



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer *Salaam Alikum*

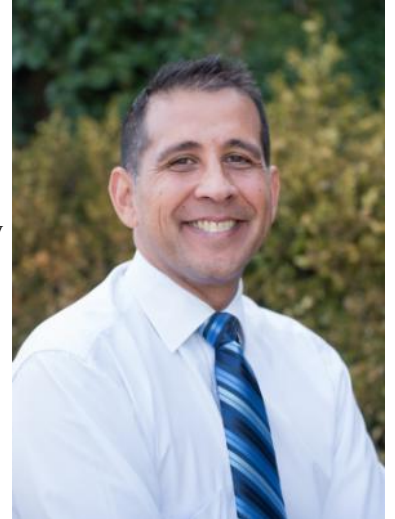
"We created not the heavens, the earth, and all between them, but for just ends. And the Hour is surely coming (when this will be manifest). So overlook (any human faults) with gracious forgiveness"

Al-Hijr: v. 14

What a wonderful Open Day we experienced! The weather was excellent. We had great attendance and the food and activities were well enjoyed. I thank our school Board and the PFA for the work they did to get our school grounds well prepared and for cooking and cleaning across the day. There was a healthy number of enrolment enquiries that came from the day and these are being processed currently.

STAFFING

Our student numbers continue to grow and the 2019 Academic Year will be our largest cohort in the history of the school. This is great news and will result in the appointment of a number of additional staff. This is a very exciting period for our school and the increasing enrolments and new staff will add to a community that continues to succeed across many areas. Teaching positions will be advertised across next week and it is expected that we will receive a high volume of quality applicants.



SPORTING SUCCESS

This week has been great for our school. We continue to get involved in Squash and Karate and we commenced an Indoor Hockey competition. Our U12 hockey team played Red Hill this week and even though we lost the game, the skills our boys displayed demonstrated that with ongoing training we will have a great season. We also concluded our Brumbies Rugby Union sessions this week. It was a great success and our school was visited by a number of Brumbies players and we expect to get some air time on ABC RADIO and Channel Nine news!

KARATE

Greg who is running the Karate training is very impressed with how our students are developing. He hopes to commence some grading with the students shortly and this is exciting. What is a concern for me is the number of families that are not paying Greg for the training. HE consistently communicates to me that there are many students being trained BUT this does not match up with the payment he receives. If this continues he will not be able to run his training sessions at our school and will need to shut down this great opportunity. Please ensure that payment is made each and every session.

AWARDS CEREMONY

A reminder that we will have our end of year awards ceremony at the Albert Hall on Tuesday evening 4th December, 2018. It will commence at 6.00pm and will be a great evening of celebration of what has been achieved as a school across the 2018 Academic year. I strongly encourage ALL our community to attend and be a part of this celebration.

ACTIVITIES DAY

Our school has decided to put on an ACTIVITIES INCURSION for the students to celebrate the hard work they have done during the year. This will take place on WEDNESDAY 12th December, 2018 and will involve our students taking part in:

PETTING ZOO

REPTILE ZOO and EXHIBITION

BUBBLE SOCCER

OBSTACLE COURSE

NERF CHASE AND CATCH

This will be a great activity for our kids and will take place within our school grounds. A permission note regarding this event will be released to families next week and we expect that it will cost \$25 per student. This is a great price and will provide our students with many fun activities.



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NAPLAN

I thank my Year 7, Year 5 and Year 3 staff for their work in unpacking the NAPLAN data from this year. I again emphasise that NAPLAN is a great diagnostic tool (one of many) that we can use to identify areas of strength and weakness within our student population to then resource accordingly. I also remind you of our excellent performance in Year 7 with over 80% of our cohort demonstrating above national average growth in ALL areas- amazing!

CRICKET GALA DAY

Some of our Year 4 students met with Geoff Bartlett (ACT CRICKET DEVELOPMENT MANAGER) to request assistance in staging a CRICKET GALA DAY for the Islamic School of Canberra. As a result of this meeting, the school has been given \$600 worth of equipment and the GALA day has been planned for Tuesday 11th December, 2018. This will involve a number of teams from within our school who will play each other across the day. It will be a super event for our school.

AIS LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION TALKS

Congratulations to Ms Nehmat and Mr Chris for their presentations for the AIS this week. Ms Nehmat looked at Numeracy data and how this drives teaching strategies and Mr Chris examined the benefits of free and open writing in a lower Primary School context. Their presentations were extremely well received and they (as all the staff) are a credit to our school community.

RSPCA- AWARENESS OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WEEK

This week some of our students led an Awareness of Cruelty to Animals Week which was very well received. Holly from the RSPCA came to the school and spoke to our students about the work she does and the concerns around animals that are used for racing and those that are poorly cared for. Students then took part in a fund raising drive, selling RSPCA merchandise. Our school managed to raise over \$150 for this cause and they should be very proud.

LEADERSHIP PROCESS

Our Leadership Process has commenced for 2019 and Year 5 have been provided with an application pack to fill out if they intend to consider a Leadership role in 2019. All applications are due to Ms Brammall on Monday 12th November, 2018 and I wish all applicants good luck.

Kind Regards

Mr. David Johns - Principal





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ISC Hockey Team who had their first ever outing in the indoor competition!



OPEN DAY 2018!!



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