



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra
'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

As-salāmu 'alaykum

'... And whoever holds firmly to Allah has [indeed] been guided to a straight path.'

[Quran 3:101](#)

I trust that you all have had a safe week with many blessings. The Islamic School of Canberra has had a very busy week and our students and staff are well into the academic work for the term. This is an important term for our students as assessments are completed leading into our reporting period. It is very important that students continue to be attentive in class and complete all set work across this term so results will reflect what has been learnt and understood.

I would like to remind families that students need to arrive at school well presented. This means that uniforms need to be the correct school uniform and it should be clean and proudly worn. I have noted that some students are coming to school with incorrect shoes, wrong coloured jumpers and stains on their clothes. We should take pride in how we present ourselves and I ask families to consider this.

The school grounds are very beautiful and we are blessed to be surrounded by so much land. Unfortunately, some of our students forget to look after our grounds and at times drop rubbish and after going for ablutions leave the bathrooms very messy and untidy. It would be important to remind your child that we all have a responsibility to keep our environment clean and tidy so it can be enjoyed by others.

A reminder that MEET THE PRINCIPAL evening is coming up on WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER, at 6.00pm. I would like to see as many parents as possible and hope that any prospective families may consider joining us to learn about the school and what a special place this is.

On Saturday the 5th of November we have an OPEN DAY. This is a very important day for the ISC and I ask families to make it their priority to attend this important community occasion. There will be lots of events throughout the day. Families are invited to take a tour of the school and watch several performances and even a Science Show! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Important dates

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| • Board Meeting | • 24/10/2016 |
| • Meet Principal | • 26/10/2016 |
| End Term 4 & Award Assembly | • 14/12/2016 |

As a way of looking after our environment and to be conscious of resources we will stop producing our Newsletter for every student from the beginning of next week. Instead the newsletter will be provided electronically and sent via email and placed on the website. To support families in this change, some newsletters will still be available in print form and can be collected from the front office administration. I hope families understand the reasons behind this and this decision does not cause any confusion.

Across this week I have had initial conversations with several universities about developing academic relationships with the Islamic School of Canberra. I feel it is critical that we are a school that engages with the wider community at many levels. This will empower our staff with continued quality resources as well as provide our students with opportunity for deeper learning that is contextual to the community we are all a part of. This is very exciting for our school!

Finally, I would like to thank our students for their work across the first two weeks of term. Many are completing great work and are really engaging with what is required from their teachers in the classroom. This is pleasing to see! We congratulated many students who performed well in the Cross Country carnival last term. What was pleasing was that our students participated and this is what is our community needs to remember. We should never fear result. We should strive to participate in all aspects of life and be proud of what is achieved. Participation and giving of your best builds a strong community.

Have a great weekend

D Johns
Principal





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Our school, Islamic School of Canberra plans to implement the Peer Support Program in Term 4 with the assistance of Peer Support Australia. This Program is a peer led, skills based, experiential learning program that empowers young people to support each other and contribute positively to society. The Program provides authentic leadership training for Peer Leaders who then work with small groups of students from Kindergarten to Year 5. Our Peer Leaders this term will be students from Year 6 and Year 7. Each group works through a set of structured sessions for a term. The focus of the sessions for this year is resilience.

The purpose of the Peer Support Program is to develop understandings, attitudes and skills necessary to help students:

- Enhance their self esteem
- Problem solve
- Be more resilient, assertive
- Improve emotional wellbeing
- Cope with their changing environment
- Foster positive relationships with others
- Contribute to the wellbeing of the school community

The Peer Support sessions take place on Friday afternoons, during Week 3-Week 9 this term. If you are interested, it would be our pleasure to provide a guest speaker to explain to your members the benefits of the Peer Support Program to our school community.

We encourage discussions of the Peer Support Program in your family spaces, asking your child questions about the concepts and understandings they are developing each week as part of this enrichment program. This helps to foster a positive connection between school and home.

Yours sincerely

D Johns
Principal of Islamic School of Canberra