



ISC Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer *Salaam Alikum*

"There, the (only) protection comes from God, the True One. He is the best to reward, and the best to give success."

Al Kahf: v. 44

This week we had a visit from a group based in Melbourne conducting Interfaith Childhoods ART WORKSHOPS. They did this work for 3 days with our Year 3 students and they produced some impressive pieces of work. It is anticipated that the work will be displayed around the school. Below is some more information about their project.

"We are currently undertaking a study titled Interfaith Arts, Community and Belonging. This study is funded by a 4 year Australian government grant. This is the first major trans-national, arts-based childhood interfaith research program in Australia and the UK. A key aim of the project is to explore how art workshops can help increase cross cultural understanding between young people of different faiths from an early age.



The project works with children and their parents/guardians. The children are asked to join in a series of arts workshops to explore their understandings of culture and belonging. The children are provided with snacks/lunch and all arts material. These workshops will be led by Professor Anna Hickey-Moody and Dr Lutfiye Ali. The art works created by children will be used to create a public art campaign. The public art campaign will be disseminated via project website, social media sites and on billboards and buses.

The workshops will be followed with a group discussion (focus group) and follow up interviews with the children's parents/guardians in which we discuss questions about faith, belonging and their children's experiences of the workshops."

HOW CAN WE HELP OUR CHILDREN BUILD THEIR SELF-ESTEEM?

Self-esteem is about feeling good about yourself and who you are. Children with self-esteem see the positive about themselves; they are not afraid of trying new things and feel proud of what they can do. Self-esteem helps children cope with making mistakes as well. Since children develop their self-esteem out of a sense of achievement, it is important that we give them opportunities to learn and try new things. It should not be too easy though, or too hard. In supporting this process, our encouragement and 'praise' means a lot. When we praise our children, we validate their experiences, feelings and values. It is important to refer to their specific efforts, processes and attitudes, not the outcomes or results. For example, "I know you feel disappointed you lost the match, but I liked the way you never gave up and always supported your team mates;" or "I am very proud of you because you put so much efforts into your spelling test this week, and you asked for help when you needed it." Praise is important, but we also shouldn't overpraise our children as it can be de-motivating and make them feel unsure about their true abilities!

References & more info:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/self-esteem.html?WT.ac=ctg#catfeelings>; <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating/connecting/praise>

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HOCKEY UPDATE

Our Under 12 Indoor Hockey team had a great win this week (3-2). Well done to Brian and this amazing team.

AWARDS CEREMONY AND END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

A reminder that we have our End of Year and Awards Assembly on TUESDAY 4th December, 2018 at the ALBERT HALL commencing 6.00pm. It is expected that the assembly will go for about 1 hour and will be followed by tea, coffee and cake provided by the PFA. It is a very important evening for our school and I warmly encourage families to attend. Students are required to attend in full school uniform.

KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY

A reminder that our Kindergarten assembly for students who have done so well across their 1st year at school.

When: Tuesday, 4th December 2018

Where: School Computer Lab

Time: 9:00 am—11:30 am

ACTIVITIES DAY

A final reminder of our STUDENT ACTIVITIES DAY that is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12th December, 2018. The cost for this day is \$25.00 and pays for ALL activities including the Animal/Reptile farm and lunch. This money needs to be handed into the school no later than Monday 3rd December. Students who wish to not take part in this activities day will be required to remain at home. If there are any problems associated with the ACTIVITIES DAY please make contact with the front office as soon as possible.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please be aware that the last day of term (for students) will be FRIDAY 14th December, 2018. The following week is a Professional Development week for teachers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Monday 17th December

Mandatory Reporting - looking after children under our care and keeping them safe

Tuesday 18th December

Curriculum assessment and reporting to ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS

Wednesday 19th December

Staff professional conversations

Kindergarten testing for 2019

Parent/Carer interviews (by appointment)

Thursday 20th December

Administrative Staff Only

Friday 21st December

School Closed for Holiday break



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DEPARTING STAFF MEMBER

Today we say Good Bye to Ms. Erum Hamza our front office assistant. She has been with us several years and has worked in our school community with efficiency, dedication and warmth. She will be missed but our community wishes her every success in her new appointment.

Have a good weekend InshaAllah.

Kind Regards

David Johns



Brumbies rugby Day for our Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 teams



**Indonesian Member of Parliament visit to the
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Canberra**



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