



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

How many creatures that carry not their own sustenance? It is God Who feeds (both) them and you: for He hears and know (all things). "

(Chpt 29 Al Ankabut: V. 60)

I find it very difficult to place into words how wonderful the gathering was last Friday when our community had the opportunity to meet the new School Board members. Br Rafiqul Islam, our new Chairperson spoke of the blessings from Allah and the importance of this school and working together as a community. He reinforced the hard work of our previous Board members and the efforts of all the staff at the school. Br Rafiqul also reminded us of all the people and organisations who have helped the Islamic School of Canberra over many years to keep it functioning as a school, including ACT Government and the Department of Education. We as a school must continue to remain confident that we will sort out our governance and financial viability issues to enable the restoration of our funding past 2017. I am confident that our Board will ensure that everything will be done for this to occur.



We need your support now more than ever and ask that you all become involved in the many activities that will be taking place throughout this term. Your continued confidence in us is empowering and sends a very clear message to the Canberra community.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

4th November, 2017

As you are all aware, our OPEN DAY will be taking place on Saturday 4th November, 2017. This day is a very important one for the our school. It is for us to come together as a community and celebrate all the work we have done throughout the 2017 academic year. It is also to welcome prospective families to our school. It is a great chance to show families around our campus and allow them to see what is happening in our classroom and across the school day. It is our responsibility to advertise this day and invite as many people as you can to share this day with us.

The day will commence with an official opening from our Board and a few words from our Principal and school captains. Our Imam will lead us in prayer and we will also have a number of student presentations. Throughout the day we will have entertainment for the children and food/drink will be supplied- kindly coordinated and supported by the PFA. It is sure to be a very enjoyable day for us all.



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SCHOOL FEES TERM 4, 2017

We are getting many families paying school fees in full or setting up a payment plan to complete this by the end of term. This has been enormously appreciated and has enabled the school to complete a variety of maintenance issues around the school. This has included:

1. Repair of Hot water system in the administration block
2. Continue electrical work in E Block
3. Landscaping
4. New colour photocopier for the staff

REPORTING AND ASSESSMENT

All families should now have received information from class teachers about work and assessment that will be covered across the term. This information should outline what is to be covered, what is to be assessed and when this assessment will take place. A reminder that we will be working with students up until Thursday 7th December, 2017. On Friday 8th December we will have Formal Awards Assembly and the school term will end for students at this time.

NOTE - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Some families have drawn to my attention problems that occur as a result of the holiday breaks for the Islamic School of Canberra. Parents/Carers who have children in other schools find it difficult to coordinate care for the children when on holidays and this is a cause of concern. There is not much that can be done for the remainder of 2017, but consideration will be provided for the 2018 arrangements. I apologise for the inconvenience caused through term breaks not aligning as I understand the difficulty that exists in providing care across school holiday periods.

EXPECTATIONS

Our students have responded well to our problems with uniform, hats and lateness and I thank parent/carer support in this regard. I do wish to remind families that lateness needs to be carefully monitored. Last term some students missed out as much as 5 hours of academic time due to lateness. This places students at a significant disadvantage and I thank you for your continued vigilance with this.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

In preparation for the COMMUNITY OPEN DAY on the 4th November, the Board with the support of the PFA will be running a number of working bees to tidy up the grounds in preparation. If you are in a position to help I would encourage you to make contact with PFA President - Kalam Ph- 0411959386



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Your continued support and confidence in our school is always appreciated. May you all have a safe and relaxing weekend - InShallah!

Kind Regards

David Johns
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Islamic School of Canberra

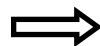
The New Board
Member meeting the
with the School Staff
and Parents!!



Reflection on Percy Jackson and the lightning thief by Azal Al Khaldi 10/9/2017

I thought the book was really interesting. It really captured my attention. The book is about Greek gods. Zeus, god of the sky thinks that Percy Jackson has stolen his Master-Bolt. In one of the Chapters, Percy figures out that his best friend, Grover is a Satyr (Half Goat). In the same chapter Percy is in a car and his mum is driving him to Camp Half-Blood. Percy Jackson has dyslexia an ADHD, so it's hard for him to read English, yet somehow, he can read Greek. Percy's mother loses control when a Minotaur attacks, and they crash. Percy's mother turns into a shower of gold sparkles, and Percy thinks she is dead. At Camp Half-blood Percy figures out that he is the son of Poseidon, god of the sea. Percy is confused because he never thought that Greek gods would be real. Percy also figures out that Mr. Brunner, his Greek teacher is a centaur. Mr. Brunner give Percy a pen and told him that it is a powerful weapon. Mr. Brunner tells Percy that the pen will always return to him. His Greek teacher tells him that when he uncaps the pen, it will become a bronze sword. Percy meets Anabeth, who helps him on his quest. When Percy figures out that his mother is still alive, his one mission turns into two missions: to find and return the Master-Bolt and stop a war between the gods, and to save his mother. I thought the book was really well written. I wanted to get the second book as soon as I finished the first one. I would rate the book five out of five stars. I would recommend it for readers who like long books with no pictures. There are twelve books in the series. It was written by Rick Riordan. In the book Percy defeats Ares, god of war. There was also a chapter where his friend, Luke, betrays him. Luke tried to kill Percy but he survived. In my opinion it was a great book. In fact, it was one of the best books I have ever read. I like reading long books, and Percy Jackson is over three hundred pages and it has no pictures. I liked it because one of my favorite writing styles (genre) is Adventure. I also like reading books that are fiction. I really loved the book and I want to finish the series. Rick Riordan wrote other books such as 'The Lost Hero'. I really like the way the author wrote the book. I loved his style of writing.

Azal Al Khaldi's (Year 4)
Beautifully written
"Reflection on the Lightning
Thief"



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