

ISC Newsletter

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Salam Alikum
 Dear Parents/Carers

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favour of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favour, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided." Surah 3: 103

What an excellent Open Day we had on Saturday! We had pleasant weather and a fantastic turn out of over 350 people. The students presented some outstanding activities and the Year 7 Science show was quite engaging. The school presented itself well and we have had a number of enrolments as a result and we are looking at a sound increase in numbers for the 2017 academic year.

I thank the school board for their organisation around the hosting of this community event and acknowledge the PFA who not only assisted in a working party to tidy up the school grounds, but made and distributed much of the food that was enjoyed across the day. Our Master of Ceremonies, Mr Berjaoui organised the proceedings well and I thank him for the many activities he coordinated across the day.

We are busy organising for the 2017 academic year and I ask that parents/carers who have not as yet submitted their academic intention form to the school, do so as soon as possible. Increasing numbers may require us to increase classes and staffing- we need these details if we are to adequately prepare for next year.

I announce to our community that some teaching staff will be leaving us for a period of time. Ms Tayln Young (Yr 2) will be taking maternity leave from the 23rd November and Ms Gurprit Sandu (Yr 4) will be taking some leave from the 22nd of November. Both staff have contributed a great deal to our school and its students. We hope their time away from teaching is restful and they return safe and invigorated. Both teachers will be replaced by exceptionally qualified teaching staff and have already started working with Talyn and Gurprit to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. I welcome Ms Mariam Haider (Year 4) and Ms Amira Hawwash (Year 2) who will be working with our students through to the end of the year. Both a well qualified teachers who are very engaging and creative educators. They are excellent replacements and we are lucky to have them join us.

A reminder to parents/carers that school fees are due and if there are any concerns associated with this an appointment with the Principal is warmly encouraged.

At our senior assembly this week we spoke about recognising the many gifts we have and understanding the importance of sharing our gifts with others. We watched a video about a man called Nick Vujicic who was born with an extensive disability. His outlook on life and the inspiration he has provided countless people is amazing. It was great to talk about him with our senior students.

Finally we have our Book fair on Monday 14th November and a competition is being run at the school. Our students are required to write a response to the statement " Being at the Islamic School of Canberra I have learnt that....." This will be completed by Friday 11th November and winners will be announced on the morning of the Book fair. There will be a number of book vouchers presented to the winners and their work will be published in the newsletter.

Kind Regards

Mr David Johns - Principal
 Islamic School of Canberra

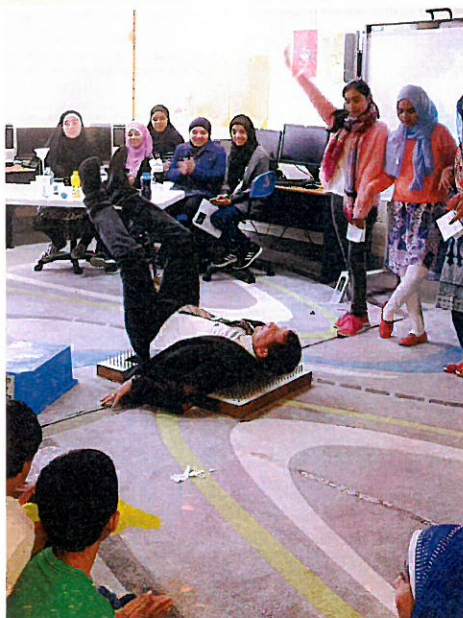
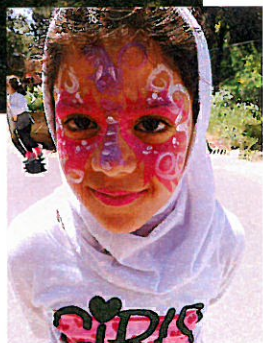


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Remembrance Day in Australia

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Remembrance Day is annually observed on November 11 although it is not a public holiday.

What Do People Do?

Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11am in their local times on November 11 each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war, especially soldiers from as far back as World War I.

Those who join in this act of remembrance include teachers, students, politicians, and workers of public and private sector enterprises.

Many people wear artificial poppies on the day and key political figures make speeches in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes. Services are held at 11am at war memorials in suburbs and towns across the country, at which the "Last Post" is played by a bugler and a one-minute silence is observed.

Pardon and forgive until God gives his command.

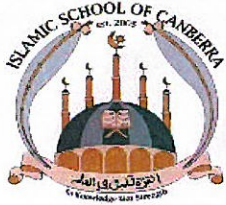
Quran 2:109



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Yr K Newsletter

Wow! Five weeks down and five to go! It has been a busy term in the Kindy Koalas. We have been doing lots of learning and we have been developing our skills to prepare us for next year.

Throughout the term the Koalas have been learning about Measurement in Mathematics. The Koalas have learned about formal and informal units of measurement and they have used lots of different objects to measure different items and places around the school!

The Koalas practiced using a big ruler and Miss Barnett measured all of the Koalas and recorded their height on the door! The Koalas are going to be measured again at the end of the term to see how much they've grown in five weeks!

In Geography the Koalas had to research a special room in their home and create an informative poster to present to the class! All of the Koalas did an amazing job of presenting their information! The parents and families should all be very proud of them!

Lastly, I wanted to say a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the Kindy Koalas on their performance and behaviour on the Open Day. It was so lovely to see all of the Koalas so excited and confident. Thank you to all of the parents, family and community members for coming out and supporting the school and our class.

Five weeks down, Five to go!

Madeleine Barnett, Kindergarten Teacher.

Yr 1 Newsletter

Greetings to the wonderful parents of Year One,

2016 has been an eventful year for our young friends! I am incredibly proud of the way they have adjusted to the massive changes they have faced; and the great challenges that they have conquered. I am going to miss them greatly as they graduate from Year One in five weeks!

In other news, it was wonderful to see so many students and parents getting involved with the Jump Rope for Heart program earlier in the term. Thank you to everyone for getting involved! We raised \$1154 in total. That was an amazing effort for such a tiny school!

As we begin to finish off our work, complete assessments and wrap up for the year, I do ask that you still read with your little ones every evening. They have all made great progress this semester and regular reading will help sustain this progress.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you this semester!

Kind Regards,

Peta James Year One Classroom Teacher



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Yr 2 Newsletter

Welcome to week 5! It has been a very busy term with the success of Jump Rope for Heart and Open Day. Thank you to all the parents for their support and involvement. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a great time.

Year 2 are currently progressing through new units of work across all learning areas and we will be starting assessments from next week. We have recently started weekly news presentations and the students have been so excited to share and present their news topics each week. In Science, we have been learning about conserving Earth's natural resources. We have been focusing on water, soil and resources from the ground. The students have been very eager to learn different ways that they can conserve these valuable resources. Our writing focus for this term is examining the structural and language features of persuasive texts. Soon students will be writing a letter to their parents persuading them to get them a pet!

All the students have been working very hard and they are to be congratulated on a fantastic effort this term!

Thank you,

Talyn Young

Yr 3 Newsletter

Term 4 is a busy and eventful one in Year 3! We are working on our reflection skills as students learn to be self-managers and collaborators. Every day we see the power of social learning as students engage with their peers and collaborate in teams to work on various projects. It is with great excitement that our Generation Z learners are exploring digital systems, their components and functions. We are now looking forward to our excursion to the National Arboretum in Week 7. Students will have the opportunity to discover trees, climate zones and parts of the world.

Thank you to all parents for reinforcing our school values and learning assets at home. Communication via ClassDojo has been very productive. Year 3 has been an exciting journey indeed and I would like to congratulate every one for welcoming challenges and seeking to improve in all areas. Keep up the hard work and positive attitude!

Regards,
Chabina Hussanee

Yr 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are half way through this last term of the year. Many exciting things have taken place this year at our school and there are many more such events to look forward to. Year 4 students have worked extremely hard to achieve their best and are surely ready for the challenges of the next grade level. I would like to extend my appreciation to all the parents who have worked hand-in-hand with me this year to enhance the overall teaching learning experience for their child. Many thanks to all the parents who have taken the time and promptly responded to any concerns and messages sent to them on Classdojo.

As the weather gets warmer, I would like to remind all parents to please send a drink bottle and hat to school everyday. Also be reminded that we have a book fair on Monday for which students may bring money to purchase their favourite book from the display as well as dress out of uniform for the day.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Regards
Mrs Gurprit Sandhu



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