



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

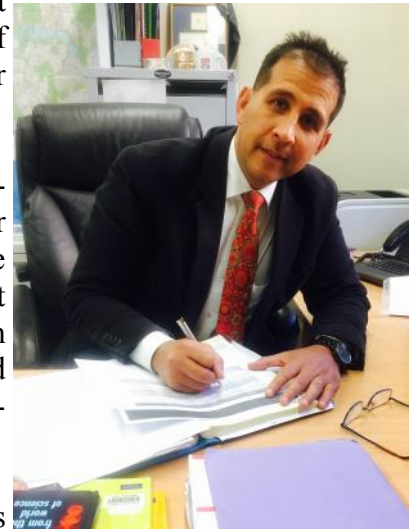
Dear Parent/Carer

And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits (of your toil), but give good tidings to those who patiently persevere."

(Al Baqarah 2:155)

Many thanks to the families who have supported our school with the prompt payment of school fees for the term. This together with the re-instating of Federal Government funding has provided us with some time to address our financial viability issues.

Across this week I met with a number of organisations interested in purchasing from AFIC the lease upon which the school is situated. I thank AFIC for their detailed examination of each and every applicant to ensure that the lease is passed over to an organisation who understands this community and what families want from a school such as ours. All interested parties are keen on working with the Islamic School of Canberra community and it is expected that an opportunity for community engagement will be priority moving forward. We will hopefully know something by the end of next week.



We have continued our great start to the term with a visit from the NRL. This visit was to highlight healthy lifestyles and making good choices. As expected our students were extremely well behaved and the event was well organised by Mr. Callum.

Our Kindergarten students are busy preparing for their visit to Animal Nursery and Farm and our Seniors are excited about the **Science Week Activities** that are fast approaching. Our ongoing commitment to Cricket skills has been progressing well and have several more weeks of training before we take part in a Primary Schools Cricket competition. We anticipate that we will be able to invite both a girl's team, and a boy's team to this event!

We have noticed that some of our boys appear to be taking their Soccer games rather seriously. We appear to be dealing with some rough and potentially dangerous play along with student arguments and/or frustration. I would like ALL families to communicate to their children about the type of behaviour that should be demonstrated when playing at school. We all aim to be respectful, play within the rules and ensure that everyone taking place feels valued. It is not a time for others to feel excluded, vulnerable and targeted. Please talk with your children about this - as a priority.

We continue to have in our thoughts Ms Chabina and Br Mohammed who are still unwell and we hope to see them back with us soon. I thank all our staff who have worked together in supporting staff who are absent through taking classes and supervising students.



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You will be aware that we have **Parent/Carer/Teacher evenings** coming up and I invite you to make time to meet your child's teacher and go through their end of semester report. This is a most important meeting and I hope you are able to attend.

Interviews - Tuesday 29th - Thursday 31st AUGUST (Contact teacher for bookings)

The remaining lost property will be on display Friday 4th August on tables outside the main doors. What is left behind after this time will be cleaned and sold or given to charity. Please take the time to check these items.

I wish to also make families aware that from next week I will be conducting a series of **classroom observations**. I intend to do this as a way of determining additional resources that my staff may need as well as see how our combined classes in Kindy and Year 2 are progressing. I am very excited about the opportunity to see my staff in action and learn how I may be able to best support their classroom teaching practices.

This week we conducted a LOCKDOWN drill to educate our students about what to do in such situations and assess what we can put in place to further protect our students and staff during critical incidents. I thank the student who were excellent across this drill. We will be having a FIRE DRILL over the next few days.

Finally please be aware that I have had families communicate to me about difficulty with paying school fees. While I am keen on supporting those families who are finding the fees challenging I would remind parents/carers to provide as much information as possible to allow a complete picture of the financial situation of the family.

This is to make the process around the provision of a discount transparent and consistent. Financial hardship is an issue for many and each case presented to the school will be treated with respect, dignity and privacy.

I also thank Mr Mariam and the SRC who organised our Jeans for Genes Day!

"In Islam, we are encouraged to think about people who are less fortunate than ourselves and continuously appreciate what small blessings Allah has given us. Many children are very fortunate to have a healthy body! However there are some children, 1 in 20 children, who are born with a birth defect or a genetic disease. On average, that's one in every classroom!"

Our School Representative Council (SRC) would like to take part in a well-known fundraiser, Jeans for Genes Day, on 4th of August (this Friday) to raise awareness for childhood diseases and raise money to assist the researchers in finding cures for those diseases.

We are asking that every student wear their jeans to school in order to fund raise for this worthy cause! Every student will have to bring in a gold coin donation on the day!





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We would like to make it clear that all students **STILL NEED** to wear their uniforms on top of their jeans. The clothing will also need to be appropriate and will need to abide by our Islamic values at this school. We appreciate your help in this!

There will be another **Scholastic Book Fair** held in our library next week. It will start on Tuesday and end on Thursday afternoon. Students will be able to purchase from the Book Fair at recess time and after school (until 3.30). Eftpos will be available. We hope you all enjoy

Thanks to the SRC and I hope our community gets behind this worthwhile cause!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend with family and friends - InShallah!

David Johns
Principal
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Year 2s enjoying their cricket session!!



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