

Kei-Sho Chronicle –

April 2025

New Beginnings

This Issue:

- Entrance Ceremony
- Opening Ceremony

Welcome back to a new year at Kei-Sho, and another year of Kei-Sho Chronicles. Like every year, April is a month of New Beginnings. With the Entrance Ceremony, we have welcomed another grade of students at Kei-Sho. This year the Sakura trees were in bloom alongside our Entrance Ceremony, blessing our students with an ideal Spring start. The first few months are busy, but I'm excited for another year at Kei-Sho.

Graduation Ceremony:

With the spring school holidays over, we are beginning a new school year. The first event of the year was the entrance ceremony on the 4th of April. The weather was bright and sunny, making it a warm welcome to our new first-year students. It was quite different to the cold and snowy day that we had for the closing ceremony only three weeks ago.



Just like the graduation ceremony, this event felt very special with the gym decorated with *kōhaku maku* and the teachers wearing black suits with white ties. Keika's excellent band provided the music which really added to the atmosphere.

The new students walked in, while their parents proudly clapped and took photos. Then the principal and representatives from the PTA and the older classes gave a welcome speech. One of the new students replied with a speech on behalf of his classmates.

Starting out at a new school or job is always a bit daunting. I remember feeling very nervous on my first day as a high school student! **Let's all try and help the new students to settle in as best we can, and give them a warm welcome to Kei-Sho!** - *Brendan*



Opening Ceremony:

The first day where all our students gathered was the Opening Ceremony on the 8th of April. Before the ceremony could begin, we had to welcome the new 1st year students into the school. With warm applause from the 2nd and 3rd year students, the 1st year students entered the hall. Then, the student council president gave a speech welcoming the 1st years, alongside a bouquet of flowers.

After the 1st years were welcomed, the Opening Ceremony was able to begin. Like every year, it started with the school song, a speech from the principal, and an introduction of the new teachers. This year, there were 3 new full-time teachers. For some reason, I was introduced as well. I'm new now!

With the Opening Ceremony over, the school year has now officially started at Kei-Sho. Once the orientation ends, classes will begin, and students will have to get back into the rhythm of school. To the new 1st year students, and the continuing 2nd and 3rd year students, **let's all do our best and make the most out of this New Beginning!** *-Llew*

