

# Kei-Sho Chronicle – June 2023

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**G'Day!** We are nearing the end of June and the rainy season, and the students and teachers at Kei-Sho are preparing for the end-of-term exams. This month was quieter than May, in fact the biggest event in this issue happened in May. This time we will look at the Ball Games Tournament that was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, and the Hakusan Shrine Hydrangea Festival, which was conducted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Of course, we also had other events like the all-school assembly, where students received awards for inter-school competitions, the counselling week, where students had individual discussions with their teacher about their futures, and the open classroom day, where parents could come to Kei-Sho and watch classes being conducted.



## ***Sports Day (Ball Games Tournament):***

Kei-Sho held our annual Ball Games Tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. While this was last month, because May was so busy, we decided to include it here instead.

Starting at 8:30AM at the Keika Urawa Ground, many students (and teachers) had to leave earlier than usual in the morning to make it in time to the field.

At Kei-Sho, the May Sports Day is smaller than the October Sports Day, with only half of a day spent conducting tournaments of volleyball and futsal. This was the case again this year.

This year, there was a boys' futsal tournament, a boys' volleyball tournament and a girls' volleyball tournament. Each class put forward 1 or 2 teams to compete in each competition.

The futsal was round robin with each team competing against every other team and the teams with the most wins competing in the finals.

And the volleyball was held in a tournament style, with each winner proceeding to the next round (although there were matches to determine every place).





Everyone tried their best, and all three events ended by midday. After cleaning and packing up, every class came together, and the principal announced the winners of each event (see below).

After this announcement, pictures were taken, and everyone headed home for the day.

**It was an early end to the day, but with how hard everyone tried, both students and teachers were exhausted. I know I was happy to go home early and get a rest after a long day.**



Event	Year Level	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Boys Futsal	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	<b>3D</b>	3A	3B
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<b>2A</b>	2C	2B
	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	<b>1A</b>	1B	1C
Boys Volleyball	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	<b>3A(1)</b>	3A(2)	3B
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<b>2A(1)</b>	2A(2)	2B
	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	<b>1B</b>	1C	1D
Girls Volleyball	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	<b>3C(1)</b>	3C(2)	3B
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	<b>2D</b>	2C(1)	2C(2)
	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	<b>1C</b>	1D	1B

## ***Hakusan Shrine Hydrangea Festival:***

The other big event at Kei-Sho this month, was the Hydrangea Festival (あじさい祭) that was held at Hakusan Shrine on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.



During the rainy season, the Hydrangeas flowers around the shrine bloom into many different colours, such as pink, purple, blue and white. The flowers were very beautiful, and I tried to go several times while they were blooming.

However, the main event was on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. A festival was opened at Hakusan Shrine, with food stalls, activities, and a stage where several performances were held throughout the day. Kei-Sho's Dance Club was one of these performances.



It is always nice to see the Dance Club perform, as you can see how much effort they put into practicing. It was also nice to see so many other Kei-Sho students there to cheer on the Dance Club.



**The school year is well underway, and May has started with many events. With the 1<sup>st</sup> year students had a 3-day trip to create friendships and memories; the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students had a day trip to Ueno to perform independent research; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students used the day to prepare for their futures.**

**- Llew**