place

Track and Field (Tsushin)

Boys 400m 5<sup>th</sup>

Girls 100m 7<sup>th</sup>

Girls table tennis Group 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Brass band (Prefectural tournament) Gold

Well done to the table tennis, soft tennis and kendo team.



## Open School Day July 11<sup>th</sup> (Mon) Pure Kid's School (1<sup>st</sup> grade) 3<sup>rd</sup> hour

We welcomed Mr. Konishi and Mr. Kawabuchi from Nanao Police Station to our school to hold "Pure Kids School", a juvenile delinquency prevention class for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. The students learned what crime is, how things lead to crime and what to do in such cases with specific examples.



## Crime Prevention class (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) 5<sup>th</sup> hour

We welcomed Mr. Mizuguchi from Wajima police department (a graduate from Anachu) and Mr. Enmei and they gave us lectures on self-defense, and how to ride a bicycle safely.



## Job Café visiting lecture 7/13 (Wed)

Before the Waku-Work work experience, we welcomed Ms. Morita from Job Cafe Ishikawa, who taught us greetings, language and attitude as "preparation to become working people". On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, students will choose between 22 workplaces to complete the experience. Everyone took this lecture very seriously.



## Town cleanup 7/20 (Wed)

Before the Hasebe Festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, all students helped to clean up the local area around the shopping street and Anamizu Station. The cleanup was a way to express our gratitude to the local community, and at the end of the cleanup, the town hall gave us words of thanks and beverages. We are looking forward to the festival this weekend.

### Preparation for Sports day will begin!

#### Groups

Blue 1-1 2-2 3-2

Red 1-2 2-1 3-1

9/3 (Sat) Sports day 8:40-12:00

2 family members are allowed to visit

○The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will use the summer vacation to practice cheering dancing and making flags for their groups.

○1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will start practicing cheering and each sports program in the end of August.

### Goodbye !



Thank you everyone for the past year and 8 months. It's amazing to see how much you've grown in this short time. Hopefully, I have broadened your horizons and you've learnt about new cultures during this time.

Do try to do your best in learning English; you never know when you'll need to use it in the future;)

I hope that you can welcome the new ALT and treat them as kindly as you did with me.

Gabrielle Ting



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