



ISC NEWSLETTER

Islamic School of Canberra

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Last day term 3	23/9/15
First day term 4	12/10/15
Learning Journey	21/10/15

From my Desk

**ASSALAMU
ALAIKUM**

Term 3 has come to an end and the last few weeks have been filled with the usual excitement both inside the classroom and out and about on excursions. Excursions are a great way to complement the teaching and learning in the classroom, giving students the opportunity to connect with, and view, what their new knowledge and skills look like in the real world. As interesting and fun as excursions are, they take a good deal of forward planning, risk management and organising by the classroom teacher. The ISC House system is proving to be a great way to encourage positive behaviour. In our House meetings, held twice a term, students are learning about our school values, social /emotional skills, sportsmanship, and ways to make better choices in challenging situations guided by the Islamic faith. Thank you to the PFA for always striving to better the school in so many ways. The clean-up days really help with the upkeep of our vast property and we hope the BBQ next weekend draws many families together to celebrate EID and the school community spirit.

EID MUBARAK TO YOU ALL!!!!

CHANGES TO PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

In an effort to continuously improve the safety of all students please collect your child/children from the ISC courtyard at pick-up time, 3.10pm. Children must be escorted and supervised by an appropriate adult at all times when in the car park.

Learning Journey will be held on Wednesday 21st October 9.30 .

Susan Christiansen

Principal

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.
- **ISC IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL . PLEASE SO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS INCLUDING NUTELLA, CAKES, COOKIES AND BARS WITH NUTS.**
- Students are required to wear full- brimmed 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.
- **LAST DAY TERM 3, 2015 WEDNESDAY 23rd September !**
- **FIRST DAY TERM 4, Monday 12th October !**

Personnel Information and Privacy

Islamic School of Canberra is bound by the National Privacy Act 1988 . The school is committed to upholding these principles and complying with the Privacy Act and a full copy of the Islamic School of Canberra Privacy Policy can be found on the School website.

We only use personal information for the purposes for which it was given to us or for purposes which are related (or directly related in the case of sensitive information) to one or more of our functions or activities.

If you would like to access or correct any personal information, or, if you have any concerns about the collection, use or disclosure of personal information, please contact the school.

Year 4 Newsletter

How time flies when you are having fun! Term 3 has certainly been the most exciting, eventful and the busiest term of the year so far. We started the term off with the Cross Country Carnival, the success of which is a combined effort of the students, parents and the teachers.

Year 4 students had a great time exploring their creative side in Poetry and had fun playing with words while creating their funny poems. There were plenty of opportunities for students to think mathematically and apply their problem solving skills in Maths throughout the term. The students are continuing to work on their collaborative learning skills. They carried out multiple investigations to study the various properties of different materials for our Science unit. For Arts, the focus this term was Drama and the Year 4 students enjoyed their combined lessons with the Year 3s and exhibited their artistic side with confidence. We hope to continue to work on improving all these skills next term.

Many thanks to all the parents who came to the Parent-Teacher Interviews and contribute to their child's learning by accepting constructive feedback, making helpful suggestions and above all, being proud of their child's hard work.

Friendly reminders:

- Students must arrive to school in time for the morning assembly (8:45 am)
- Students must wear their full school uniform to school and a broad-rimmed hat to be able to play outside.
- The library days are Mondays (Busy Bees) and Thursdays (Ladybirds). Please ensure that your child looks after the library books and returns them when they are due.

Thank you to all parents for your continuous support and cooperation.

We hope you have a blessed Eid-ul-Adha

Manal Fayazuddin and Gurprit Sandhu

Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends,

It has been a welcoming return to Grade 5 this term. We have had a vibrant, enthusiastic and hard working term full of learning and growing.

The students have been busy exploring their artistic characteristics through drama, which resulted in an educational and inspirational excursion to the Canberra Theatre and Canberra centre. The children have had an opportunity to view and reflect upon Benjamin Shines artwork along with gaining insight and inspiration for their own drama performances. The Grade 5 owls performed a shadow puppet performance for their summative assessments and all to an exceptional standard. I couldn't be prouder.

We are continuing to expand upon our knowledge in all key learning areas and it is wonderful to see the students working more independently, reflecting and thinking critically. The owls continue to present their weekly sharing tasks with enthusiasm, and formality. From this it is evident that our research skills are also expanding exponentially.

I would like to make a personal thank you to all parents for your kind words, positive attitudes and continuous support. Everything you do is greatly appreciated. I wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy mid-term break and I am looking forward to another positive and productive term ahead.

All the best,

Miss R Pope

(Grade 5 owls)

Year 6 Newsletter

Term 3 has been such an exciting term! We have had some great learning experiences inside and outside the classroom.

First we went to Questacon to extend our knowledge on Electricity and learn and implement new scientific skills. We had a great time in the Illusion room, where we had to think critically about the illusion being presented.

Our next excursion we went to Canberra Theatre and the Canberra Centre. This allowed the students to learn about how a theatre works and the immense preparation that goes into a performance. One of the major highlights was learning lighting tricks used on stage which we can implement in our shadow puppet performance. I was very impressed with Year 6's maturity and critical thinking skills when we went to the Canberra Centre and observed 'The Dance' by Benjamin Shine. It was a different type of instillation which allowed the students to think outside the square.

Our last excursion was an interfaith visit to Holy Trinity Primary School in Curtin. This excursion was a follow up from their visit last year. It was purely amazing to be part of this excursion and it was beautiful to watch the students interact and teach each other about their religions.

Inside the classroom, we have been working very hard and have completed many authentic assessment tasks. I am so pleased to see all students continually improving and consistently applying themselves. Their presentations in Geography and Science were of a high standard and it reassures me that they really are ready to be fully prepared for High School.

Thank you to the parents that came for parent teacher interviews. It is great to stay connected and please if you have any questions, ensure you book an interview, at any time, through the front office.

All the best,

Toni Brammall

Year 7 Newsletter

This term Year 7 has been focusing on poetry; we have been investigating poetic devices (such as onomatopoeia, simile and personification), rhyming structure, and analysing themes of different poetic styles. By analysing poems by Banjo Paterson we have been able to write our own ballads. Maths this term, Year 7 has been learning about algebra, probability and statistics to varying degrees of success. Throughout this term, we have been investigating chemical reactions, in science. We have conducted many experiments to observe and record the reactions from these experiments.

I have included a sample of some poetry work.

Regards Mr Tenkate

Ballad Capturing the Spirit of Australia

By Areebah

When the sun starts to rise
And the clouds then make way
As the birds start to flutter
Above and away

You see the sun then rising
With every inch of day
The rays falling as a carpet
On the dried grass as they may

When the light of the sun
Covers the sky like a pinkish hue
Much more than a seeping sunrise
With every creep of neon blue

It was the first thing to pierce the darkness
To bring with it the torch of a new day
Now the newborn sun starts to shake of the ash
And lays a scarlet for us to display

The beams hound out the last of the shadows
Which used to haunt the land?
And through the darkness
It then prevails and stands

That is the feeling of a fresh new day
Oft that I see when I crawl out of bed
Not above the mountains, Nor through the seas
"Can breach it anymore" that is what I said

**Haikus are easy
But sometimes they don't make sense
Refrigerator
BY: Muazah**

Assalamu alaikum,

First of all, I wish you all happy and safe Eid AL-Adha 2015.

I would like to introduce myself. I am Mai Shouman, Arabic, Quran and Islamic studies teacher for years 3 to 7. I am impressed with the students' performance in the transition phase between me and Br. Adam. I did a competition in each class, where students get stickers on the sticker chart every time they fulfil their task requirements. The students were doing a fantastic job and the winners of each class will be listed below.

Year 3 Dragon flies winners are:

- * Shaaf Butt (1st with 47 points)
- * Abdullah Abdeen (2nd with 44 points)
- * Mohammad Tahir (3rd with 35 points)

Year 4 winners are:

- * Haneen Al-Asfi (1st with 18 points)
- * Salma Hawa Adam (1st with 18 points)
- * Zuhail Pirzad (2nd with 15 points)
- * Sarah Ahmed (2nd with 15 points)
- * Rama Al-Mokalalati (3rd with 14 points)
- * Abdullah Ibrahim (3rd with 14 points)

Year 5 winners are:

- * Fanta Barrie (1st with 44 points)
- * Amani Al-Samadi (2nd with 41 points)
- * Bassam Haider (3rd with 37 points)

Year 6 and 7 winners are:

- * Ameena Khan (1st with 22 points)
- * Ali Ghannam (2nd with 21 points)
- * Amaani Konda (3rd with 15 points)
- * Zunaira Khan (3rd with 15 points)

If you have any concerns about your child at school, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mai Shouman