



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

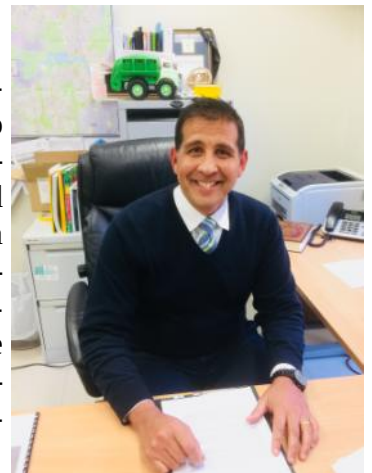
Dear Parent/Carer

"Our Lord! (Do) not deviate our hearts after [when] You (have) guided us, and grant (for) us from Yourself mercy. Indeed You, You (are) the Bestower.

(Al-Imran 3: v.8)

REGISTRATION PANEL VISIT

This last week has been a very successful week for the Islamic School of Canberra! On Tuesday 21st November we were visited by a registration panel who were required to validate the work we were doing at our school. This involved classroom visits and reading through documentation associated with Teaching and Learning as well as other compliance matters. The panel are required to develop a considered response on their findings which will then be presented to the Minister. While this report has yet to be finalised, initial observations and feedback provided appeared very positive and comment was made around how much the school has progressed across many areas. I commend the teaching and administrative staff for their continued hard work and their efforts in producing clear, concise and professional documentation.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

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| 1. Healthy Harold | 24th, 27th, 28th November |
| 2. Jump Rope for Heart | Wednesday 29th November |
| 3. End of Year Formal Assembly (Twilight) | Monday 4th December |
| 4. Last Day of School- Students | Friday 8th December |

BOARD MEETING

This week I worked with the New Board on many school initiatives. The submission for Approved Authority status was completed and submitted. Along with this we continue to wait for a decision from ACT Government around approval of IPDC Proprietorship to take over our school and the related transfer of lease. All documentation is in and it is hoped that the New Board and the school community will hear something over the next few weeks.



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There have been important decisions made around further resourcing the school and supporting quality Teaching and Learning. This is exciting, and our staff are already planning stimulating programmes for 2018. The increased emphasis around resourcing the staff and providing high quality Professional Development has been well received. I thank the New Board for their desire to further enhance our educational and student and community welfare programmes.

END OF YEAR FORMAL ASSEMBLY

A reminder that the End of Year- Formal Assembly is to be held at ALBERT HALL on the 4th December 2017. This will commence at 6.00pm and conclude with food and light refreshments. It is anticipated that we will have large numbers at this event, so I would ask that you arrive early to obtain a seat. This assembly will celebrate the success of many of our students and many awards will be presented across the evening. I hope to see you there.

BOOK PACKS

Students who will be continuing at the Islamic School of Canberra in 2018 will be able to order their book packs online and on the school's website. Shortly this information will be provided on our website and most families should have received information as an email across this week. I thank the work of our front office staff in assisting the management of this.

DANGEROUS STUDENT GAMES

This week it was brought to my attention that several boys have re-introduced a game associated with confining the breathing of another student until they faint. Most recently a student fainted and bumped his head causing swelling. I have spoken to all boys involved and their parents. I am disappointed that students would engage in such dangerous behaviours and that they would do this during Wudu-when thoughts should be with personal reflection and preparing prayers for Allah. Please speak with your child about this dangerous activity and if further information is required I ask that you contact the front office.

SCIENCE FACILITIES

Our New Board has provided funds to further stock our Science facilities and I thank them for their support in the teaching of Science at our school. Over the next few weeks, students K-7 will be provided with the opportunity to look at these resources and manipulate some of the apparatus. It is exciting days for Science at the Islamic School of Canberra.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

I would like to thank Adrita, Jazz and Ezzat for the work associated with the school magazine. The draft looks amazing and I am looking forward to seeing the finished copy. The school magazine will be available to collect at the end of the formal assembly and is a celebration of what has been an excellent year for our school. I especially thank the staff for their submissions to the magazine- their students have achieved so much this year!



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REPORTS

The school reports will be released on Friday 8th December 2017 and will be brought home by the students. I hope that you find the reports insightful and provide detailed information about what your child has learnt and can do. On Wednesday 13th December from 1.00-4.00pm parents/carers will be able to meet with staff to talk about aspects of the report. If you wish to do this, I would ask that you contact the front office to make a booking.

SCHOOL FEES

Could I please remind families about the prompt payment of outstanding school fees. All fees will need to be paid before the end of the academic year, unless an arrangement has been made with the Principal. For families to leave the payment of fees to the last minute or to carry over this debt into the New Year places considerable pressure on school accounts and delays the schools' ability to pay its own debts. Please respond to this request as soon as possible.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Next week on Thursday 30th our 2018 Kindergarten students will be having an orientation. This will commence at 9.00am and conclude at 11.00am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with the new students and parents. Please welcome them when they arrive on Thursday.

NOTE: School bus will not be running on Friday, 1st December 2017 as Brian has taken personal leave. Parents will have to organise their own transport for pick up and drop off for that day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Families will not be charged for the bus on this day.

Wishing you all every blessing for a peaceful weekend – Inshallah

Kind Regards

David Johns- Principal
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Year 7 boys presenting their persuasive speech to their peer panel.



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