

September 2017



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AICHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER



Dear AIS families and friends,

Welcome back to AIS, and an especially warm welcome for those families who have joined this month. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday, and that you are looking forward to starting Term 2 at AIS.

In September, we have a number of events to look forward to:

Throughout September, the students will continue to go swimming at Central Fitness. We are impressed with their progress so far, and it is great to watch them exercising and staying healthy.

On September 14th, we will welcome the Meito Police team into school to give a presentation on road safety as pedestrians and cyclists. We hope that the students learn from this and it helps them to stay safe whilst out and about.

On September 22nd, we will have Cultural Day, focusing this term on Germany. On this day, the students do not have to wear school uniform, but may wear clothing in black, red or yellow. The students will also enjoy a presentation on Germany, given by Noe's mother and Luka's father. Thank you for sharing your country and culture with the AIS students.

Finally, on September 29th, AIS will host a new event for elementary students: A Spelling Bee Competition. A spelling bee is a competition between contestants to find out who is the best at spelling words in English. We wish everyone the best of luck, and we hope that all the students have fun competing alongside their friends.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. We look forward to working with all families over the course of the second term, here at Aichi International School.

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October 2017

- October 2nd ... Winter Uniform optional
- October 23rd ... Winter Uniform mandatory
- October 27th ... Halloween Party



Grade One

Hello Parents,

Welcome back to a new school term. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break! I am sure the children enjoyed spending time with their family and friends and got sufficient rest to start the new term. I am looking forward to what this term has in store for all us.

This will be an active term and with several upcoming events and I am sure our children are all ready to participate and create great memories doing so. This month we will be having our first Spelling Bee contest and I hope students have studied over the summer holidays and are ready to give it their best.

In English, we will be starting a new theme, Family and Friends. Children will be working on their creative writing skills, and also more reading and comprehension assignments. In Math, we will be investigating patterns and spatial sense. For Life, we are continuing the human body and taking care of our health and in Art; students will continue to work on puppetry.

Lastly, I am excited to guide our children as they continue to thrive as they grow and develop both in the social and academic areas! Let's continue to support them as we work together to meet their needs preparing them for the global arena! This term will be another fantastic one!! Thank you parents for the continuous support and looking forward to the ongoing partnership!

Ms Hunter

Grade Two

Dear Grade Two Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer Vacation. I'm really looking forward to hearing about all of the great adventures the students enjoyed during the break. I know you are all feeling refreshed and ready to start the second term.

This month in Language Arts, we will start a new topic: Our Neighborhoods. We will be talking, thinking and writing about the people and places around where we live. In Life Sciences, we will be studying about rocks, soil and geology. In Mathematics, we will be learning about lines, shapes, angles and vertices. Fun Stuff! We will also resume swimming in PE class. Please remember to bring your swimming gear to school on Wednesdays .

Our special event for September is the Spelling Bee! Students will get a chance to Show off their spelling knowledge and have fun doing it. Sounds awesome, right? It's good to be back to school. I look forward to having a great Autumn learning together.

Sincerely,
Mr. Meek

Grade Three

Hello Grade Three Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer; I look forward to hearing all the children's holiday news. I'm sure everyone is feeling refreshed and full of zest for the new term.

In English, we will be trialling a new buddy reading session to promote reading for pleasure. We will also be starting a new class book. It is one of my personal favourites- The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. In science we will be moving onto a new topic The Earth's Surface which will give us lots of opportunities to create practical models, participate in investigations and write explanation texts. In social studies, we will learn more about recycling through the presentation of homework projects and other tasks. In art we will begin to explore Pop Art.

September will also include a trip to a local supermarket organised by Ms Uno as part of the Japanese social studies curriculum. All students will participate and I look forward to joining the class for this experience. We will of course end the month with the school's first spelling bee, I'm sure we will have fun cheering on our Grade 3 competitors!

Ms. Clarke

Grade Four

Hello Everyone!

Welcome back to AIS for Term 2! I hope everyone's summer vacation was exciting, relaxing, busy or whatever you wanted it to be.

Term 2 is always the most intensive of the school year and we'll be beginning with a brand new event; the Spelling Bee! I hope all my students took advantage of the homework I provided and practiced for this.

Other than this, I expect G4 to get straight back into routine. I'll be looking to start a guided reading program this term and I have selected a book for us to study as a class. This will be a nice change from the short stories we looked at in term one.

One more thing I'll add is that this term will be a lot stricter about English usage and I will be really pushing to keep Japanese use confined to Japanese class during the school day. I expect I will have the full support of parents with this.

Looking forward to another fun and productive term at AIS!

Mr. Coote

Grade Five

Welcome back everyone!

I hope that August was a well rested and fun filled break. My family welcomed my mother for her first visit to Japan. It was a great chance to show her the many things we love about Japan and recharge for the upcoming term. I look forward to talking with the kids about their adventures and chances to enjoy a few weeks of "R and R" (rest and relaxation).

In G5, we will explore new topics for this term, while working through our English and Math texts, projects, and online resources. For Math, G5 will work with math sentences and order of operations. We will take time in English to study up for our class and school wide Spelling test by looking at root words, prefixes, and suffixes. Continuing our units of writing, we will focus our next assignment on researching important people in history and writing a biography.

In PE this month, we will start a new unit exploring the game of Tee-Ball. Tee-Ball (also known as tee ball or t-ball) is a team sport based on and simplifying baseball and softball. It is intended as an introduction for children aged 4 to 8 to develop ballgame skills and have fun. As September is a popular time for baseball and softball, please feel free to discuss and watch any games that may come on television. There are many professional and college teams to choose from!!

Mr. Richardson

Elementary

Dear AIS families

Welcome back to the second term at Aichi International School. I am looking forward to working again with G4, G5 and G6 in maths, social studies and art.

July Schedule

In G4 Maths, the topic is division of whole numbers. The students will learn about factors of numbers (e.g. 12: 1,2,3,4,6,12), estimate calculations based on known facts (e.g. 567/7 is close to 560/7=80), and perform actual calculations with checks (e.g. 607/52=11R3). I will send home the unit test at the end of the month so you can see their progress.

In G5 Social Studies, the students will learn about the continent of Africa at the same time as learning about life in Ancient Egypt.

In G5/6 Art, we will start a new topic on the Principles of Design. During September, we will look at balance and emphasis in art.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mr. Morris

Elementary

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic vacation. The second term is the most exciting yet busiest term of the year.

This month, we are all looking forward to the Spelling Bee and know the students all studied very hard during the summer holidays to prepare for this no annual event. In the music department we look forward to preparing for Halloween, our Hoshigaoka Terrace Concert and the Christmas Concert. This year we will be doing a musical called A Penguin Christmas. The students will be learning five new songs for the Christmas Concert. Each class will also be doing their own skits and a class Christmas song. It's going to be lots of fun and I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months.

Spelling Bee (Why Bee?)

Historically the word *bee* has been used to describe a get-together for communal work, like a husking bee, a quilting bee, or in our case, a spelling bee.

Mr. Wade

Grade Six

Dear Grade 6 Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful summer, and are ready for a big, and very important term 2! The grade 6's will be busy preparing for junior high school exams, and may have a lot of stress. It is important to maintain a good balance of work, rest, and play to help them achieve their goals.

This term, I want to grade 6's to choose their own books to read, and do creative reports about them. In addition, I would like them to write some short opinion pieces about give topics, to prepare them for a project later on in the term. In Math, we will be studying speed, time, and distance, and in Social Studies we will continue studying ancient civilizations, this time focusing on the Roman Empire. In PE, I am excited to have the students transition their skills from kickball to baseball, and improve their throwing and catching skills.

I hope the students make a good effort for the upcoming Spelling Bee, as well as all projects and events this busy term. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mr. Collett