



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

"After asking Allah to guide you to the straight path, don't just stand there ... start walking!"

Albaz Poetry



I hope the week has been an enriching one for you all and the students at our school have enjoyed the first few weeks of term!

I met with the School Board last night and there was much discussion around the DET decision to end our funding from 30th June. The Board are committed to our school and will continue to communicate with DET in understanding what is required for the school to comply in areas that have been identified.

The Board are currently seeking to apply for an Internal Review which is a provision that allows the opportunity for the school to respond to DET concerns with the hope that funding may be re-instated.

The Board are extremely passionate about our school and will do whatever is required to demonstrate to DET that we are aware and have acted to comply with government regulations.

We as a community need to continue to have confidence in the Board and do what we can within the school space to demonstrate how we value our school.

Families can support our school by:

1. Ensuring that our Term 2 fees are paid as soon as possible.
2. Communicating with others in the community about the excellent school we are a part of.
3. Supporting fundraising at the school in all its forms.
4. Getting involved in 'Islamic Schools Week'- and inviting families to come for a tour.
5. Continuing to communicate with staff in getting the best work out of your child.

This school is exceptional and its worth cannot be underestimated. We are building futures of hope for Muslim boys and girls who will contribute to Australian society in many ways. This could be as a Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher, Public Servant or in the Defence Force. Let us together make sure the Islamic School of Canberra continues to do this for many years to come.

I draw your attention to the following :



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SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

We have been fortunate that the Association of Independent Schools has offered us a counsellor for the remainder of the year. Her name is Kirsten and she will be working in our school every Tuesday from 9.00am-12.00pm. Kirsten will see our students on a referral system that will involve initial conversations with the teacher and the parent/carer.

The counsellor spoke at length to Imam KONDA and myself around the needs of our students and we are most excited about her contribution in supporting our community. Kirsten will be coming to the school this Wednesday to introduce herself at the Senior Assembly and I warmly invite any families who may be interested to come along and introduce themselves.

Assalamu alaykum Wa rahmatullah Wa barakatuh dear parents,

Alhamdulillah ISC have employed a professional Counsellor. Her job is to support the learning and development of the staff and students. I support this positive step and look forward to working with her for the benefit of the students.

**Waslam,
Br Adam**

OUTREACH

I wish to again acknowledge the work of our students in sending thoughts and prayers to a school community in Rockhampton who were affected by the floods at the end of last term. Together with pictures and cards we raised over \$200 which was also passed onto the school. Today I was contacted by the Principal who has received the parcel from the school and was most touched by the messages of goodwill from the Islamic School of Canberra. He informed me that a family directly touched by the flooding is in receipt of the Woolworths Gift Cards and has been passed on with appreciation. I continue to be most proud of the giving nature of our students and their families.

SCIENCE EXTENSION- Why is it so??

A reminder that Science Extension continues again on Tuesday 9th May from 3.30-4.30pm in the E BLOCK Science labs. If interested please leave your names with the front office! Students need to be in Year 3-7 and places are limited to 15 students.

WINTER UNIFORM

I thank the many students who are wearing their ties and black shoes to school. I would ask that this continues and we speak with our children about the importance of appearance and following school expectations. We require all students to wear the correct uniform (including the school jumper) and do so with pride.



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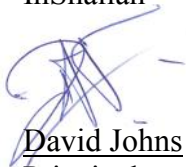
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' *I n K n o w l e d g e L i e s S t r e n g t h* '

PFA Gathering

I wish to remind our community that the PFA will be having a parent/carer gathering this Saturday 6th May from 11.30am in the School Computer Laboratory. This will go for about one hour and will be an opportunity for families to hear from the PFA and discuss issues associated with the DET funding decision.

I wish you all a safe weekend

InShallah



David Johns
Principal
Islamic School of Canberra



Juniors enjoying outside play time and some fun activities in the library!!!



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