



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

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"

(Chpt. 13: v. 28)

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY, 2017

It is difficult to put into words the wonderful community response that was reflected in the Community Open Day on last Saturday, 4th November, 2017.

The enormous work that went into preparing our school for this event was incredible. The work of Kalam, the President of the PFA and his team; along with members of the Board and wider community support ensured that the school was well presented and ready to receive our guests. We were overwhelmed by the numbers of people who joined us in celebration. It was estimated that we welcomed between 800-1000 people across the day and this was a great result. I noted and spoke to many new faces and I am sure that enrolments will result from this.



Our staff and students again prepared an excellent collection of student activities for our guests and I note the hard work from our staff in putting these performances together. We had a collection of prayers, poetry, public speaking, charity group and Islamic movement and nasheed which were all well enjoyed.

It was an important day for our school! It marked a NEW BEGINNING, led by our NEW BOARD to ensure our community of the continuation and strong growth of the Islamic School of Canberra. I looked around during the Community Open Day and noted volunteers attending to the food, giving out enrolment forms, controlling traffic and speaking with people new to the school and I felt enormously proud. This school will continue to thrive as a direct result of this community working together as a strong unified group. So much has been achieved, yet there is so much potential to be realised for this school and its students.

Let us join in celebration for what was an excellent Community Open Day! May we continue to grow in strength as we provide a schooling experience that will educate children well so they may integrate and contribute to Australian society as proud Muslim men and women- Inshallah!



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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. Girl's Cricket | Monday 13th November |
| 2. AFP Police Visit | Tuesday 21st November |
| 3. Proposed visit for Registration 2018 | Tuesday 21st November |
| 3. Jump Rope for Heart | Wednesday 29th November |
| 4. Healthy Harold | 24th, 27th, 28th November |
| 5. End of Year Formal Assembly (Twilight) | Monday 4th December |
| 6. Last Day of School- Students | Friday 8th December |

REMINDER- 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

REMINDER-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 are 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.

TRANSPORT 2018

The NEW BOARD is currently working through transporting arrangements for 2018. At this stage it is critical that families communicate their intentions around the use of the school bus system next year. If you wish to make use of this it will be important that you communicate this to the school so it can be considered. It would appear that we may need to consider two buses for the Gungahlin area- your feedback around this is extremely important and I would request that you contact the front office (Jazz/Saba) about this as soon as possible.





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YEAR 6 CHARITY GROUP

On the Community Open Day our Year 6 Girls brought in food to be sold to raise money for those who are less fortunate. Across the course of the day this group raised \$1000 - which is an incredible result. At this stage the group is keen on supporting an organisation that is currently working with individuals in Iraq, Palestine, Yemen, Pakistan and Myanmar. The charity 'Doctors Without Borders' appears to be the charity that the group wishes to contribute to and will do further research. They thank ALL community members who contributed to this fund raising drive.

LEADERSHIP PERIOD

Our Year 5 students have now received the paperwork around leadership selection for 2018. It is asked that our students read through the documentation and answer the questions in preparation for this. It is assumed that ALL STUDENTS in Year 6, 2018 will be identified as leaders, but some may consider positions as School Captain or House Captain. I ask parents of Year 5 students to talk with your children about this very important process.

Have a restful weekend

David Johns-
Principal
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School community enjoying the OPEN DAY!!



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