



### Aim for the Southern Cross!

A school filled with smile and happiness

### School News

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The Japanese School of Johannesburg

I sincerely wish for the continued growth and success of the Japanese School of Johannesburg.  
I look forward to your support again in the coming school year.

As of today, the 6<sup>th</sup> March, four of our teachers will be leaving the Johannesburg Japanese School. Looking back on the days we spent together with the children here in South Africa, I am filled with emotions that words can scarcely express. The smiles of each learner and the traces of their growth come vividly to mind. To have witnessed up close how the innocent faces they wore when they first entered the school gradually transformed into expressions filled with confidence as they learned alongside their peers and embraced challenges. This has been a joy beyond measure.



Learning in a foreign country carries a meaning far deeper than merely studying in a place different from Japan. The time our learners spent encountering new cultures and values, meeting diverse people, and striving to understand one another has surely taken root in their hearts. Listening to perspectives different from their own, recognising and respecting those differences, and learning to live together—these experiences will become invaluable assets in their future lives. I firmly believe that the broad perspectives and flexible sensibilities they gained here will support them wherever they go in the world.

To our children, I hope you will continue to walk forward with the courage and kindness you have nurtured during your time here, always believing in your own potential. There may be times when you encounter failure or uncertainty. But each of those experiences helps you grow. Do not fear failure—embrace challenges and never forget to keep learning while supporting one another. I sincerely hope that the friendships and memories you built at this school will become a beacon that guides you at difficult moments and a force that helps you sail into uncharted waters.

To all parents and guardians, and to my fellow colleagues, I extend my deepest gratitude. It has been a privilege to support the irreplaceable growth of our children together with you. The days I spent at this school are treasures I will carry with me for the rest of my life. With heartfelt thanks, I'm offering these parting words, praying that each and every learner's future will expand with hope and limitless possibility.

祝卒業



Finally, I kindly ask for your warm support for our new headmaster, Mr. Ishiyama, and the four newly appointed teachers who will soon be joining the school.



Graduation ceremony



Term End ceremony

