



ISC NEWSLETTER

Islamic School of Canberra



From my Desk

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Parent/Teacher interview	Wk 9 Tues 16 Wed 17 Sept
Last day of term 3	Friday 26 Sept

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From my Desk- A/gt. Principal

Hello Dear Parents and Community members,

We are well into Term 3 and the teaching and learning continues to be exciting and challenging, maintaining ISC's high academic expectations. ICAS exams are now over and it was great to see so many students sitting the various exams. It was also quite an experience for some Year 2 students who sat the exams for the first time. A wonderful learning experience and full credit goes to those students who took the opportunity a risk with their knowledge and having a go!!

This term, ISC has welcomed 2 new staff members. We were all sad to see the Grade 3 teacher, Mrs Chatterjee leave us, however, the transition to a new classroom teacher has been relatively painless with the patience and professionalism shown by our new Grade 3 teacher Mrs Bell.

We also welcome to our school Mr Kayis who will be teaching classes when teachers are absent, working one on one with our ESL students, as well as spending time bringing new life to our library.

We have some exciting times ahead with a Cross Country Carnival scheduled for Week 9 and early next term we will be holding a Learning Journey where parents will be invited to visit their child's classroom to view students work and learning experiences first hand. Details about these events will follow.

Our Term 3 Teacher /Parent interviews will also be held in Week 9, where teachers and parents can ensure that student progress is well understood and discussed. Interview schedules will be coming home soon!!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

We are currently working on our traffic management system around the school, in collaboration with the PFA. Please assist us in keeping your child safe by driving slowly, and remaining outside the old gates near the pick-up area, until 3pm. If you would like to assist us in this matter please contact the PFA as we are seeking help with signage along with planning for parking and safe traffic flow. We are aware that it can be very chaotic at pick-up time and we really appreciate your vigilance and patience in working with us to keep everyone safe.

REMINDERS

- Please see newsletters online, this is our last paper copy to save paper and do our bit to look after our environment. Our website, currently being updated is (www.islamic.schoolofcanberra.com)
- Thanking all parents who make arrangements for their children to arrive and leave the school on time.
- School hours are from 8.45am until 3.10pm. Supervision of students ends at 3.30pm.
- ISC understands the important relationship between healthy child development, growth and learning. We ask parents to provide healthy food options for both recess and lunch, limiting the unhealthy options and saving them for home.

Susan Christiansen
(Acting Principal)

Kindergarten

Half way through term three already...how time flies when you're having fun! The Kindy Koalas have learnt so much throughout this year and are showing off their new knowledge and skills every day, as well as continuing on their learning journey. This term in English and Mathematics, we are focusing on putting what the students know into practice; applying their knowledge and skills to everyday situations, solving problems, and extending their learning at every possible chance. From mapping skills in Geography, to exploring the different seasons in Science, students are truly gaining new experiences...please encourage them to share these with you; you'll be amazed at how much they know!

Tessa Bailey
(Kindergarten teacher)

Year 1

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 1R Students,
Assalamu alaikum,

We are half way through Term 3 and the students have really worked hard to come this far. Overall I am happy with the academic performance and the behaviour of my students. You are well aware that we have two Year 1 classes in our school; so we do most of the academic tasks in collaboration. As an extension to that Miss James and I plan and program for the Key Learning Areas collaboratively. In Literacy, apart from the reading, comprehension, grammar and vocabulary sessions, our students are learning what a Procedure is and how to write one. We are doing quite a lot of modelled writing at the moment in order to prepare the students to write their own Procedures. We are doing Earth Sciences for Science this Term. In this subject students are getting a deeper knowledge of observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape. They are also learning to understand and describe how changes in the sky and landscape affect humans and other living things. The Geography learning experiences have been quite fun for the students so far. As part of their learning students visited the Fetherston Gardens last week in order to find out more about natural, managed and constructed features of places, how they can change and how they can be cared for. During the term students will also learn about the weather and seasons of places and the ways in which different cultural groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, describe different seasons.

On a different note, I am very pleased to find most of my students eating healthy food at school during recess and lunch. However, I would really appreciate if parents tried to stick to 'healthy food only' in their children's lunch boxes and avoid packing 'not so healthy' food items as much as possible.

Last but not least, please help your child finish their homework on time. Also please make sure that your child gets the opportunity to use the 'mathletics' and 'readingeggs' websites at home as much as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child at school.

Warm regards

Nazmeen Rahman
Year 1 R Class Teacher

Greetings Parents and Carers

What a busy year so far! This is another very exciting term to be in year one. The year one students have been making great progress. I would also like to say a big warm welcome to our new year one students that have joined us this term!

This term in maths we have looked at length, capacity and time to the half hour. Next we will be looking at days, weeks and months; followed by 2D shapes and following directions. In health we have been looking at our major body parts. We will soon be moving on to look at the changes that happen to our bodies over time as we grow. For sport we have been doing cricket skills and we will continue with these for the rest of the term. We have also been busy practicing for the cross country carnival which will be happening in week 9. Keep an ear out for more details about that. In technology we will soon begin designing and making our very own sock puppets! Stay tuned for more exciting news on this topic.

I would really like to note how wonderful it has been to see plenty of fruit and other healthy foods in the year one students' lunchboxes lately! I would please ask parents to limit the amount of high sugar items such as lollies and chocolate though. Maybe these items could be left at home for afternoon tea instead. These foods do not help students in staying focused in class. Good food is crucial for effective learning. Thank you for encouraging healthy eating! It makes a huge difference.

I hope to see you all at parent teacher interviews in week 9.

Take Care.

PetaJames
Year 1 J Class Teacher

Year 2 Newsletter

Year 2 students have been very busy this term! In English the focus is poetry, students have been learning about different types of poems. They have started to write very creative and descriptive poems on a variety of topics. We have been learning about 'Time' in maths, students have thoroughly enjoyed making their very own clocks and they have been practising telling the time quarter to and quarter past the hour. This term students have shown great interest in science as they have participated in a range of activities focusing on "water". In Geography, students have discovered that they have connections to many places as we learn more about the continents and oceans of the world.

Health and Physical Education is a very important part of the Australian Curriculum. Healthy eating and regular exercise is necessary for healthy growth and physical development. In class, students learn about making healthy food choices and maintaining regular physical activity. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could make sure students continue to make these healthy choices by providing students with a variety of nutritious foods for recess and lunch. I am looking forward to meeting with all the parents again at the end of this term!

Thankyou.

TalynYoung
Year 2 Class Teacher

Year 3 Newsletter

It has been a fantastic start to the term getting to know the class. They are an enthusiastic class eager to learn and have been very welcoming. They have adapted to having a new teacher and the changes I have implemented extremely well. This term year 3 have been busy learning a lot of new and exciting topics. In science we are looking at heating and cooling, and this week conducted an experiment to make a gas. We are looking forward to exploring the topic further with more fun experiments. In English we are focusing on procedural texts while continuing to practise our spelling, reading, grammar and punctuation. We have also been reading James and The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl which the students are eager to listen to. On completion of the book at the end of the term we will watch the movie and compare the two mediums. In mathematics we have looked at fractions and are currently learning about money. Students have brought in currency that they have from around the world and it has been fascinating looking at comparisons. This term we have also started a sound and rhythm subject, where students are learning to create rhythm using a plastic cup. And finally, in technology we are conducting research on zoo enclosures, with students being assigned a particular animal. Students will then have the task of designing and building a safe and comfortable enclosure for their animal.

Kind regards
Mrs Bell