



CJSS Newsletter

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END OF TERM 1, WINTER HOLIDAYS FROM TOMORROW



Today we had the closing ceremony of term 1. Starting from the entrance ceremony on April 28th, we have had 11 lesson days, but how did you feel about your child's growth? In particular for the year 1 students, it was their first lessons using textbooks, so there may have been a lot of confusion.

Some children seem to be integrating smoothly into Hoshuko, and some others seem to be taking a bit more time. This is to be expected. In overseas life, when the child begins something new, the parent's lifestyle changes greatly, and there may be difficulties, but we ask that the parents react calmly.

The Winter holiday is 3 weeks. For the children, it will no doubt be a fun winter holiday, but there will be homework reviewing the work done in term 1. We ask you to guide your children to achieve it steadily.



Congratulations

From term 2 I will be going on maternity leave. We are expecting a baby girl in September. Whenever you are struggling during lessons, please think "I'm not alone." There are friends who work together with you, teachers that cheer you on, and most importantly your family. In the future, there will be a time when you look back on the difficult times you overcame with pride. Please do your best!

Minako Watene

After the closing ceremony, the Tanabata assembly was held by the student council. We had stories and a quiz on the origins of Tanabata. It seemed that the interest in Tanabata had spread. Children wrote wishes on strips of paper provided by the parents, and tied them onto bamboo grass. We also decorated them with origami etc. It would be nice for the dreams to come true!

On July 6th (Fri) the parental committee went out and gathered bamboo shoots for Tanabata. They picked ones with good leaves, and gathered bamboo for decoration and bamboo to take home. It seems easy, but it took quite a long time. We are grateful for this kind of work the parental committee does behind the scenes. Thank you very much.



On July 1st (Sun) the year 9 students held a sausage sizzle. They prepared for it early in the morning, and worked very hard. We are glad to hear that there were a lot of sales. We look forward to the graduation camp in January. Thank you very much.



A notice from the New Zealand Police

Hello everyone, I am Shonosuke Deguchi, a New Zealand police officer. We strive for crime prevention and traffic safety, aiming to keep the community safe. From my 20 years of living in Christchurch, I hope that I can be helpful to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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Shonosuke Deguchi

(Mr Deguchi is a graduate of Hoshuko)