



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

'Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allah certainly, Allah loves those who put their trust (in him)'

Surah – Aal-e-Imran



I would like to thank all families for their continued support during this challenging time for our school. It is wonderful to see our students continue to arrive for lessons, well dressed and well prepared for each and every day! Our Board continues to work very hard for all of us in addressing DET concerns. There has been a number of meetings across this week and these gatherings will continue until ALL matters are resolved and the future of our school is guaranteed.

Across this week our students in Year 3,5 and 7 experienced the NAPLAN examination period. I would like to commend all students and class teachers on the way these examinations were organised and undertaken. While it is important that students thoroughly engage with these examinations, the results used are one of many diagnostic tools to determine student progress with respect to Literacy and Numeracy. What is now of significant importance is the assessments that our students will be continuing, leading to the reporting period at the end of this semester. I would encourage Parents/Carers to speak with their child about work that is being completed to see how things are progressing.

Our Athletics programme commenced this week and I am most excited about this. Many of our students have impressive coordination and are very interested in Athletics and the various track and field activities they will be taught. I would again like to express my appreciation to **Sporting Schools Grants** who provided the school with over \$2000 to fund this great experience.

Monday 22nd of May through to Thursday 25th May we will hold our

CELEBRATING ISLAMIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017.

This is a week where the Islamic School of Canberra is OPEN for current and prospective families to walk around the facilities and meet with our community. It is for us ALL to enjoy what the students have achieved and thank the staff for the work that has been done. I would ask that we make every attempt to communicate this event to **ALL FAMILIES** across our community. With interest and large numbers we can showcase our school and send a message out to the wider community that the Islamic School of Canberra is important and vital to Canberra and surrounding areas!



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On Wednesday 24th May we will have our student led **Learning Journeys** and afterward an afternoon/twilight BBQ hosted by the PFA and School Board.

Let us all make this week a statement of the value of Islamic Education.

We are a school that prepares students who are strong in the Islamic faith, are good Muslims; value education and who are keen to contribute to Australian society in making a meaningful contribution into the future.

We should take a moment to consider our Brothers and Sisters in other Islamic schools across the country. I would especially like to offer our thoughts and blessings to Br Kadir the Principal at the Islamic School of South Australia. I spoke with him several days ago and he communicated to me the challenges his school is currently facing.

A wonderful man who is leading his community with strength and purpose. I wish Br Kadir and his school strength over what will be a difficult few days.

HATS

The staff have been discussing issues surrounding the wearing of hats during the winter months (Terms 2 and 3) and the following has been proposed.

On **Monday 15th May** **ALL** students will be required to bring in their school hats. These hat will be fully labelled and stored at the school in the classrooms.

The students will then be permitted to play at Recess and at Lunch with the option of wearing their hat. This will give teachers the flexibility of using a hat when there are prolonged outside activities or if there are occasional days of high UV across the winter. I hope this is found to be satisfactory for parents/carers and will continue throughout Terms 3 and 4.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

I would like to thank our Year 3 girls who asked if they could hold a Mother's Day stall this week. They had made a variety of cards to be sold to students to give to their Mother's or other important 'Mother Type' figures in their lives.

They also stated that any money made at this stall would be given to an organisation that looks after the poor, homeless or destitute. I am happy to say that the stall went ahead and they raised over \$80. It was a great initiative and next week they will decide where the money should go. Our students are amazing!





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Finally I would like to thank the PFA for the organisation associated with the **APPRECIATION AFTER-NOON TEA** that has been arranged for our staff this Friday 12th May, 2017. This was suggested by the PFA who felt that it would be a great way to demonstrate the communities support for the staff and what they do for the children- especially at this time. This gesture means a lot to our staff. They are committed and value being a part of this community.

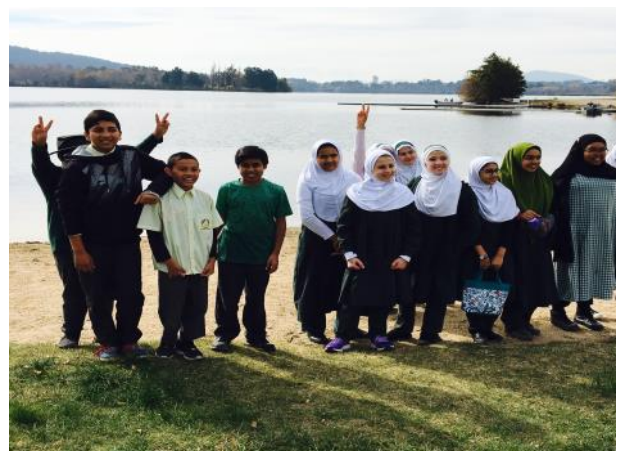
Wish your every blessing for a safe and relaxing weekend with family and friends

InShallah

David Johns
Principal



Years 7's on the Science -Ice Skating Excursion
and Year 3s celebrating Mothers' Day!!



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