



ISC Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

"So verily with the hardship there is relief, verily with the hardship there is relief"

Ch 94:5-6



Another busy week for our school and I thank the students and staff for all their hard work leading up to the completion and marking of assessments in preparation of reporting.

Our students in Year 3 and Year 4 went on an excursion to the National Arboretum on Tuesday and had a wonderful time. Student's learnt about plants and a variety of animals native to the Canberra area. It was a worthwhile experience with many students commenting on what they had discovered about how plants develop adaptations to survive Australia's harsh conditions. I thank the staff who supervised this excursion as it was certainly a worthwhile experience.

On Wednesday our students contributed to a food stall to raise money for the purchase of sporting equipment for classrooms. This was an excellent event that was well supported with an enormous quantity of food produced to be sold. I thank all the staff who assisted in the running of this activity. We will be doing this again next week and I thank our many families who I am sure are cooking at home in support of this.

I do wish to mention to parents that it is critical we ensure that children are on time for school and are picked up promptly at 3.10pm. I have noted that a few children continue to arrive late to school (after 8.45am) and this is unsettling and certainly a distraction for other students. At times lateness cannot be avoided but consistent late arrival does not set up the student for a successful day at school. If parents/carers wish to collect their child before 3.10pm, notice must be given to the front office prior to collection. It is inappropriate to request front office staff to collect children from class without notice. Our front office is very busy and to leave the office to gather a child from class is at times very difficult.



Year 3 & 4 on an Excursion at the National Arboretum!!



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Please consider

- Children dropped off to school by **8.45am**
- Children collected from school at **3.10pm**
- If a child needs to be collected earlier contact must be made by phone prior to this collection

Last week I mentioned to you the **FORMAL END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY**. I am happy to say that we have received approval to have this gathering at the Canberra Islamic Centre. This is very exciting as we are expecting a large turnout of parents/carers and there will be a number of important presentations that will take place across the morning. Please ensure you have made arrangements to attend this very significant day for the Islamic School of Canberra.

After speaking with the school staff it has been decided that we would like to host a community event in Civic on the evening of Friday 16th December, 2016. We plan on **donating** a variety of Middle Eastern sweets to members of the Canberra community as a way of **Wishing OUR Canberra Community happy holidays!** This is a community building activity for us as a school as I wish to invite families to bake a variety of sweets that we can then provide to those in Civic from 6.00pm-8.00pm. If you are interested in contributing to this I would ask that you contact Saba/Jaz at the front office for more information. These sweets will be gifts to the local community and will be staffed by our senior students, the staff and myself. I feel it is important that we as a school continue to have a community presence and are open to sharing with others what a wonderful inclusive community we are.

Please be involved and help us raise the profile of our school.

Finally I need you all to speak with your children about interactions across the school day.

Over the last few weeks I have been required to speak with students about inappropriate comments made to others students and on occasion physically interacting causing pain.

While these incidences are few I feel our community need to ensure that all students understand that it is never permitted to touch another student and is certainly not acceptable to speak with another student in a loud, rude or aggressive manner.



Awareness on WHITE RIBBON DAY!!



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We are a peaceful community that admires the gifts and strengths in each other. Students who are involved in behaviours that damage relationships will be spoken to by their teacher, our Imam Konda and myself to determine consequence around this action. I would value your support in speaking with your child about this.

We are in a healthy position with enrolments and as they continue to come in we are in a better position to resource our school for 2017. Please encourage those you know to get their enrolments in as soon as possible

At this stage we plan on having a number of classes in several year groups and will now have the numbers for a Year 7 group in 2017. **We will not be required to combine 6/7.** This is an outstanding result of our school.

Kind Regards

David Johns

Principal

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Miss Nehmat Nikro & Year 5s all ready for their Excursion to Warrambui Retreat and Convention Centre!! They also are participating in the School's leadership process for 2017 and will soon start giving out their speeches.



Fire Drill undertaken on Thursday 24th November 2016 for the awareness of Students and staff.



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