

# JAPAN SCHOOL NEWS

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## The Duke of Edinburgh Challenge



**Students from the British School in Tokyo during a Duke of Edinburgh Award challenge.** EVERGREEN OUTDOOR CENTER

The last patches of slushy snow are melting here in Hakuba, giving way to the gorgeous greenery that will soon carpet the valley; spring is in the air. Here at Evergreen Outdoor Center, we are delighted with this season's start, because alongside our daily lake and mountain tours, we have been fortunate enough to assist The British School of Tokyo with their recent "DofE" (Duke of Edinburgh) expedition.

For those of you unfamiliar with Prince Philip's Duke of Edinburgh Award, it is simply an incredible

initiative for young people to get out into the great outdoors. In order to attain the award, participants are required to learn a new skill, a sport, volunteer in the community, and complete a self-sufficient, self-guided expedition. These goals stimulate responsibility, leadership, perseverance, and independence in young people, as well as giving them a skill set that will stay with them for life. Designed for those aged between 14 and 24, and broken into three awards — bronze, silver, and gold — it is the optimum op-

portunity for our young people to take charge of their ambitions and achieve their goals. Since this award's creation in 1956, it has extended to 140 countries around the world, and luckily for us, Japan is one of them!

We are very pleased that Tokyo's British School runs the DofE awards program, and we are excited to have been a part of that over the past few years. Just this last month, two of our guides went to assist with their bronze hiking expedition. The participants had carefully pre-planned their route, and by exercising their newly acquired map and compass skills, successfully guided themselves on a two-day hike, up and over the mountains west of Tokyo. Their heavy packs containing their camping and hiking equipment did not weigh them down, and this was evident by their admirable camaraderie, great team work, and enthusiastic energy!

Hakuba has provided an idyllic location for the DofE in previous years, with peaks just shy of 3,000 meters, permanent snowfields to scramble over and hundreds of hiking trails. These Alps have provided the challenges and adventures sought after by those participating. Alongside the expeditions themselves, those doing the awards have also been working alongside our outdoor guides in pursuits such as mountain biking, kayaking, and canoeing. Once they have a good grasp of a sport, our guides teach them how to lead the activities, which they then do for the younger students. In just a few days they are developing their confidence, communication skills, and capabilities. The level of leadership and maturity displayed by these youths is really something!

The vision behind this award is something that we here at Evergreen fully support, as we too love to see young people fully engaged with their surroundings and developing an aptitude for adventure and activity; there is a lot of potential for this program here in Japan. I thoroughly look forward to working once more alongside the British School of Tokyo for their next DofE trip to Hakuba this coming fall!

We live in a day and age that is so heavily inspired and influenced by modern technology that sometimes it can be easy to lose sight of the natural world around us. We can "see" the world through the screen of our iPad, and "socialize" with our peers over Facebook. As a result of this, the incentive and desire for young people to go out and acquire outdoor abilities and develop their social skills is becoming less and less; perhaps it is time to nudge our youths off the couch and out the front door, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award is an excellent way to do that.

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## NewIS working with the Andy Warhol Museum



**Stefan Hoffman creating a mural with some of the students for the NewIS reception.** NEWIS

New International School (NewIS) was privileged to be able to participate in a special project at the invitation of the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of their exhibition at the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo.

Staff from the museum came and introduced Warhol's work to the students, invited them to the exhibition, and donated the plates needed for

silkscreen printing to the school. The museum then had Stefan Hoffman, a Dutch artist, spend two full weeks at the school. Mr. Hoffman makes site-specific works of art in places all around the world, using primarily silkscreen printing techniques on glass windows. Using mostly images from public and private signs, his work challenges the viewer to make distinctions between the reality of interpreting the existing visual landscape of the surrounding city or town, and the meaning of his reinterpretation of those signs in his artwork.

Mr. Hoffman was able to speak with NewIS students in depth about what it means to be a working artist, how art is bought and sold today, and what that means about our society. He also worked very hard to encourage the students to discover different techniques with screen printing, through numerous small group sessions, where students made T-shirts, prints on paper, prints on glass, stencil prints, and image transfers in Photoshop.

The temporary mural on the glass walls in the school's reception area is the final work created by Stefan and the students, and represents the teaching and learning that went on over the two-week period of his residency. Images from students, as well as six major themes studied from the philosophy of Andy Warhol, are included in the visual layout of the work. — ADAM HOSMER

## Kailua students graduate with the aloha spirit



**Mixed feelings on graduation — Ryunosuke is happy to graduate but sad to leave Kailua.** ROBERT GOMEZ

Kailua International School celebrates the aloha spirit of kindness, sharing, forgiveness, respect, love, and gratitude (KSFRLG, as they are known at Kailua). Each happy learning experience during the school day is guided and inspired by KSFRLG. The aloha spirit values education and is part of all learning areas.

March's two-hour graduation ceremony also

showcased this spirit. The first part of the event had all homeroom classes performing songs and dances to welcome, congratulate, and send off the graduates. As a tradition, the graduating class presented a short play, "The Menhune Ditch," a legend about a watercourse irrigation system in Hawaii that was built with the aloha spirit of friendship, cooperation, and love.

The graduates marched in to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," as their proud parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends enthusiastically applauded them. Five graduates from the school years 2011, 2012, and 2013 delivered speeches, encouraging the class of 2014 to gain more friends via the aloha spirit in their new schools. Graceful hula dancers from the Halau o Kealarosela (a school that teaches hula to all Kailua children) added to the liveliness of the day. Guest speakers were Mr. Hiroshi Koishi, a councilman from Funabashi City, and Mr. Harunobu Nagano, the principal of Tachibana Pre-School in Tsudanuma, Chiba.

Kailua teachers and staff sang the final song of the day — "Kotobani Dekinai: It's time to say goodbye, remember us in your hearts." With that song, the ceremony ended and graduation 2014 became an indelible part of the Kailua chest of great memories. Mahalo and aloha! — ROBERT GOMEZ

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# Kid City at Okinawa Christian School International



**A first-grade student works as a clerk at the store for Kid City.** FABIAN GOSIN

Starting in January at OCSI (Okinawa Christian School International), first- and second-grade teachers began planning for a never-before held event — Kid City, where the students could practise their oral language and maths computation skills in as close to a real-life setting as possible.

Inside their classrooms, the teachers and students began learning about how the various places in a city work, the essential vocabulary and common dialogue that goes with those places, and how to conduct business as producers in the community. Then, on April 3, the teachers and parents set up the whole gym to look like a mini city, including a park, a town hall meeting area, and ten establishments: a bank, city hall, hospital, pharmacy, police station,

church, post office, store, restaurant, and school. The students entered “Kid City” in wide-eyed wonder and jittery excitement; they were eager to get started.

Each student was given a task card with two jobs as a producer and seven tasks as a consumer. After some opening remarks from the elementary principal, Anne Bezner, Kid City was in full swing as half of the busy first- and second-graders completed their tasks, and the other half worked at their jobs. There was wonderful dialogue and authentic use of maths skills as the students took on their roles very seriously.

This is definitely an event the school would like to continue in the years to come! — SARAH TURNER

## Summerhill's charity gala



**Summerhill Director Monique Deguchi (centre) receives her anniversary cake and banner from room parents Nao Fujii and Chalice Markowitz.** ALEKSANDAR DRAGICEVIC

Summerhill International School held a black-and-white-themed charity gala on March 7, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel to celebrate the school's tenth anniversary. It was a great evening of fun, food, dancing, and charity. All the proceeds from the event's silent auction and raffle will go toward building a playground for Melon Hoikuen in Ishinomaki, Miyagi through the organization

Playground of Hope. Melon Hoikuen's operations were greatly affected by the disaster of March 2011. Its attendance tripled since schools nearby closed due to damage from the tsunami. The playground equipment is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced.

From the gala proceeds, Summerhill donated over ¥2.3 million to Playground of Hope. It was a great example of kids helping kids, as Summerhill students painted furniture and created amazing art pieces that were donated to the silent auction. “We are so proud that the Summerhill community — teachers, parents, sponsors, and friends of the school — really came together to demonstrate to our children that philanthropy is important,” said Sandra Shen Buschmeier, head of the Summerhill Parents Association. “It was also a great excuse for us to throw a fun party and show our appreciation to Monique and the teachers for giving our kids a wonderful environment in which to learn and grow.”

The Black & White Gala was a great success, and a happy tenth anniversary for Summerhill International School.

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The new PALIS is focusing on students in the age range of 11 months to 5 years old, using the British Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum to guide their instruction. EYFS features a balanced mixture of both teacher/specialist-delivered curriculum, and student self-guided exploration and discovery.

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Poppins is committed to a high standard of global education and holds annual trainings for staff at Harvard, Stanford, and Norland College in the UK.

PALIS is holding three open houses on three Saturdays in a row this month: June 7, 14, and 21, to show the new classrooms and maths and science facilities. Please contact PALIS Principal Bill Ward at [palis@poppins.co.jp](mailto:palis@poppins.co.jp) to join the fun.



Students learning about food with their teacher at Poppins Active Learning International School. PALIS

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## Springy Spring, Summery Summer show at Hitokoe

The "Springy Spring, Summery Summer" show on Friday, June 6 will be the first performance of the school year at Hitokoe Yokohama International School (HYIS).

Students have been rehearsing along with the support of their homeroom teachers and assistant teachers, and are excited about finally putting on the show.

This free event will feature an extravaganza of upbeat songs, rhythmical dances, and mini-skits that deal with a love of nature, environmental advocacy, the benefits of vegetables, welcoming the warmer weather, and the development of the dream of being community helpers.

For more information, contact the school by phone on 045-363-3356.

## Tohoku International School graduation

Tohoku International School will hold its graduation for both grade 6 and grade 12 students on June 20 at 6pm. The school is proud of the fact that all of the grade 12 graduates are going on to study at universities worldwide, and that the school continues to carry the "Tohoku Spirit" as the region's only fully accredited K-12 international school. Please contact James Steward, Head of School, at admin@tisweb.net, for information about Tohoku International School's exciting events and programs.

## Other announcements Dance programs

Aloha! The **Hulabootie Keiki** program is spreading aloha in Tokyo! This program focuses on movement, music, and performance. Hula enriches keiki (children's) growth, builds confidence, and creates a community for families who celebrate Hawaii. Please ask your international school about hula! Hulabootie also offers entertainment for special occasions and birthday parties. Let's dance! Contact us by email at hulabootie@yahoo.com, or by telephone at 090-8508-2497.

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**Children's clothing** will be welcomed at a Clothes Swap for Tohoku, to be held on June 21, from 4-6pm at The Pink Cow near Roppongi. This regular event is hosted in support of the fishing communities on the Oshika peninsula near Ishinomaki. Clothes for men, women, and children are welcome. All items must be clean and in good condition. Contact Caroline Pover by email at caroline@carolinepover.com or via Facebook.

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Outdoor play at last year's summer school at Horizon Japan International in Yokohama. HORIZON JAPAN INTERNATIONAL

The Horizon Japan International School Summer School program is designed to provide an opportunity for children to enrich their language skills and socialize with new friends through various enjoyable activities. The program will take place at Horizon's main campus in Yokohama. Children from age 3 to grade 6 are eligible to join. Students who are going to turn three years old by September 1 are welcome. All students must be toilet-trained.

In the program's relaxed academic environment, students will focus on a variety of activities such as language arts, games, art, drama, outdoor activities, group games, and projects, each based on a weekly theme.

The program is divided into four week-long sessions, taking place from Monday, July 14-Friday, July 18, Tuesday, July 22-Saturday, July 26, Monday, July 28-Friday, August 1, and Monday, August 4-Friday, August 8. The summer school day runs from 9am-3:30pm. Students may sign up for one of the five-day sessions, and do not need to attend

the entire program. On the last day of each session, parents are invited to a small presentation to show what students have learned during the week.

Each five-day session costs ¥45,000 (including tax), and a school bus service is available at an extra fee of ¥5,000 per five-day period. The school bus runs two routes — Yokohama/Tsurumi and Hiyoshi/Tsunashima — and is subject to the number of seats available.

Each student should bring a water bottle (preferably with a strap), a toothbrush and some toothpaste, a snack and lunch, a handkerchief, a swimsuit and towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat, and indoor shoes. Children aged 3 to 5 years should also bring an extra change of clothes, an art smock, and a blanket. All items should be clearly labelled.

Interested parties should complete the summer school application form at <http://horizon.ac.jp/parents/summerschool.html>. Please direct enquiries by phone to 045-584-1948 or email to [elc@horizon.ac.jp](mailto:elc@horizon.ac.jp). Applications should be received by June 13.

## St. Alban's Nursery: A summer of fire and volcanoes

St. Alban's Nursery summer program starts on Monday, June 11 and will run until Friday, July 6, from 9:30am-1:30pm.

The program gets off to an exciting start with a fun and very hands on visit from the Tokyo Fire Department and one of their fire trucks. Students will then explore the futuristic and always popular world of robots, and study movement in a range of different ways. They'll dive into history in the third week, and learn about ancient castles and royalty, from fable to fact. During the last week they will explore the sunny summertime fun of Hawaii, learning all about Hawaii's unique eco-system types, from flowers to volcanoes.

As a grand finale to the summer program, the school will have a big luau for children and parents, in their lovely, leafy playground.

In other news, the children's exhibition in April was a huge success, and thanks go to all the talented and creative children for their beautiful work. Last month the school celebrated Children's Day by making beautiful "koinobori" (carp streamer) to

decorate the playground. The children were also very creative with their Mother's Day cards and gifts they made last month. Students have been enjoying the lovely weather, with lots of outdoor water play, and getting ready for their end-of-year outing to Legoland, as well as the end-of-year concert at the chapel. — GILMA COPELAND-YAMAMOTO



Some of the St. Alban's Nursery mums enjoying Mother's Day at the school last month. From left: Junko Goda-Falconer, Lynne Lukat, Tara Tudor, Cathy Miller, Helen Graves. GILMA COPELAND-YAMAMOTO

# Kids' summer programs in Japan for 2014

## Chiba

**Kailua International School's** summer program starts July 21 and runs until August 29. Limited places are available for the six-week program (students do not need to attend for the full six weeks). See the ad on the previous page or contact the school by phone on 047-479-7272 for more information.

**Nanbo Discovery Camp's** English-language, residential summer camp is located in Minami Boso, in Chiba prefecture. Five- or six-day sessions include snorkelling, swimming, discovery, activity, science, cooking, and campfires. Contact David Green at [info@discoverjapan.co.jp](mailto:info@discoverjapan.co.jp) or by phone on 090-7716-0102 for more information.

## Hyogo

**Ashiya International School** will host its summer school program from June 30–August 22. Open to children two years old through elementary school age. Students may choose to enroll by the week. Sign up early for the popular Vacation Bible School program starting July 21. Also open during Obon week! See <http://www.aischool.ed.jp>.

## Okinawa

**Okinawa Christian School International** will be holding their summer school from June 23–July 17. Half-day or full-day options available. Call 098-958-3000 for more information.

**Santa Monica International School** is accepting applications for 2014 summer school in Okinawa, Japan. See <http://www.santamonicainternationalschool.com>.

## Sendai

**Horizon Japan International School** Sendai campus will hold a summer school from July 22–August 1. The program offers an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy fun and exciting activities in the educationally stimulating environment of an international school. See <http://www.horizon.ac.jp/sendai/index.php/en/admissions/summer-school>.

**Tohoku International School** summer school runs from July 22–August 8. It is a superb English course in Sendai for students from kindergarten to secondary school. See <http://www.tisweb.net>.

## Tokyo

The **British Football Academy** is offering three Summer Soccer Camps in Tokyo for children aged 4–14, to be held at British School Tokyo, Showa Campus and Seisen International School. Camps run from July 22–24 (three-day camp at Seisen), and August 18–22 and 25–29 (five-day camps at BST). All children will be presented with an official BFA Camp T-shirt and certificate. See <http://british-football-academy.com/e/pages/camp.html>.

**Gregg International School's** summer program runs from Monday, July 7 to Friday, August 8. Email [balloon@gis-j.com](mailto:balloon@gis-j.com) or phone 03-3725-8000.

**Hello Kids Myogadani** is running its annual summer camp program from July 22–August 2, in Bunkyo-ku; and an activity-filled trip to Canada August 2–10 for children aged 6–10 years. See <http://www.hellokids-myogadani.jp>.

**New International School of Japan** offers a summer program from July 7–August 1, with English, Japanese, Mandarin or Italian program options and a choice of two-week sessions or a full month session. For further information, check the website at <http://newis.ed.jp/summer.html>.

**PAL International Preschool and Kindergarten** will hold seven weeks of alphabetical activities during their summer school from June 30–August 15, in Minato-ku. Download an information pack at <http://www.pal-school.com>.

**St. Alban's Nursery** summer program starts on Monday, June 11 and will run until Friday, July 6, from 9:30am–1:30pm. See story for details.

## Yokohama

The **British Football Academy** is offering a Summer Soccer Camps at Yokohama Country & Athletic Club, for children aged 4–14. The camp runs from August 18–22 (five-day camp). All children will be presented with an official BFA Camp T-shirt and certificate. See <http://british-football-academy.com/e/pages/camp.html>.

**German School** Summer Program — "Circus" — will take place from August 11–22. We offer an exciting program including sports, languages, creative and magic clubs, for kids aged 5–12 years. Many clubs are held in German, Japanese, or English. Come and join the circus! See <http://dsty.ac.jp/en/schule/news/sommerprogramm-2014>.

**Horizon Japan International School** summer program starts July 14 and runs until August 8, for children aged 3–grade 6. See story for details.

**Hitokoe Yokohama International School** summer program starts June 2. Overseas participants welcome. Immersion summer school classes July 22–August 8. Hip! Hip! Hooray! Summer Fes' on August 8. Florida Homestay and Study Abroad Program, July 11–August 11. Special Summer sessions from August 11–22. Also accepting early Fall term registration, specifically for ages 1 year and 5 months until 3 years old. See <http://hyis.org>.

**Saint Maur International School** offers a summer school program for children from preschool (age 2½) to students entering grade 12 in the fall. Starts June 16. Students need not be enrolled at Saint Maur during the school year in order to participate in the summer program. See <http://www.stmaur.ac.jp/learning/summer-program/index.aspx>

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## Gregg International's campaign to send friends to school



**A day out at an obstacle course encouraged Gregg's children to help each other, whilst having lots of fun.**  
SUE SOUTHERN

"Send My Friend to School" is part of a global campaign with activities involving millions of people in nearly 100 countries around the world.

This past April saw global action week, when children and their communities around the world made a massive stand for education, calling on world leaders to take action and supply more qualified

teachers.

A host of activities and events were held to tell world leaders that 1.7 million more professional teachers are desperately needed worldwide, to help get every child get a quality education by 2015.

In Somaliland, a march was held in Freedom Square; a national conference and media campaign took place in Egypt; and in Bangladesh, pupils joined a human chain, took part in a national art and story writing competition, and gathered at schools to demand quality teaching.

In Tokyo, Gregg International School students learned about disabilities, and why those disabilities stop children from going to school — 24 million children around the world stay at home because of a disability. Through songs and plays, students will send a message to parents and leaders about this problem. They are making a huge paper chain to promote this cause.

They also connected with St. Thomas Primary School in the UK, and will be writing about their interests, school life in Japan, and the Send My Friend to School campaign. In turn, the St. Thomas students will participate in this worldwide message.

Gregg International School would like to encourage all schools to get involved with the campaign. For more details see <http://www.sendmyfriend.org>. Good luck! — SUE SOUTHERN

## Cezars Kitchen supports Aoba-Japan Spring Carnival



**Bakery Chef Akiko sells some of her fresh-baked goods to an A-JIS carnival-goer.** CEZARS KITCHEN

Cezars Kitchen provided two types of support for the Aoba-Japan International School (A-JIS) Spring Carnival held on April 26. Chef Dario was in the kitchen helping the supporting parents of the fair navigate their way through food preparation, and Cezars also provided freshly baked items such as cheese and bacon rolls, focaccia sandwiches, sweet potato chips, homemade karaage, and New Zealand beef skewers — part of the proceeds were then donated to help the PTA group fund events throughout the year.

The A-JIS carnival, a free event held at the Hikarigaoka campus, featured booths with a variety of food items and games, and a white elephant sale. There was also a talent show, and a raffle draw with prizes such as an iPad, Tokyo Disneyland tickets, and gift certificates.

Cuisine from around the world was available, including Japanese, Chinese, American, Filipino, Mexican, and Korean.

For more information about Cezars' services to the international school community, see <http://www.cezarskitchen.com>. — GREGORY FERRIS

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