



# Kei-Sho Chronicle –

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## Graduation

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With the end of March comes the end of the school year at Kei-Sho. It has been a long year, and we have ended the year with a few large events. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students were sent off in their Graduation Ceremony, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students had their School Trip to Okinawa. The year is over, but a new year is about to begin. Enjoy the break and I will see you in April!

### ***Graduation Ceremony:***

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kei-Sho held our Graduation Ceremony, and said farewell to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. While preparations for the Ceremony started early on the day, the Ceremony itself started with students entering at 1:20. The Ceremony included awards and speeches from the principal, PTA chairman, as well as representatives (代表) for the remaining students and graduating students. The students' speeches were especially moving, with the remaining students sending off the graduating students with emotional words about the impact they've had on their juniors, and the graduating students looking back at their joint experiences during their 3 years at Kei-Sho.



The Ceremony proceeded smoothly and finished by sending off the graduating students with a round of applause and words of congratulation. Afterwards, each class took one final class picture, before students received their graduation certificates and spent the rest of the day with their friends, families and teachers.

The Graduation Ceremony is always an emotional day, and this year was no different. The graduating students have finished their time at high school and will now move onto the next stage in their life, whether it be university, specialty schools or the workplace.

**Congratulations to all of our graduating students, and I wish you all the best wherever your life may take you!**



## ***Okinawa School Trip:***

March is also when our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students go on their School Trip to Okinawa. This is a 4-day, 3-night trip where students can have fun, experience new things and learn about a part of Japan they may not have seen before.

The first day focused on peace, with students visiting the peace park and museum. While it is easy to know that peace is important, this day allowed students to feel and understand that importance.



The second day involved a look at the Katena Air Force Base, lunch at OKINAWA Fruits Land and a trip through Churaumi Aquarium. Churaumi in particular was enjoyed by the students, as you may expect from one of Japan's most famous aquariums.



The third day had students split into 3 groups, each doing a different activity. One group went snorkelling in the Blue Cave, one group had a chance to touch dolphins and make a souvenir bag, and one group had a glass-making experience. While the activities were very different, all the students were able to have new experiences and enjoy the day.



The last day involved a short stop at Shuri Castle, one of Okinawa's most popular destinations, before students were given free time to explore the international street in Naha. Students moved in groups to eat lunch and buy souvenirs, before heading to the airport and coming back to Tokyo.



Every day in Okinawa was full of excitement and new experiences, and the students all seemed to have a great time. This was the last event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, and they are now ready to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### ***Closing Ceremony:***

With the Closing Ceremony on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the school year at Kei-Sho has finally come to an end. This time the Ceremony started with a speech from the principal, congratulating students on finishing the year, telling them to enjoy the break, and asking them to come back in the new year ready to continue studying hard.



After this, there were awards handed out to students who achieved impressive results throughout the year. There were awards for students who had good grades through the year, students who had perfect attendance ( 皆勤 ), and students who passed 1<sup>st</sup> grade certification exams ( 検定試験 ).



After the awards, the lifestyle officer (生活指導部主任) spoke to the students about being safe during the holidays and protecting the school rules when they come back in April. This ceremony also had a special guest. As part of the lifestyle officer's speech, a member of the police



came to Kei-Sho to discuss the new bicycle laws that will come into effect in April.

The Ceremony was a bit different to usual, but the theme was the same; congratulating students for finishing the year and instructing them to enjoy the break so they can come back refreshed for the new school year. **It has been a long year packed with fun events. I hope next year is just as fun!** - Llew