



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

'And if anyone earns sin, he earns it against his own soul: for God is full of knowledge and wisdom.'

Chpt 4 Al Nisa: Verse 111

We have had a busy week celebrating Islamic Schools!

On Monday we commenced our Orienteering programme where students from Year 3-7 were introduced to a sport that has a huge following in Canberra and can be seen as a mix between Cross Country running and Bush Walking! Its proved to be hugely popular and concluded on Thursday with a very successful competition among all our senior students.

We also set up our Art room in E Block and had our students involved in Art activities associated with Ramadan. These drawings and pictures are now displayed throughout our school. I congratulate our staff who set this room up efficiently and have made it a wonderful learning space.

Students in Kindergarten through to Year 3 engaged in a Science session with myself in the E Block Science lab. For many students it was the first time they had been in the Science lab and really enjoyed themselves. Students made wind vanes, straw towers and measured their heart rates. They looked at Scientific Method and spoke about observation skills and using their senses.



On Tuesday we had a multicultural day and an opportunity for prospective families to walk through our school and see what great things we do. It was wonderful to see the students have so much pride in dressing and bringing in food to reflect their culture. We are blessed to have a school that can proudly display over 25 different nationalities and see this as a celebration.

Wednesday was our learning journey experience, afternoon tea and community gathering. I again thank all parents/carers who attended the afternoon and provided food across this event. It was a great afternoon with lots of positive comments.

The Board, PFA and myself will be meeting with Mr Andrew Wall MLA - Shadow Minister for Education and Training to talk about our school and its current situation on Monday afternoon. I thank him for his time and I look forward to his support.

A reminder that NO TOYS are permitted at school.. If they are brought to school they need to be handed to the class teacher for the day. If students use toys at school without permission there will be confiscated and returned directly to the parents/carers. Toys include Pokémon cards, fidgets, yo-yo's and marvel trading discs.



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Can I please remind parents/carers about the safety requirements associated with dropping off and picking students up at our school?

1. Please adhere to the Speed Limit upon entering and leaving the school 20km/h
2. All students must be collected from **inside the school** and need to be fully supervised until they enter the vehicle
3. All students need to be fully restrained when in the vehicle with appropriate seatbelts and harnesses.

There has been numerous near misses of children being in the path of moving cars and staff have noticed children in vehicles unrestrained. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of road safety, student awareness and the use of child restraints.

WELL DONE - To our Year 3 and Year 4 students for their fund raising initiatives. They have raised over \$80 at the Mother's Day stall and raised over \$180 by selling Icy Poles. The amount collected in total is well over \$250 dollars and they have requested this to be donated to keep our school open. A very humbling gesture from these amazing students!

RAMADAN

'O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may (learn) self-restraint'

Al Baquarah : 183

School for the Month of Ramadan

School commences - 9.00am DROP OFF TIME (Ensure students arrive at this time)

PRAYER- 12.40-1.05pm

School concludes- 2.45pm PICK UP TIME (Ensure collection at this time)

School Term end for students WEEK 9 FRIDAY 23rd JUNE, 2017

HOLIDAY WEEK 10 MON-TUES 26th-27th JUNE, 2017
(Staff will attend school from Wed 28th JUNE for Professional Development
No students are at school across the last week)

School Term ends for staff WEEK 10 FRIDAY 30th JUNE, 2017



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We also concluded our Athletics experience with a select number of Year 6 students teaching K-1 Athletic skills. These student were trained last week so they could set up an Athletics Programme for our younger students. This was a great success and I thank the Year 6 students involved for their hard work in running this programme. Some future teachers were in action on the day I think!!

As Principal and on behalf of the School, Board and PFA we wish you all Ramadan Mubarak for the blessing of this holy month.

May we all continue to be strong as a community as we work though these challenging times.

InShallah

David Johns

Principal

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Year 6 students doing Athletics with kindy and Year 1 classes!!



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Learning Journey and Science/Art activities



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