

# HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2026



**Grade 5 Exhibition**

The Grade 5 Exhibition was held this past week. Grade 5 Students spend 7 weeks conducting research and developing a central idea and lines of inquiry on a topic they are passionate about. During the process, they met with their teachers, interviewed and surveyed students, spoke with experts, and were supported by their staff mentors. It was an intensive process that recognized their knowledge of the Primary Years Programme and their maturation as students in preparation for the Middle School.

All students delivered speeches to their families to introduce their topics and build interest in their work. The morning was spent sharing their knowledge and, in the end, guiding us to action on the topic of their work. Thank you to Ms. Stinemetz, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Hei for their guidance through this process.

Golden Week Holidays will be May 4-6 next week. The school is closed during this time. We hope you enjoy this family time together.

## MAP Testing

Your child will be participating in the MAP Growth Assessment. All students will take the MAP Growth Assessment starting the week of May 11th, for approximately 30-45 minutes a day, on two occasions. Students will have the opportunity to take breaks during and between assessments if needed.

The MAP Growth Assessment for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students is a personalized assessment tool that helps us understand your child's unique strengths and areas for growth in two selected academic areas: reading and maths. Unlike traditional standardized tests, MAP adapts to your child's individual skill level, providing a tailored learning experience that meets them exactly where they are.

## UPCOMING DATES

### Golden Week Holidays

May 4 - 6

### MAP Testing

March 11 - 15

### School Concert

May 22

### Sports Day

May 26

### PYP Promotion Ceremony

June 9

### Last Day of School

June 10



## Yoyogi Friends Meeting

Last week, we had Ms. Takeuchi present to parents about children accessing the ROBLOX platform and how to be a safe and supportive parent. She emphasized the need for parent involvement, setting up parent controls on the platform and setting limits on time and spending.

Visit Roblox Parent Guide:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203313410>

## Yoyogi Friends New Roles

On May 14, we will meet to choose a leadership team for next year's Yoyogi Friends. The new roles will be open to volunteers or nominations. It is not a competitive process, and we encourage anyone interested to put their name forward. Please join us as we begin preparations for the next school year. The Yoyogi Friends' roles include:

 <b>Treasurer</b> Funds will be received, dispursed and recorded by parent treasurer. -Add a security check -Decision how and when?	 <b>Leadership Team</b> There will be a core group of parents responsible for the organization and continuity of planning and gathering resources. Own chat group.	 <b>Event Leaders</b> Leaders will volunteer to run specific events and serve as the point of contact. May change throughout the year.
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We encourage open communication between the parents and the classroom. If you have questions, please:

Head of School

K - Grade 5 Principal/ PYP Coordinator

Grade 6 - Grade 8 MS Principal

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*Term 3 Progress Reports will be available for parents on Toddle on Tuesday, June 8.*

*Class lists for the 2026-2027 School year will be set by the teaching staff. The goal of the placements is to create the best learning and social situation for all students. This process, which focuses on the needs of all students in the grade, is completed by teachers. Parent or student requests for teachers or classmates are not permitted.*





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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

**REGISTRATION NOW  
OPEN**

- Kindergarten - G8 (including incoming Kindergarten)
- June 15 - July 31 (7 weeks, weekly enrollment) at 8:30-15:30
- Extended Care at 15:30-17:00
- School Bus Service
- Kiwi Kitchen Lunch
- Gym day at the Olympic Center
- Weekly Excursion (G2-G8)
- Japanese Class (Optional)



## Summer School Fees

- Weekly cost 70,000 yen/week
- Extended Care 20,000 yen /week
- School Bus Service 20,000 yen/week



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