



ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer *Salaam Alikum*

"It is He Who does show you the lightning, by way of fear and of hope: it is He Who does raise up the clouds, heavy with (fertilising) rain"

Al Rad: V. 12

It has been a tremendous last week of term for our students! We had our Cricket Gala Day that involved over 20 students that took place on Tuesday. This was run by CRICKET ACT and I thank them for their support in running this event. The students had a great day and I thank our Year 4 boys for their work in setting up this worthwhile experience.

On Wednesday we had our Activities Day, which involved our students taking part in a variety of experiences including- Bubble Soccer, Nerf Targets, Obstacle course and Reptile and Farm Animal Zoo! The students also received lunch supplied by Kingsleys Belconnen- and I thank them for their support of our school.

We were spoilt by the weather on both days and could not be happier with student involvement and behaviour across these experiences. I commend the staff on the work they did

leading up to these activities and especially commend the staff (especially Br Syed) who offered himself as a target for the student water balloon challenge.



REPORTS AND SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The school reports will be distributed on Friday and will come home with your child/ren. At this time, students will also receive the School Magazine and I hope families will find the report and magazine informative and thorough in relaying success and achievements across the 2018 academic year. It is one magazine per family and will be provided to the eldest child from each family.

DATES FOR SCHOOL INTO 2019

Our last student day for the 2018 Academic Year is Friday 14th December, 2018 and next week will involve school staff. On Wednesday 19th December between 9.30-11.30am Parents/Carers will be provided time to meet with teachers to talk about aspects of the school report- if required. This is by appointment and Parents/Carers are asked to make contact with the front office to do this.

SCHOOL REOPENS -

ADMIN STAFF RETURN	MONDAY	14th JANUARY	9.30-2.30pm Weekdays
TEACHING STAFF RETURN	WEDNESDAY	30th JANUARY	8.30-3.25pm Weekdays
NEW STUDENTS AND KINDY RETURN	MONDAY	4th FEBRUARY	8.30-12.30pm
ALL STUDENTS RETURN	TUESDAY	5TH FEBRUARY	8.30-3.25pm



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK Monday 17th-Wednesday 19th December, 2018 (FOR STAFF)

FOCUS AREAS- Monday 17th December

CHILD PROTECTION - The staff will be involved in a 6 hour intensive programme around the laws associated with Child Protection and keeping our students safe. We will work through Federal and State legislation and develop processes around acting on incidences of child harm. This is a very important in-service for our staff.

Tuesday 18th December 9.00-3.00pm

CURRICULUM AND ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS- The staff will be working with a Curriculum Specialist to ensure that our programmes and reporting continues to be thorough, innovative and easy to follow for staff and parents/carers.

Wednesday 19th December

Parent/Carer Feedback- 9.30-11.30am - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (Contact Front OFFICE)

Staff Preparation time and cleaning up of classes to prepare for 2019 Academic year.
Staff Luncheon and speeches- End of school academic year 2.30pm

Thursday 20th December - School is closed for Holidays.

BOARD MEETING

We have our final BOARD MEETING for 2018 on Saturday 15th December, 2018. We will be talking about and acting on some very important things at this time. These include a potential increase in bus pick up points, appointing new teachers as well as commencing the process of interviewing applicants for a new Principal in 2019. It will be a very exciting meeting and I look forward to talk through the plans for our school in 2019!

THOUGHTS/CONSIDERATIONS

The Islamic School of Canberra is always considering ways to improve what we do. We are consistently evaluating many administrative and operational activities in order to provide the best possible academic and pastoral programme we can. This also involves feedback from families. I would encourage that parents/carers who may have some observations- commendations or recommendations to be made- to direct them to the school so they may be acknowledged and considered. This is very valuable and will drive us toward creating a school that is reflective of the needs of the community it strives to serve.



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Wishing you all a great weekend and holiday break with family and friends - InshA Allah!

Kind Regards

Mr. David Johns- Principal



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