



# ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra  
'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parents/Carers

*"Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein, and whoever recommends and helps an evil cause shares in its burdens"*  
Qur'an:4:85



Many thanks to all in our community who attended our Meet the Principal gathering on Wednesday evening. I thank Kalam and his PFA team for all their work leading up to this event. It was well organised and the food was plentiful and well enjoyed.

I was humbled with the passion and energy many parents brought to this meeting and I valued the thoughts and concerns that were raised across the meeting. We spoke about a number of things including uniform, canteen, shade cloth for the quadrangle, extra-curricular activities and the acquisition of more learning resources and books for the library. I am very supportive of many of these things and I will need to communicate with the Board, PFA and our school community as to how we can strategically respond to these concerns.

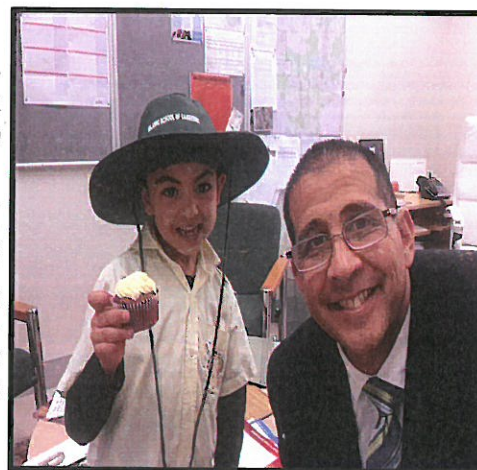
I sent out to you all a letter that you needed to complete that indicated to the school what your educational intentions were for 2017. The Islamic School of Canberra is in the process of organising classes and teaching staff and we are only able to do this once we know how many student intend to return in 2017. I would ask parents/carers to get this information back to the school by Friday of this week (28th October 2016).

I thank parents/carers for the attention that is being provided to the presentation of school uniform. I am seeing our students with correct jumpers, clean tops and black shoes. This is great and I really wish this to be a focus into 2017. I appreciate the continued support in relation to this.

As we move into the 2017 academic year it is critical that we make sure families with school age children are considering the Islamic School of Canberra as an option for their children. I will make time to show prospective parents/carers around and invite them to watch our classes in action. Please ensure that you all note in your diaries the Islamic School of Canberra- OPEN DAY - 5th November! There will be a lot of activities across the day including our talented Year 7 students who will be assisting me in a Science Show- it will be amazing.



Jump Rope for Heart selfie with the Principal!!



Principal with Hamza on his birthday

This Friday we say goodbye to Ms Nazia Shirin (Year 7 Teacher) who will be leaving us to begin a new phase of her life. This is most exciting for her and the blessings of the whole Islamic School community is with her and her husband. We welcome at this time Mr Matthew Bryce who will be taking this class through until the end of the term. Matthew has taught at several schools in the ACT, NSW and overseas. I welcome and look forward to his contribution to our learning community.

## Important dates

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| • Open day                  | • 5/11/2016  |
| End Term 4 & Award Assembly | • 14/12/2016 |



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As we are approaching the end of the school year it is important that all outstanding school fees are paid. Shortly I will be asking administration to make contact with you regarding any fees that have yet to be paid. I understand that for some families, the payment of school fees is difficult and I would ask that an appointment can be made to discuss the payment of fees and to consider alternative arrangements. Please make an appointment through the administration staff if this would be of benefit.

Please be aware that students gather at 8.45am every morning. This is the time that we prepare for the school day with prayer as well as important messages. When students are late to school, it is unsettling for the students as well as other students and staff. Please endeavour to be on time. This is particularly important for those students who are collected by the school bus. Our bus driver has a responsibility to collect many students and if one is late it may make the bus late for others. The result could also mean being very late to school. Let us all make the effort to be on time and be organised each and every day.

It was indeed a busy week. I meet with the School Board on Monday evening and formally met all the hard working



Parent and Friends Association. On Wednesday I had a meeting with His Excellency Nadgib RIPHAT Kesoema the Indonesian Ambassador who communicated to me the importance of the Islamic School of Canberra and a willingness to support our school. We then gathered for the 'Meet the Principal' evening and on Thursday I took our school leaders to the National Museum for a Leadership Breakfast where Mr. Chris NUNN spoke. He has attended 8 Paralympics' and spoke about resilience and leadership. It was most inspiring.



His Excellency Nadgib RIPHAT Kesoema (Indonesian Ambassador) with the Principal

School leaders with Mr NUNN and Mrs Sultana

On Friday I have arranged to drop in and welcome the new Principal at Al-Taqwa. I am looking forward to meeting her and learning more about her community.

Finally today (Friday 28th October) we celebrate World Teacher's Day! I acknowledge the teachers at the Islamic School of Canberra. Without these committed and creative educators we would be challenged to continue to get the quality results we are producing. They are our greatest resource and they need to be thanked for all they do. The passing on of information from one generation to the next is indeed the most wonderful of vocations.

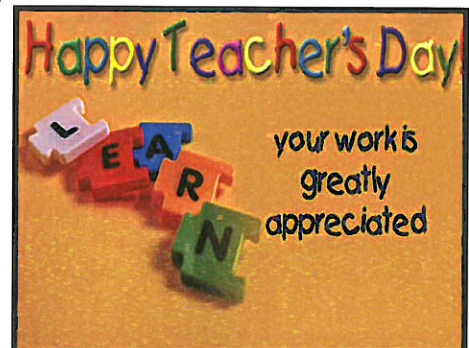
*The messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said "Indeed Allah and his angels and those in the heaven and earth including the ants in their holes and whale in the sea pray on those who teach mankind goodness".*

Have a nice weekend please remember our OPEN DAY!

**David Johns**  
Principal



We, The Islamic School of Canberra acknowledges the traditional custodians of the ACT and surrounding region. We respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.



**Date: 5th November 2016**

**Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



# Islamic School of Canberra Open Day



The Board Members, Principal, Parents and Friends Association (PFA), Staff and Students of the Islamic School of Canberra would like to invite you, your children and prospective families & students to the "SCHOOL OPEN DAY".

A fun filled day for the whole family. Free B.B.Q, games, face painting, pony rides, fairy floss, refreshments, showcase student talents, science show and much more. A chance to explore the school, meet the Principal, Staff, Students and Board Members. We look forward to meeting you.



**Venue:**

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CANBERRA**

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