



ISC NEWSLETTER

Islamic School of Canberra



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Dear Parents/Carers

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Important Dates

End Term 2 1/7/16

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We are half way through Term 2 already, and it is flying by. As usual we have had a very productive term and now students are working on their final assessment tasks for the semester. ISC reports at the end of Term 2 and then at the end of the year as per the ACT Education Act, and these reports are based on many types of assessments including, but not limited to; teacher observation, class quizzes, assignments, projects, discussions, presentations, bookwork and tests. Assessments are ongoing throughout the year and this is one of the reasons why every day at school is important for your child's learning. We encourage parents to ensure that all students arrive on time with classes commencing at 8.50am. There is a lot to pack in to your child's school day and every lesson is one step closer to deeper understandings and skill development.

This term we introduced the Scholastic Book Club where students can purchase books and other interesting material from Scholastic Australia. A huge thank you to Mrs Brammell and Mr Emir our librarian for organising the Book Fair this week which was an enormous success. The school earned a percentage of all sales which will be directed back to purchasing new books for the library.

Sadly this week we bid farewell to a much loved Kindy Koalas Teacher Miss Bailey ! Miss Bailey has been a founding organiser of ISC's House System. This is Miss Bailey's 3rd year at ISC on the Kindy Koalas and she will be greatly missed. We are super fortunate to have fantastic replacement for Miss Bailey with Miss Barnett who will be taking over the Kindy Koalas from the beginning of week 6.

Also we must say goodbye to Mr Emir our librarian who has single handedly implemented an online borrowing system for the school and helped out in many other areas around the school. The library has become an integral part of the school since Mr Emir joined our team and hopefully we can find a replacement very soon who will keep things running smoothly!

Ramadan will soon be here and we will soon send home a modified timetable . Our school day will be slightly shortened in respect of this time of fasting. Please be mindful of the changes and ensure your child is picked up at the earlier time at the end of the school day.

Year K Newsletter

Term two has been a great success so far with students settled in and working hard! Students have been mastering the alphabet and using their knowledge and skills to read and write independently. The students have been working hard in maths, learning to use numbers from 0-20, and investigating many new skills in measurement and geometry. In history we have been learning about the different events people celebrate, and in science the students have been having a great time experimenting to find the ways in which various objects move. Week six will be my final week teaching at ISC; I have had a wonderful time here and will miss seeing your faces every day. Wishing you all the very best for the future! Welcome to the new kindy teacher, Miss Barnett!

Tessa Bailey

Kindergarten Teacher

Year 1/2 Toucans, Tigers and Turtles

The children have been very engrossed in our history unit this term, thanks to our excursion to the National Museum of Australia. A big thank you to all the parents who helped out, and those that returned the notes quickly. It was a huge success! The children were able to get hands-on information, by examining and playing with items that were common in the past. These items included spinning tops, manual cooking beaters, old movie cameras, and a type writer. It was funny to see the shocked look on the children's faces when they realised the lack of technology that we, the parents and teachers, had as children.

It's been a very busy start to the term, as we've gotten straight into our work. In English this term we are focusing on 'Information Reports', which is linked with Science, Visual Arts, and Media Arts. The children have been learning all about living things. This has been getting them ready to create a PowerPoint presentation, an insect from recyclable materials and then finally an information report. We are hoping to go to the National Zoo and Aquarium at the end of term as a way to consolidate all of the knowledge they have learnt in these units. This excursion will also give them some hands on experience with various large and small animals.

The children have been learning all about healthy eating this term. So far they have learnt the ideal foods to have in their lunchboxes and on their plates at dinner. They have also learnt about the importance of having water throughout the day. With this information we encourage the students to help pack their lunches for school, to help their minds and bodies to be the best they can be!

It's going to be a busy end of the term with assessments and mid-year reports coming up, so the children should rest up as much as possible. Please ensure students are on time to school as key learning takes place straight after assembly in the morning, and it would be disappointing for them to miss out!

Let's all stay happy and healthy to finish off this term with positive attitudes!

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