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Islamic School of Canberra

IN KNOWLEDGE LIES STRENGTH

"Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account."

Newsletter

Quran 39:10

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

Dear Respected Parents,

I hope my message finds you and your families in good health and in the highest level of Iman.

I am honoured to be the principal of the Islamic School of Canberra. I perceive my role as a chance to serve the students, staff and the community. With my leadership skills, strong knowledge of the Australian curriculum and excellent knowledge of the context of Australian Muslim schools; I am hoping to make a real difference in the school's progress and performance. Our target in 2022 is to be in the top 20% of the best performing schools in Canberra Insha'a Allah. Together, with the school coordinators and our dedicated teachers as well as the parents' support, we will try our best as one team to lift up the standard of the school to a level that makes you and our students proud to be associated with the Islamic School of Canberra.



Dr Mahmoud Eid
ISC - PRINCIPAL

As a team, we will be working hard to achieve the following goals:

- Academic excellence
- Improve our students' achievement levels in Numeracy and Literacy
- Quality Islamic education
- Staff and students' wellbeing
- Safe and caring environment for all
- Staff professional development
- Pedagogy that is based on differentiation and ICT integration
- Short- and long-term strategic planning to achieve our vision for the school
- Internal school review to reflect on our strength and weakness

In order to be able to achieve the above set of goals, the school is restructured as follows:

1. New Leadership Team:

- Curriculum Coordinator
- Student Wellbeing & Behaviour Coordinator

- SRC, Marketing and Publications Coordinator
 - Enrolment officer
 - Business Manager
2. **Professional learning team's (PLT's):** different departments meet regularly to plan their curriculum delivery. This will be of help in many respects:
- share varied experiences
 - professional discussions
 - teamwork
 - curriculum planning
 - identify any gaps in teaching programs and adjust them
 - prepare ILP's for underachieving students
 - identify gifted students and cater for their needs
 - vary teaching methodology based on need
 - differentiate teaching
 - ICT Integration into teaching
3. **Staff appraisal:** a procedure has been adopted to ensure quality of education across the school in 2020. We now have a comprehensive appraisal system to include the following:
- A. Formal classroom observation
 - B. Self-appraisal
 - C. Peer appraisal
 - D. Walk-through visits to classes
 - E. Mentoring program and support
 - F. Teacher aid appraisal
 - G. Admin staff appraisal
4. **Mentoring Program:** new staff members and fresh graduates will be assigned senior staff members to mentor them throughout their first year. Each mentor is required to give at least one report on each new teacher per term. Supporting new provisionally registered teachers is very important in order to facilitate their work.
5. **Student learning outcomes:** in order to monitor and improve student learning outcomes, we have subscribed to the following:
- Soundwaves software: to improve literacy achievement levels in lower primary
 - Mathletics software: to improve whole school numeracy achievement levels
 - Reading Eggs software: an online software to help primary students learn how to read
 - Running records: students' performance will be analysed to monitor individual students' progress, individual class progress and cohort progress.
 - NAPLAN results will be further analysed to identify strength and weakness in our teaching programs and to come up with action plans to improve students' performance.
 - School will subscribe to ACER's online diagnosing tests in Numeracy and Literacy and students' results in ACER tests will be matched to their results in NAPLAN standardised tests results. Enrichment or remedial work will be provided accordingly.
6. **Info packs:** Teachers prepared info packs per year level in each subject so that parents are kept informed in respect of what their children are taught in each term if they wish to follow up at home. Info packs are already uploaded on the school's website for the parents and students to access.
7. **Library period:** Teachers will allocate a library period per week to encourage students to read as this is vital to improve their literacy levels.
8. **ICT integration and interactive whiteboards (IWB):** this is a must to have across the whole school as this has a great positive impact on students' learning and makes it more interactive.

9. **Resources:** School will purchase required resources in Numeracy, Literacy, Islamic education, Science and H&PE. This is vital to improve student learning outcomes.
10. **Extra Literacy and Numeracy periods** are allocated for all year levels to improve and enhance students' academic achievement.
11. **Specialist subjects** are taught by specialist teachers in Arabic, Quran, Islamic Studies and Health and Physical Education (H&PE).
12. **Moving from manual to electronic.** This includes students' attendance, enrolment, reports, marks, behaviour and wellbeing remarks.

On another issue, as part of our improvement plan, the school board has approved the following projects to be carried out this year:

- Landscaping in front of the school to make it more welcoming
- Green grass areas around the school
- Five new classrooms for the secondary students
- New toilet block for boys and girls with washing facilities
- Security cameras around the school; in buildings and school grounds
- Science lab in admin building
- Sick bay in admin building and we are looking for a full-time nurse to employ
- New oval
- Remove the concrete grounds from school grounds
- Indoor activities hall if funding is approved
- Numeracy and Literacy resources
- Arabic and Islamic Studies resources
- Sports equipment for the whole school

In order to implement the above plans, we need the parents' support at all levels including paying the school fees on time. As a matter of fact, our school fees are the lowest in Australia. We will review the fees for next year and have them available soon on our website so that parents can plan accordingly. Overseas students' fees will be reviewed as well for 2021. An Art and ICT levy of \$300 is added this year to cover part of the cost for different online software as explained above.

I am confident that together we can make great progress towards achieving school's goals and objectives. Our commitment is to provide the best education to our students who will be the future leaders of our community Insha'a Allah. I strongly believe in partnership between the parents and the school and I would like to always see positive parents' involvement.

Jazakum Allah Khairan

Dr Eid

Together we can make the difference



LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020



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STAFF 2020



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SHAHREEN RAHMAN
YEAR 1



MADELEINE BARNETT
YEAR 2



KYLIE JENKINS
YEAR 2



KAYIS ABLAHD
YEAR 3



NICOLE WHITE
YEAR 4



NEHA SULTANA
YEAR 5



MALIKA CHONA
YEAR 5



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YEAR 6



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YEAR 7
Hass/Arts



STACEY MCGREGOR
YEAR 8
Eng/ICT



FARAH GONDAL
YEAR 9 Maths/Science



CALLUM VAUGHN
Health/PE Teacher

SPECIALIST TEACHERS 2020



IMAM ADAM KONDA
ISLAMIC STUDIES



IMAD ALSMADI
ARABIC



MS NAWAL
ARABIC, QUR'AN



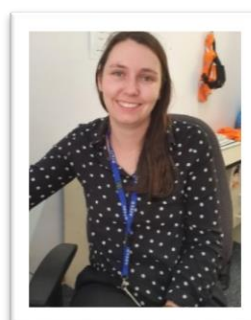
MS GHADA
QUR'AN

REMINDERS

- **Beginning and end of school day:** Admin staff start at 4:30am and finish at 4:30pm. Teachers start at 8:15am and finish at 4:00pm. Students start at 8:45am and finish at 3:30pm.
- **Drop off time in the morning:** kindly do not drop off children at school before 8:15am.
- **Pick up children from classroom at the end of the day:** please do not interrupt teachers or go inside any classroom to pick up children before 3:30pm sharp.
- **Punctuality to school:** All students are to arrive early to school before 8:45am. Lateness to school will be reported to the principal on daily basis.
- **Absence from school:** If a child is not coming to school for any reason on any day, parents should contact the school and inform the office of the reason. If a student is sick, then a medical certificate should be submitted to office or at least the student should be reported to school office as sick.
- **A new behaviour chart** will be communicated with the parents and students soon Insha'a Allah.
- **After school care:** This is a privilege and not a right. This service remains as is but we expect all students to be picked up by parents or carers by 4:30pm.
- **Lost property:** There were many items left in the lost property box from last year. In Week 3, the admin staff will place them at the front so parents can come and collect their children's' property. If they are not picked up by the end of Week 3, the property will be donated to other charities.
- **Tidy haircuts:** It is expected for all students to come to school with a neat and tidy haircut.
- **Uniform:** All students are expected to come to school with a FULL school uniform.

ISC STAFF SNAPSHOT

A snapshot of ... Ms Nicole White



What is your role at ISC?
I am a Year 4 teacher.

Why did you study to become a teacher?
I studied to become a teacher because I love seeing children progress and learn new knowledge.

What do you like to do on weekends?
I love to play soccer and spend time with my family.

What do you like about your classroom?
I love the size of it and the potential it has to display all the learning that we will do throughout the year.

Interviewed by Mariam Haider

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Fri 14th

Year 7 Immunisation Forms to be returned

Tue 18th

After-school Netball sessions starting – all years

March

Sun 1st

Clean Up Australia Day

Mon 9th

Canberra Day (ACT)

Sat 21st

Harmony Day



PASS TO OUR CLASS



Each week, we pass the spotlight onto a few ISC classes to find out what has been happening.



KINDERGARTEN CATERPILLARS!

For the year 2020, we have had an amazing first week in our Kindergarten classroom! We are ready to learn and to burst out of our cocoons anytime soon! Mrs Haider will be our sunshine that will guide us through this life-changing journey!

Here are some moments from our first week! We are looking forward to seeing so many more memories to make!



Doing a handprint with paint is fun!



Look at how high I have built this!!



We know what our name looks like!



We are so good at listening to our teacher!



Mrs Haider

Kindergarten Teacher