



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

'He grants wisdom to whom he pleases; and he to whom wisdom is granted receives indeed a benefit overflowing; but none will grasp the Message but men of understanding'

Al Baqarah 2:269

I welcome you all to the 2017 Academic Year at the Islamic School of Canberra.

It was excellent to meet our new students and catch up with our continuing student who have grown so much during the holidays. I trust the break was well enjoyed with family and friends and our students are ready for what will be a very exciting year of learning at our school.

CHANGES

There has been much completed across the holiday break. Our PFA have funded our new sails in the main courtyard and they look fantastic. It is great that our students have somewhere to sit on hot days and be well protected from the sun. Our learning centre has been re-organised and contains more seating and work areas for the students. We have also arranged for our staff to supervise students across break time in the Learning Centre so they may read or play board games. We will now be making use of our Science facilities in E Block and this is exciting. There will be many great Science practicals that we can now do in this purpose-built space.



NEW STAFF

I welcome to the school-

Ms Toni Brammall who has returned to our school and will be looking after Year 7

Mr Christopher Nairn who has also returned and will be looking after Year 6 and

Mr Callum Vaughan-Floyd who is new to our school and will be sharing Year 4 with another returning teacher

Ms Nazmeen Rahman.

These staff are highly competent and will bring a great deal to our school. I warmly welcome them!

As a school, we have many strengths and the support we receive from our parents/carers is one of these. The value of this community support is not to be underestimated and means a tremendous amount to our staff.

REGISTRATION AND FUNDING

Be aware that our school has now received REGISTRATION through until the end of 2017, with a confident view that this will be extended. The ACT government has expressed confidence in the Islamic School of Canberra through continued payment of school funding. This has created opportunity for us to plan continued excellent learning experiences for our students. We are now waiting on the federal government response to our updated paperwork so further funding can be released. The work the Board has done in this regard is outstanding and I anticipate that the government will look through the information provided favourably.



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.



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PRESENTATION AND ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Please note that we as a school community need to work on our presentation, arrival and departure from school. We are asking families to ensure that students are in the correct uniform, that is neat, clean and well presented. The school is supportive of parents/carers that may have difficulty purchasing school uniform and I ask that these families contact the school so support can be provided. It is exceptionally important that students arrive to school from 8.30am and ready for classes at 8.45am. School concludes at 3.10pm and unless prior arrangements are made, students will need to remain at school until this time.

FOOTBALL INTEREST

This week I met with the Weston Molonglo Football CLUB about linking up some school teams with their club. The support in this regard was overwhelming and there is every possibility that we may be able to put some teams into the local competition this year! Over the next few weeks the Football CLUB will be inviting only our students to a skills afternoon to train our kids and obtain community interest. I think this opportunity would be outstanding and mean a lot to many of our students. More information will follow



GREAT RESULT FOR WOMENS SPORT

We would all be aware that the AFL Women's competition commences today and will be televised and will also have radio coverage. This is excellent for our community and highlights the wonderful contribution women provide within a sporting context as well as many other facets of life. We have female students at the Islamic School of Canberra who are strong, confident and full of potential. I hope this great step forward motivates them to achieve whatever they wish in their lives. Please also note that our Canberra Women's Football team have a game at Canberra Stadium on Sunday and families are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be followed by an 'A' League game. The standard of football will be very high I am sure!

SWIMMING PROGRAMME

There has been a great deal of effort put into this programme and I thank Simon at Deakin Indoor Pool for his work in putting an appropriate programme together. I also thank Sr Peta and Sr Neha for their working in organising our structures across the day and ensuring that students will have the best possible experience.

Please note:

- the indoor swimming facility will be majority used by our students from 11.45am-2.45pm.
- there will be female teachers with female students and male teachers with male students
- female teaching staff will be fully supervising female students always
- male teaching staff will be fully supervising male students always





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- across this time there may be 4-5 members of the public receiving hydrotherapy treatment because of medical conditions. These individuals are in a different facility separate from the pool our students will be using. The swim school will assist us in ensuring that privacy for our students remains a priority and steps will be taken to ensure this.

I have every confidence that this experience will be an excellent one for our kids. The skills that they will be learning will be life long and will develop in them confidence when around and in water.

REMEMBER SWIMMING

WEEK 2- 6th FEBRUARY

Please bring – Towel, Swimmers, Goggles, Cap (Optional)

BOYS ONLY

FROM 11.45am-

INFORMATION SHEET

Attached is an information sheet that clearly identifies staff, classes and the class times for this term. Please place this somewhere for ease of reference as required. Our staff are most keen on receiving communication from you as required. You may notice that we have changed our times across the day in response to Prayer time as well as the heat across the day. It has been suggested that we extend our recess times and shorten our lunch breaks. We will trial this across term 1, 2017 and I will ask for your feedback as we move into Term 2.

Kind Regards

David Johns- Principal

