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From my Desk

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From my Desk- A/gt. Principal

Hello Dear Parents and Community members,
2014 has come to an end and wow what a year it has been! Many changes are occurring at our wonderful school to ensure we become a school welcoming everyone who chooses a quality Australian Education within an Islamic environment.

I would like to extend my gratitude to ALL the parents who have helped us over this last twelve months, giving their time and energy to work as a community to provide the best for our students. In particular I thank the Gardening Club, the PFA members who have come for clean-up days and those who commit to the monthly meetings. Your voice is heard and important, to make our school great in every way!!!

We have said a temporary goodbye to a valued teacher and colleague, Sister Manal, while she attends to her new baby ; we have welcomed another dedicated teacher, Ms Pope.

Please continue to check this website for important messages and newsletters and have a safe and healthy few weeks, to re-energise and rest; and we look forward to seeing you back in 2015 on the 3rd February !!

Susan Christiansen
(Acting Principal)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Our school fees will be increased by \$20 a term. Term fees will now be \$395. All fees are due prior to the commencement of each school term. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

REMINDERS

- 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.
- Students are required to wear full-rimmed hats (such as the school hat) at all times while playing or learning outside. Caps are NOT permitted due to inability to protect ears and necks.
- **FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2015 TUESDAY 3rd February !**

Important

Last day of term 4	Wed 17 Dec
First day Term 1 2015	Tues 3 Feb 2015

Year 4

Dear parents and guardians of Year 4, after incredible hard work and combined efforts to succeed, this year has come to an end. The last few weeks have been very exciting and the students of Year 4 have had wonderful time and have made good progress learning skills which will stay with them for life.

As you all know that this year continuous assessments have made up the total scores and grades for students from all year levels. The assessments in Semester one were targeted to evaluate the knowledge and skills of students and also boost their self confidence and promote a feeling of achievement amongst the students. However as per the Australian Curriculum, the application of knowledge and skills in relevant situations is more important than merely being aware of them. Bearing this in mind, the assessments this semester have focused more on application of skills and knowledge across major subjects, making it challenging for all students. I am happy to advise you that most students took up the challenges and continued to show their dedication towards their learning making it a successful semester.

I would like to congratulate all the students and parents who have assisted their child for timely and accurate completion of homework. I would also like to thank the parents who have sent a leave note every time their child is away from school.

Hope you all have safe and exciting holidays..

Kind Regards
Gurprit Sandhu

Year 5

Dear Parents,

How quickly this year has passed! Time really does fly! And what an exciting term. This term, the Year 5s had the privilege of being taught by two teachers, Ms Manal Fayaz and Ms Rachel Pope. As you may be aware, Ms Pope took over when I left for maternity leave. This term, we went on an excursion to the National Museum of Australia and took part in various hands on activities to learn more about the Australian History and Geography. We also had the opportunity to elect our School Captains (Amaani Konda and Ahmed Al-Ani) and Vice captains (Muhsina Ahmad and Mounir Ali) along with the rest of the school for 2015. The Year 5s have also created their own little garden, after a lot of planning and discussion, under the guidance of Ms Pope and hope to continue to maintain it from the start of next year.

Despite this being a very busy term with all the learning, revisions, assessments and reporting, we did not fail to have fun while learning. Our combined classes for Art and Health allowed the students to have positive interactions with their Years 6 and 7 peers and enjoyed these lessons that focused on cooperative learning. The students absolutely loved Body Movement this term, a glimpse of which you might have witnessed at the School Assembly on Wednesday. I am very proud of all my students for working so very hard all through the year, always trying their best for further improvement and always being respectful towards one another.

A very big thank you to all the parents for all your support throughout the year. Your honest and constructive feedback, suggestions, patience and cooperation are very valued and welcome. We, Ms Pope and Ms Fayaz, wish our students happy and safe holidays and all the very best for next year.

Best wishes,
Manal Fayazuddin & Rachel Pope

Year 6 Newsletter

Year 6 has had a very busy semester and every student has made an effort to ensure that this last term is one to remember.

On Tuesday afternoons, we thoroughly enjoyed being taught touch football skills by qualified coaches. We played many team building games and learnt a wide range of ball skills.

Within Science, we explored Electricity, how it works and how it is generated. We extended our learning across all Science strands by going on an excursion to Questacon. Every student enjoyed learning new science facts and sharing their knowledge in the 'Bright Sparks' show.

We have thoroughly enjoyed body movement and it has been a pleasure to watch Year 5 and 6 students learn, practise and perform a body movement piece. Performing their class piece at assembly will definitely be a highlight of the term.

On Monday, we went on a graduation excursion with Year 7 to Iplay. It was pleasing to watch the students work together outside the classroom. All the students were very well behaved and were a pleasure to have outside of school.

English allowed us to explore our creative side with reading and creating poetry. Some students discovered a hidden talent and wrote extremely descriptive pieces.

This term was everyone's last term of Primary School, congratulations to the parents and students. It has been a privilege to have all of the students in my class this year and I have learnt just as much as them throughout the year. Thank You to the parents of Year 6 for your ongoing support.

I wish every Year 6 student the very best of luck in their future.

Regards

Mrs Tone Brammall

Year 7 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Assalamu alaikum,

We have reached the end of 2014 school year. Year Seven tried really hard throughout the year and has been able to achieve to the best of their abilities in the following areas in Term 4:

English: Visual Language
Mathematics: Problem Solving
Science: Chemical Sciences
History: Ancient Egypt
Personal Development: Puberty
Physical Education: Netball Skills
Technology: Window Movie Maker
The Arts: Body Movements

While covering the above-mentioned subject areas, we followed Bloom's Taxonomy learning theory, which encourages excellence in areas of remembering, understanding, applying, analysing, evaluating and creating. Our class lessons were purely based on discussions and investigation, which helped students to more actively build upon their prior knowledge.

In the end, I would like to wish all of our Year Seven students, success for next year and thank all parents and guardians for their ongoing support. I am confident that every single student from our class will make our school proud and will always be determined to learn, share and create.

Regards,
Mr Panahinejad
Year 7 Class Teacher