

G'Day everyone! We have reached the end of July, and as such, the end of Term 1 at Kei-Sho. At the start of July we had our end-of-term tests, and on the 20th of July, we had our Closing Ceremony. This was the last day that students would need to come to Kei-Sho for the school term (although there are still Summer classes).

Term 1 of 2023 has been full of excitement. Being the first time in several years where Covid-19 has not caused large restrictions on classes and events. With school starting in April, we had the school trips after Golden Week in early May, the sports day in late May, various small events in June, including the dance club performing at the Hydrangea Festival, and lastly tests and the closing ceremony in July.

It has been a busy yet exciting few months, and it feels weird to think that this year is actually the 'normal' for Kei-Sho. Especially since, having only worked here for 4 years, this is my first 'normal' term 1 at Kei-Sho.

Closing Ceremony:

As usual, the term ended with a Closing Ceremony, which was held on the 20th of July. This ceremony was held as 'normal',



but there were a few differences to how we have held them recently.

Firstly, the ceremony started by playing the school song, with students and teachers singing along to it. This was the first time to sing the song since Covid-19 began. This was followed by a speech from the principal, telling students to work at improving themselves over the summer holiday. Then, as is common in school assemblies, this opportunity was taken to give students the awards that they had earned in various activities, such as passing examinations and winning competitions as part of club activities. After this there were speeches from the career and lifestyle guidance teachers. These two speeches encouraged

students to study, think about their futures and be careful during the summer holidays. This concluded the closing ceremony.

Start of Summer Holidays:

With the closing ceremony, and by extension term 1, over at Kei-Sho, the summer holidays have now begun. Although students and teachers will still be coming to school for club activities and summer classes. I expect that many students already have plans for where they will go and what they will do during these holidays. I will be going home to Australia to meet my friends and family. But I want to take this chance to remind students to be careful in their lifestyles, and to make sure to finish any summer homework that they might have early, so that they don't end up panicking at the end of August. - Llew