



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

"but fulfil towards you the duties of my Lord's mission: sincere is my advice to you, and I know from God something that you know not"

Chpt 7 Al Araf : v. 63

I thank you all for the contact made to the teachers and myself across the first few weeks of term. This is critical as we work together to ensure that the students at our school are given every possible opportunity to learn and achieve academic, social and emotional potential.

Our female students commenced their Swimming Programme on Monday with enormous success. The teachers and swim instructors were very happy with their progress and how they managed themselves and their belongings across the sessions. We had minimal lost property and this was an excellent outcome.

Some students spoke to me about the time they are at the pool and we are looking into increasing shuttle runs so students are not at the pool for as long. We are also aware of other members of the public present across our swimming times. While this cannot be avoided we continue to work with the Deakin Pool staff to ensure an ongoing level of privacy and cultural appropriateness. I would encourage parents/carers to communicate directly with me if there are further concerns associated with this.



This is the last week for our Year 7 teacher Ms Toni Brammall who is preparing for the birth of her second child. This is a very exciting time for her and we wish her every blessing. Toni will continue to work closely with the school in her absence and plans to be available for our Parent/Teacher interviews later in the term. It is expected that Toni will return to us at the beginning of next term- Inshallah!

As of next week Year Seven will be shared by several teachers. Mr Kayis will be teaching English, HaSS and The Arts and I will be teaching Science and Mathematics. Mr Callum will be teaching the class Sport and Physical Education. A lot of work has taken place to prepare for Toni's absence and the students will be well supported across this time.

The PFA continue to sort out the details around the **Fundraising dinner** and I ask that you all contribute to this very important event. The PFA have been involved in providing our school with Sun Shelters, BBQ's, Technology as well as working parties across the last six months. It has provided wonderful resources for our students and our school is better for their activities. I now need you to consider how you can be involved.



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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We have a board working tirelessly in supporting ongoing government structures. We have the PFA who continue to spread the word about our great school and we have a staff that are committed to their students and wish them to achieve potential.

The Islamic School of Canberra now needs you to make a contribution!

This could take the form of support for the Fundraising dinner, donating time or providing a service specific to your skills. I have applied to the ACT government to consider registering us to Year 8 in 2018 and this will hopefully lead to an extension into further Year levels - most exciting.

The reality of continuous secondary education in the Islamic tradition will only ultimately succeed with strong community backing- we need you all!



Please be aware of a few things that are coming up across this term. We have:

*** Soccer Skill Afternoons (Boys and Girls) You will need to confirm interest with front office (ASAP)**

Venue: Waramanga playing fields, Badimara Cres, Waramanga.

We will all meet in front of the canteen block (end of car park).

GIRLS - 24th FEBRUARY 4.30-5.30

BOYS - 27th FEBRUARY 4.30-5.30

*** House Sporting Competitions**

THURSDAY - RECESS WEEK 4 ONWARDS

*** School Photographs**

1st MARCH (Bring a smile and neat uniform)

*** Book Fair**

8th-10th MARCH (Bring money and excitement)

*** Parent/Carer- Teacher Interviews**

14th -16th MARCH (To talk about the progress of your child)

*** Harmony Day**

21st MARCH (Come in traditional dress from your own culture)





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The Soccer programme is particularly exciting and I thank the Weston Molonglo Football Club for their support of us and wishing to develop the skills of our students.

On Monday the **NRL and Canberra Raiders** will be attending our school as a part of the 2017 Community Carnival. They plan to talk for about 30 minutes to our senior students about the importance of community, working together and a healthy lifestyle. We are very fortunate to have them come to our school and I hope the students enjoy the experience.

Please ALSO CONSIDER what is in your child's LUNCHBOXES. Staff have noticed that we are seeing a lot of sweet foods, drinks that are high in preservatives. I would ask parents/carers to give this some thought.

Finally I wish to draw to your attention that we have had one confirmed case of SCHOOL SORES. This is highly contagious and I would like to remind all families that some medical conditions require informing school administration and in some cases required absence from school. Detail on schools sores is included below:



Impetigo (school sores)

Time from exposure to illness:	1 - 3 days.
Symptoms:	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.
Do I need to keep my child home?	Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts.

Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?	Careful hand washing.
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I have also included a fact sheet that provides additional information that parents/carers may find useful

Have a safe week

Kind Regards

David Johns - Principal

