



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

"Do not lose hope, nor be sad!"

Quran 3: v 139

Welcome back to school for Term 2, 2018! As you walk around the school ground you will see that a lot of work has been done to continue to make our school neat and well presented. I thank Brian, Naser and the PFA for their work in cutting back our trees and landscaping the areas around our classrooms. We are most fortunate to have our school on such a great block of land.

I was most impressed that our students are making such an effort to wear the correct school uniform. If families are having any problems adhering to our winter uniform policy I would ask that they contact the front office, so arrangement can be made to support these concerns. Uniform when worn correctly tells a lot about the students and their school. Please keep this mind.



ANZAC CEREMONY

On Wednesday 2nd May 2018 we conducted an ANZAC acknowledgement. We had a Year 5 student, Azal Al khaldi read about ANZAC day and were joined by Petty Officer Zul and Warrant Officer Troy from the Royal Australian Navy. Both men spoke about being in the defence forces and what has taught them about community, leadership, integrity and valuing diversity and inclusion. Petty Officer Zul also spoke about being a Muslim in the defence forces and how that created wonderful opportunities for him. Our senior students were then provided with some time to ask questions of both gentlemen. It was a very positive experience for our students.

MATHLETICS/READING EGGS

Staff have spoken to me about re-introducing the Mathletics/Reading Eggs programme to the school. If you recall a few years ago we had some parents/carers feeling that there was limited value in continuing this subscription. Next week you will receive a letter that will provide information about these programmes and what they cost. You will then need to sign onto the programme for your child to be involved. The Board are keen to partially subsidise the subscription for this programme and to benefit from this, parents/carers will need to attend ONE of several sessions to understand how the programme works and how to get the most out of it. Read the letter carefully and if interested return it with you child I thank the Board for this initiative.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The School Enrichment Program will commence next week (week 2). If your child has not submitted their form yet please do it latest by Monday 7th May 2018 so they can participate in it.



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NO HAT NO PLAY

As the weather cools and the sun loses its 'bite' the staff have expressed an interest in making the hat optional across Term 2 and Term 3. As a result, the school has decided that it will be **OPTIONAL** to wear the school hat from the 14th of May through until the 3rd of September. IF you wish for your child to continue to wear a hat, this will be your choice. But the wearing of hats from the date specified above will not be compulsory.

ISLAMIC BOOKFAIR

Next week we will be visited by an Islamic Bookfair that will provide excellent Arabic books along with reading material and decorations in preparation for the Holy Month of Ramadan. Opportunities will be provided across next week for students/staff and families to purchase what is presented. Please communicate interest with the front office or your class teacher. It may be necessary for you child to be provided with a few dollars to purchase some items.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

In preparation for Ramadan our Year 4 students have requested they set up and run a food stall to raise some money for charity. They intend to have a sausage sizzle with the option of a drink. The money raised will be held and across Ramadan will be added to and then be finalised with an Eid 'food stall' that will again add to the money raised. The Year 4 group hope that they raise over \$1000- Inshallah!

CIC MASJID OPENING

On Friday 4th May from 11.20am will be the opening of the new Masjid at the Canberra Islamic Centre. Congratulations to the community members involved in the fundraising, construction and coordination of such a big undertaking. I invite all in our community to join CIC in the opening of this Masjid. Activities will be taking place throughout the day.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

A reminder to all in our community that the After-School Care Programme continues, and our numbers are steadily growing. Please take the time to consider this service. There are excellent activities on offer and government subsidies in place to assist in paying for this service.

Wishing you all a great weekend – InShallah

David Johns- Principal

**Sliming with the
Principal**



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ANZAC Presentation



Serving my country is about serving my family, my community and it is about being part of a force protecting us from anything that takes away what is vital to us such as our freedom of speech"

My experience in Being a Muslim in the navy has been significant in my identity. if your faith doesn't influence on how you carry yourself then you need to reflect. It influences others and making other people feel valued and respectful, putting a smile on their face is paramount. my faith and religion has allowed me to do that without animosity or judgement. How we are brought up in our morals and values shape us in how we are and I took it to the navy and it grew within the navy - four years ago I was asked to me the Islamic educator in navy to educate people about what islam is/Ramadan is about which was great.

Brother Zul



Healthy Harold



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