



ISC Newsletter

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' I n K n o w l e d g e L i e s S t r e n g t h '

Dear Parents/Carers

And he found you lost and guided you.

Adh-Dhuha 93:7

What a great week we have had at the Islamic School of Canberra! Over the weekend our Board and PFA held a fundraising event at the Canberra Islamic Centre. It was an incredible night! To see so many people willing to support our school not only by attending but also by donating money was most humbling for myself and my teaching staff. The money raised was very pleasing but the feel of being a part of a faith filled community that values the school and its purpose was inspiring and priceless. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this school and look forward to the many things we will continue to achieve.

The trust you place in us to provide the best possible care for your child drives us all to continue our hard work. We are committed to quality education within an Islamic context that provides meaning, direction and purpose for all our students. Your support through ongoing communication, attendance at school functions and helping when required will ensure that our school continues to grow and prosper. I wish for our school to be school of choice not only for those wishing to seek an Islamic education but for those who want an outstanding academic experience. I feel we have the staff and students to achieve this.



We also received news that **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE** has been approved for our school. This is tremendous news and means that many families can now drop off their children early and pick them up later to accommodate family working hours. I would encourage families that wish to use this service to collect forms from the front office, complete and return as soon as possible. We have already received contact from families who wish to now enrol their children because of this additional service.

The **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** will commence at the beginning of TERM 2, 2017 and I am sure will be a very popular service. The **YWCA** will run the program and you will be required to go through this organisation to arrange booking and payment of fees.

We continue to offer early morning Arabic support and afternoon study support and I encourage families to make use of these services as required. Next week I would like to invite interested students to attend an **ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON**. This afternoon involves working with select teaching staff on a range of projects that aim to **EXTEND student learning**. It is for students who are managing their school work at a high level and would like to explore deeper into what is being learnt in the classroom. Our first session will be on **TUESDAY 28th March, 2017** in the **Learning Centre from 3.30-4.30pm**. To book your child into this please contact the front office – places are limited.

Our Swimming Program continues next week with the last boys' session for the term. It has been enormously worthwhile as reflected in the confidence our students have gained from this experience. We plan to run a Swimming Gala day next term to allow parents/carers the opportunity to see what they have learnt. I hope this can be organised as you will be very proud of what your child/ren can do.



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'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Harmony Day was again a great success and I was most excited about the large number of students who made the effort to dress in their traditional clothes. It further demonstrated to me what a varied multicultural community we have. At the Harmony Day assembly, we emphasised the importance of being proud of your heritage, your culture and your faith. Our school community is special, strong and significant because of the variety of cultures in our school. This for us should be a celebration!

Finally, I would like to remind families that our classrooms are teacher spaces and need to be respected. Parents/Carers are asked not to enter classrooms without a class teacher present. This is to prevent confusion around student belongings and ensure that the privacy of other students and the class teacher is maintained. If you wish to go to a classroom and/or see a teacher you must initially contact the front office so this can be arranged.

Wishing you a safe weekend!

Inshallah

David Johns
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STAFF & STUDENTS celebrating HARMONY DAY!!



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