



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

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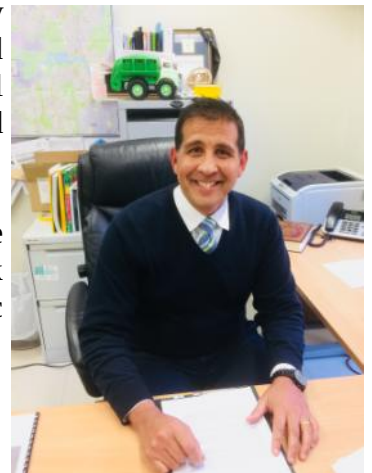
Dear Parent/Carer

"Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God: for without doubt in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction"

Al Rad Chpt 13: v. 28

I would like to acknowledge the work of our PFA and general school community for the enormous efforts associated with preparing the school grounds and related facilities for the Community Open Day on the 4th of November. The goodwill displayed by so many- providing many hours of their own time, to clean, cut and remove items around the school is enormously appreciated.

What makes our school so special is the way its students, staff and families come together to support one another when and if required. I thank you all for the work you do for our school and I am excited about what the future holds for the Islamic School of Canberra.



DET FUNDING DECISION

Today we received communication from Department of Education and Training that funding to our school will not be continued under ASAL as our current approved authority. DET has concluded that the ASAL Board remained non-compliant with aspects of the Education Act 2013. This decision takes affect from the 15th December, 2017. This result is an opportunity for our new Board to develop a response that will demonstrate required compliance and Federal funding into the future. The Board will continue to work with (Islamic Practice and Dawah Circle) IPDC on proprietor status, transfer of lease and approved authority for our school- this is a very positive step. I ask that our community continues to support our school and we should all be confident in the knowledge that the school Board is committed to the future of the Islamic School of Canberra.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was again an incredible success and has provided the school with some additional money to purchase some more books for our library. The work of Ms Toni and the class teachers ensured that it would be a great opportunity for our students and I thank them.

COUNSELLING

Ms Kirsten has been doing excellent work for our students and recently commenced a family group programme covering a variety of different areas. I thank her for the development of these activities and I am so pleased with how her involvement in the school has been of benefit to so many students and their families.



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END OF YEAR FORMAL ASSEMBLY

I am pleased to announce that we can confirm the **END OF YEAR FORMAL ASSEMBLY** will take place at **ALBERT HALL on MONDAY 4th December, 2017**. This will be a twilight gathering followed by dinner. It is expected to commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 9.00pm. At this assembly students will receive awards based on efforts throughout the year and will celebrate our students and their teachers. More information will be provided closer to the event. Please note that classes will continue through that week, with the last day for students on Friday 8th December, 2017.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY - 4th November, 2017

This is another reminder about the Community Open Day which will take place on Saturday 4th November commencing from 11.00am. This day is a celebration and an invitation to the wider community to hear about our school and take a tour around the facility. It is critical that we invite family members, friends and work colleagues to attend so we ensure that everyone knows about our school and how great it is.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The school has a number of activities coming up that you need to be aware of. Please note the details of these below:

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| 1. Leadership Workshop- Year 6 | Monday 30th October |
| 2. Community Open Day | Saturday 4th November |
| 3. Girl's Cricket | Monday 13th November |
| 4. AFP Police Visit | Tuesday 21st November |
| 5. Jump Rope for Heart | Wednesday 29th November |
| 6. Healthy Harold | 24th, 27th, 28th November |
| 7. End of Year Formal Assembly | Monday 4th December |
| 8. Last Day of School- Students | Friday 8th December |

UNIFORM AND LATENESS

This is improving every week and I thank families for their efforts in ensuring that students are well dressed and are on time to classes. Please ensure:

- Students arrive at 8.45am
- Students are wearing correct uniform, especially shoes and hat
- Have a well stocked/healthy lunch with water (as weather is warming up)
- Please be on time collecting your children in the afternoon



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2018 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND TRANSPORT

In 2018 the School Board is looking to provide additional transport and again attempt to get before and after school care into the Islamic School of Canberra. If you are interested in Before and After school care it is critical that you fill out the attached form from the YWCA and return it ASAP. If you interested in transport - you will need to communicate this to the front office so we can consider how this can be best supported. It is extremely important that community needs are passed on as soon as possible so time is allowed for this to be considered and implemented for the 2018 academic year.

VISIT TO NEW MADINAH COLLEGE, YOUNG

This week I spoke to Br Mohammed the Principal at the New Madinah College, Young to wish him congratulations for the work he has done with this new school. He has over 60 students (K-6) and is expected to move into secondary classes over the next few years. I have expressed support for him and his school community and to this end will be travelling out to Young on Tuesday to visit the school and meet with him to determine if we can be of assistance. It is exciting that another Islamic school so near to Canberra has opened and doing so well. Let us hope that the Islamic School of Canberra is able to assist this new school community in Young - Inshallah!

Have a restful weekend !!

Kind Regards

David Johns
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