



# ISC Newsletter

## Islamic School of Canberra

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Dear Parent/Carer

*"O our Lord! Truly You do know what we conceal and what we reveal: for nothing whatever is hidden from God, whether on earth or in heaven"*

Ibrahim: v. 38

Many thanks to you all for the work you are doing at home to settle your children for what will be a very busy term. Staff are working very hard setting assessments and observing students in preparation for reports that will be released at the end of term.



### KINDERGARTEN MEETING AND PROPOSED REGULAR PARENT MORNING TEA

This week we had a gathering for all Kindergarten parents/carers their teachers and Kirsten our School Counsellor. This meeting was to discuss how the Kindergarten students were settling into school and some of the challenging behaviours that children were displaying at home and at school. Suggestions were made and experiences shared by those who attended. It was great to see parents/carers gain so much from listening to others and as a result I will be formalising regular parent/carers morning teas for those who wish to catch up and talk about lots of issues in a relaxed and comfortable setting. This will be further developed with an official 'launch' early next term.

### NAPLAN 2018

NAPLAN examinations will be taking place across next week. All classes 3,5,7 would have received information regarding this examination process and I hope it is well understood by all in the community. Please remember that NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool that assists parents/carers and schools to gain an understanding of the Literacy and Numeracy standards that exist within the student cohort - according to a test that is taken by students across Australia.

For some of our students this examinations is a cause of significant anxiety and concern- this should not be the case. Please place where possible a positive spin on this examination. Comments that consider the examination to be an adventure, a puzzle to solve and/or a 'game' to play - would be most useful. The examination is about finding out how much a student knows and sharing this information.

The school is very aware that NAPLAN will be taking place across the 1st week of Ramadan. This will be another challenge and the staff will be sensitive to this and ensure that times outside of the examinations will involve supporting ALL our students to feel relaxed, comfortable and at ease.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Next week will be our Term 2 Scholastic Book Fair! It starts on Tuesday and will be open Recess and after school.



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Ramadan will be commencing across the first half of next week and exact timing has yet to be determined. When Ramadan commences we will immediately move to the new timetable hours from 9:00 am in the morning till 3:00 pm in the afternoon. Please note that families will be communicated to via SMS when the Ramadan timetable comes into effect.

### WINTER UNIFORM

It is indeed wonderful to have an assembly and see so many of our students wearing the correct uniform. As we start to experience the colder weather there will be need for jumpers to be worn. I ask that families either purchase the school jumper or purchase a jumper that aligns to the green of the school uniform. It is a continuing expectation that students wear black shoes as an essential part of the uniform. When the correct uniform is not worn it reflects badly on the school community.

### READING EGGS AND MATHLETICS

Next week staff will be communicating to families about purchasing through the school the Reading Eggs and Mathletics online programmes. This communication will be an expression of interest to be involved in the programme, the cost of the programme and what the programme involves. Be aware that the School Board are prepared to subsidise the cost of the subscription if families commit to a training session in how to fully utilising the software. Please respond to this as soon as you can as we hope to commence use of the software at the start of Term 3, 2018

### CARPET

The School Board have approved the installation of new carpets for several rooms across the school. This is great news and the laying of the carpets will commence this weekend and will conclude early next week. Several rooms in E Block and B Block will be re-carpeted with other rooms being considered for work during the Term 2 holiday break.

### ACE TRAINING

I congratulate our Year 6 students who have now completed their ACE training, supported by Sister Sumaiya and her team from the Australian Red Cross. It was a programme focussed on:

A  
Active Listening

C  
Critical Thinking

E  
Empathy

To have this programme at our school has been an excellent initiative and I thank the Australian Red Cross (Red Crescent) for their delivery of such a worthwhile activity.



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Students in Sister Shirin's Year 4 class set up and ran a sausage sizzle for charity on Friday. It was a very involved process and I commend the staff and students in how they managed this. It was thought that this fundraising activity could commence prior to Ramadan to allow the community to add to money raised across the Ramadan period. At this stage it would appear that the students have managed to raise around \$900, which is an amazing effort. The students have yet to decide on the charity this would go to.

### ENRICHMENT

This list have now been finalised and I thank the staff for again supporting this opportunity for our students. It was noted that some students did not hand in Enrichment notes and it has been assumed that they do not wish to be involved in Enrichment for this term. For those students who have elected to be involved in the Enrichment programme, I hope it is well enjoyed.

### CARPARK MOVEMENTS

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are not adhering to the speed limit in and out of the school car park. Please be mindful of others and especially children as we move in and out of the car park. As our numbers increase so will the number of vehicles in and out of our school.

### SCHOOL FEES

The process around the collection of school fees is due to commence shortly and I ask families to be efficient in responding to this. If any families are having difficulty in paying school fees I ask that communication is made with the front office so a meeting can be made with the Principal to discuss what can be done to assist.

May you all have a 'warm' and relaxing weekend- Inshallah!

Kind Regards

David Johns- Principal



ACE—RED CROSS TRAINING



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Year 5 had a great week! We made a news report in English and Drama and held an in class debate on Homework!



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