



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer *Salaam Alikum*

'Know that Allah intervenes between man and his heart'.

Al-Anfal: v. 24

The week has certainly been a very busy one for our school and I hope that the students are enjoying their learning and the work the teachers are providing them.

On Wednesday we had our Senior Assembly and the Leadership speeches from students in Year 5 who wished to be considered for a role in the Leadership team in 2019. The information presented across the morning demonstrated a sincerity and maturity that made the voting process very difficult. I do not think that we have had such a strong group of applicants and I am excited to think what a team of high-quality students from this year group could achieve.

The voting has now taken place and has been counted. The House Captains and School Captains have now been determined and will be announced at the Formal Assembly on Tuesday the 4th of December. I thank ALL students who took part in this process and to the school community who voted with careful consideration.



STUDENT SUPERVISION

It has been observed that our junior playground is getting quite busy. As our enrolments climb, we are required to consider playground supervision to ensure student safety. This week we trialled separating the Year 2 and Year 3 students from the junior and senior play areas. We did this because the Year 2 students are very active and taking up a large portion of the play area and our Year 3 students are involving themselves in play activities with our older students and are getting bumped about. This separation is not the final solution and has been implemented to prevent any accidents that may result. The staff will continue to consider this issue over the next few weeks.

BUS MAINTAINANCE

I would like to apologise to families that rely on Brian and his bus across the school week. We are taking the bus off the road for maintenance and is unavailable for the Friday afternoon run, 23rd November 2018. I thank you for your understanding. The bus will continue normal services from next week.

FARMERS ASSISTANCE- DROUGHT RELIEF

I thank Ms Mariam, Ms Brammall and Ms Nazia and Year 4 for their fund raising for our farmers. At this stage we have raised over \$1800. An amazing effort and everyone should be very proud of this!

EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISEMENTS

Our community would be aware that we have posted advertisements for Principal, Primary Teachers, Secondary teaching position and Front Office administration. The response has been very strong, and the process of short listing will commence over the coming weeks. There is a great deal of interest in working at our school and this is most pleasing.

INVITATION TO FORMAL ASSEMBLY

You will receive with this newsletter an invitation to our AWARDS AND END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY.

I would strongly encourage your attendance to this very important event for our school and join us to celebrate all that has been achieved.



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NOTE FROM THE COUNSELLOR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself: My name is Mutsumi Sakaguchi and I am a School Counsellor from CatholicCare. I am currently working at Islamic School of Canberra on Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm.

As a School Counsellor, my role is to help students through any difficult times they may face by providing social and emotional support. I have been meeting with students individually, working closely with parents/carers, teachers and staff. I am also hoping to run small groups if my capacity allows. I endeavour to provide a safe place for students to work through their thoughts and feelings, and try to help them cope with anything that might be worrying or upsetting them. The problem does not have to be a big one!

My goal is to build trust with both students and their families as a means to promote students' emotional, social and educational well-being.

If you at any time would like for me to meet with your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school. I am here to offer support.

Warm Regards,
Mutsumi Sakaguchi
School Counsellor

ACTIVITIES DAY- Wednesday 12th December 2018

A reminder to our community that we have an Activities Day on the 12th December. A permission note has already been sent home and families are asked to return this as soon as possible. The cost is \$25 per student and includes ALL activities and lunch for the students. It will be a very enjoyable day and I encourage families to get their notes and payment to the school. Any questions related to this day can be made through the front office.

COMPUTERS

It is with pleasure that I inform the school community that our new computers have arrived and will be installed in the Computer Lab over the next few weeks. They are quite powerful computers and will be well used by our students.

I thank the Board for their work in sourcing these computers and assisting in their installation.

INTERFAITH CHILDHOODS- PROGRAMME

RMIT University is conducting a research project called Interfaith Childhoods to explore how art workshops can help increase cross-cultural understanding between people of different faiths from an early age. They will provide a series of three (free) art-making workshops with students on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th of November. The duration of the workshops are 2 hours each. The same children will participate in all three workshops. The workshops will run along side the teacher and will be on hand as required.

The children explore notions around identity, friendships, shared values and how they envision the future in a multicultural society.

We are very fortunate to get this opportunity and it will culminate in a parent/carer gathering on the Thursday afternoon and I hope this will be well attended.



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BRUMBIES RUGBY OPPORTUNITY

Due to the cancellation of the BRUMBIES RUGBY Touch Football competition, an excursion has come up for our students to travel across to BRUMBIES HQ and watch the BRUMBIES team train as well as play a small game of Touch Football on their training field. This is a great opportunity for our students and I thank the ACT BRUMBIES for providing this to the students at our school.

Have a good weekend InshaAllah.

Kind Regards

David Johns

Reflection on Year 4 Birrigai Excursion By Inaaya Kamran and Sarah Berjaoui

'Birrigai' means laughter in the language of the Ngunnawal people.

We had a great time at our Birrigai excursion. We learnt about 'The Web of Life' which is about the food chain of carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. Then we participated in a simulation activity. We played a game about the web of life, where we role played the animals in the food chain and ran around to save our lives.



Our Birrigai teacher Mr. Rob told us about how humans are hurting and killing animals in the food chain, and explained the impact of natural disasters on the food chain too. Later, we had learnt how to make a campfire and Birrigai teachers named Rob and Sarah gave us some dough and a stick to cook our damper with. We were split into four groups, and Rob showed us how to create a Teepee campfire using sticks. Then he showed us how to mould our damper on the sticks, and place it over the fire to cook for a good ten minutes. After we finished cooking our damper they drizzled yummy golden syrup on the damper, they prepared lemon myrtle tea for us to try with the damper. Overall, the excursion to Birrigai was very fun and educational! So we highly recommend everyone at ISC should come and have fun too!



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