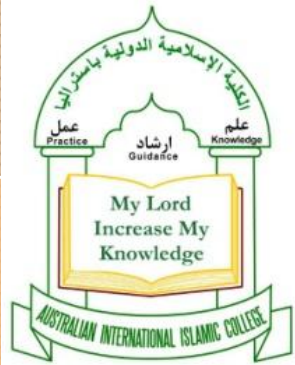


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# Monthly Newsletter

## Australian International Islamic College

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah Lord of all the worlds, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful, Master of the day of judgment. You alone we worship and to You alone do we appeal for help. Show us the straight path, the path of those whom you have favoured. Not (the path) of those who incur wrath nor of those who go astray. (Ameen)

May the sacred month of Ramadan bring peace, happiness and good health to you and your family.

May Allah be pleased with you for your good deeds.

Ramadan Mubarak.

### Upcoming Events :

Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> Ramadan starts

Friday July 26<sup>t</sup> Schools Tree Day / Stress Down Day

Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Iftar

Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> ICAS English

REMINDERS FROM ADMIN [gc.admin@aiic.qld.edu.au](mailto:gc.admin@aiic.qld.edu.au)

### **Contact information**

If you have moved, changed your contact details or if your emergency contacts have changed, please inform the School Office to avoid delay in case of emergency.

Please **LABEL** all your child's items – hats, hijabs, winter jackets and other personal items that are brought to the school.

### **School and Bus Fees**

Fees are due at the start of each term. Please drop in the School Office if you need to set up a payment schedule.





## CAMPUS COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families who have joined the College over the break. I trust that you have settled into life at the College. Our school family is growing slowly, inshAllah, it will continue to grow in the coming months.

The blessed month of Ramadan has started and many of our Lower Primary students have made the choice to attempt to fast. As a teaching team we wish to support them in every way we can. Please speak with your child's classroom teacher and give them more information about the decision your child has made to fast so that we may work together to support them in their efforts.

May Allah make it easy on each of our students during the month of Ramadan and accept their efforts.

Report Cards were sent home during the first week of the school holidays if for any reason you have not received your child's report please speak with Sister Fatima to arrange another copy to be prepared. Overall students performed well across the school. Please ensure you have taken the time to sit with your child and discuss their results and help them set some clear goals for the coming Semester.

Teachers are available by appointment to discuss any concerns you may have regards your child's academic social development. Do not hesitate to raise your concerns even if you believe they are not important. Your feedback and continued support is always welcome.

Teachers have prepared engaging Units of work to help our students achieve their full potential.

Beginning this week I will now be available each Friday from 10:15am to meet with parents to discuss any matters related to the school. If you wish to meet with me please make an appointment with Sister Fatima.

The school will hold our Annual Iftar on Friday night, the 26<sup>th</sup> July from 5:00pm. Please join us to break fast and enjoy some delicious food. Each family is asked to bring a small plate of food to share.

The construction of the Multipurpose Hall has begun as has the construction of the new car park. InshAllah these projects will be finished in a timely fashion and be ready for use before the end of the Academic Year. As a result the current car park has been reduced in size to make room for safety fencing. Please be mindful of the busy afternoon pick up and be sure to drive carefully.

We look forward to a successful term and working closely with our families to see the best outcomes for our students.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff  
Campus Coordinator





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### Prep/Year 1 News

I would like to welcome all students and parents in the Prep/Year 1 class to the commencement of Term 3 of 2013. I hope you are all well rested and had a wonderful holiday with your children.

It has been a great pleasure to see the progress of students so far in the last two Terms.

We begin Term Three looking forward to new learning and new experiences. Our focus this Term is based on bugs in our back yard and recycling. We begin with Technology where the students will get to use the iPads and create storybooks and explore other facets of Technology relating to iPads.

For Language and Literacy students will learn to write the correct letter formations and will continue to learn the phonics and focus on phonemes. This Term I would like to see students progress faster with their reading and will expect every student to read a book each night for homework and continue with their basic sight words.

We will include History where the students will look at the different types of families and special occasions as we move into our sacred month of Ramadan.

Mathematics will include addition, subtraction, algebra, statistics, measurement, geometry, division and number. As usual students will be doing other fun curriculum activities such as The Arts and Sport.

For SOSE we are going to learn about how to be kind to others, be tolerant and understanding of difference and build good relationships with others. Based on this topic I have chosen Abdullahi Mohamed for Student of the Month for June as he is always showing respect to others by being polite and kind to others.



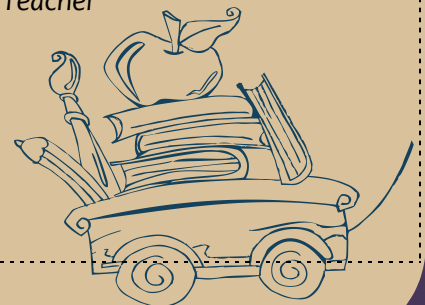
Student of the Month for June  
Abdullahi Mohamed

It is going to be a very busy Term and I would like to thank all the parents of my students for putting time aside during your busy schedule to support your child's learning and by praising and encouraging them to succeed.

InshaAllah with the learning the students do at school and your help at home I'm sure your child will reach their utmost potential.

Jazzakallah Khairan

Mrs Azara Khan  
Prep/Year 1 Classroom Teacher



## Update from Years 1-3

Welcome back to Term 3 I am extremely excited for the Term ahead. We have welcomed four new students into the Year 1-3 Classroom this Term and they have added a beautiful dynamic to our class. I hope that our existing students enjoyed a well earned break. I cannot adequately express how proud I am of the effort and achievement of all students in the Years 1-3 Class.

I will be working closely with each child in the coming weeks to set some very clear goals for the coming Semester. Many students who have already completed their reading assessments have shown good progress. I cannot stress enough the importance of nightly reading. Students can have their reader changed daily and I will be trialing a system of allowing students to borrow two readers over the weekend. Please ensure you take the time to read with your child each night and remind them to change their reader each morning.

Students green homework bags must become a boomerang returning to school each day even though homework is not due for marking until Monday. A reminder that homework consists of a double sided Homework Contract sheet, nightly reading (recorded on Reading Log), spelling sheet (spelling tests will be conducted on a Tuesday this Term), an individualised sight word program will also be introduced next week for students in need of additional reinforcement at home and Years 2/3 also have their Maths Plus Homework Book beginning next week. If you have any concerns about the content or amount of homework I am happy to adjust on an individual basis so please be sure to address your concerns with me.

We welcome Miss Radwa Gadalla back into our classroom next week before she begins her six week Internship with us the following week. She has already made progress with many of the students in



Years 1-3. We are excited to have her support in our classroom for Term 3.

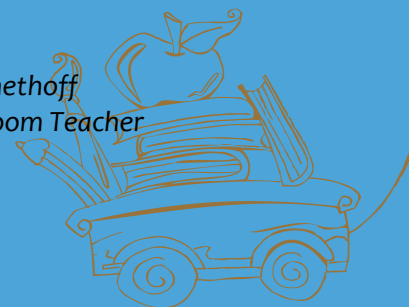
Student of the Month for June was awarded to Nargis Kazimi for her continued effort and academic performance over the duration of Term 2. It was a very difficult choice to make with many students showing the qualities I look for when awarding a Student of the Month.



**Student of the Month for June  
Nargis Kazimi**

Beginning this Friday I will be stepping out of the classroom from 10:15am to fulfill my role as Campus Coordinator. Each member of the Teaching Team will be taking the Year 1-3 Class during their own classes Islamic/Arabic lessons. I have prepared the lessons that will be taught and will continue to monitor the success of this change. Please come and speak with me if you have any concerns.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff  
Years 1-3 Classroom Teacher





**DEBATE SESSION**

### News from Years 4-6

It is with pride that, Alhamdulillah, we begun Term 3 2013 with great enthusiasm. Since the beginning of Term 1 2013, we have aimed to achieve quality learning for our children. Students indeed have made enormous effort towards increased learning and effective communication with each other. Their commitment will undoubtedly further enhance their learning. So, I'd like to thank both the students and parents for their response to a determined focus on discipline and academic achievement so far.

The last two weeks of Term 2, students revised the concepts of the whole term. There was no homework provided to them as we spent time concentrating on the assessments and revision tasks. Students worked so well to finish their tasks on time and achieve a sound result for their assessments. I'd like to congratulate them for showing a great attitude and taking responsibility for the projects.

After a 2 weeks holiday, it's exciting to begin Term 3 with some new students, we welcome them to our classroom. This term, we have new exciting programs across all subject areas.

For SOSE, we are going to work on a project called 'Our World Today'. The project is based on the 'Green Lane Diary' educational journey. Students explore an understanding of a change, a change for the sake of the world and our natural resources.



**Student of the Month for June**

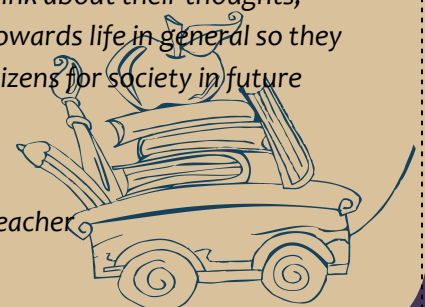
They will learn how to think, act and share their experiences and thoughts for a better change. The Green Lane Diary is about helping children to learn about the stresses our planet faces and then support them to do something to make a positive change. It's about empowered, active citizenship and bringing action into the classroom. Students have a Diary which needs to be kept in their homework folders. They keep the record of their actions (positive or negative) in the diary.

For Technology, they are going to design a birds' nest. This is integrated with other subjects including Science, Maths and Art.

I'd like to use this opportunity to ask parents to check the homework folders. Students need to complete three tasks weekly which include weekly homework sheets, reading log (read a book every night and record it) and the Green Lane Diary sheet.

We are going to expand our understanding on Personal Development in Health Lessons. This will help our children to think about their thoughts, actions and attitude towards life in general so they can be outstanding citizens for society in future inshaallah.

Brother Ali  
Years 4-6 Classroom Teacher





## High School Years 7-9 News

Welcome back to the high school class and their families. We have an amazing term planned; Science projects, Maths investigations, Historical assignments and all with the support of our classroom Laptops.

We have ten laptops within the classroom now for daily use. This technology not only gives practice to students on a daily basis but also a higher level of investigation for individuals. The Australian Curriculum encompasses technology not only as a subject but has aspects of Information Communication Technologies embedded into all key learning areas.

For students of the high school age group, it is imperative to stay up to date with technology for the purpose of being not only knowledgeable but even employable at a later stage in their lives

The students have embraced the transition of utilising the laptops in all areas of learning. They do this with the understanding that they must continue to improve and work hard on their reading, writing and calculations, these tools of information are for extension and not replacement of academic skills.

This term we are studying particles in Science, allowing for hands on investigations and experiments utilising our top of the line Science Lab. Maths, we are working on Algebra and much to the student's amazement, the many links Algebra has with everyday life.

Our History unit consists of the Renaissance Era and the discoveries made that are to this day relevant and expanded on.

The last week of school we engaged in the Seven Habits of Highly effective Teenagers by Sean Covey. This workshop encompassed the trials and tribulations of being a student and a teenager. The lessons discussed time management of study and school as well as religion and family. It highlighted the importance of prioritising, as well as strategies to do so.



**Student of the Month for June Jameel Ahmad**

The lessons within the program helped students to recognise their efforts as well as create new academic and life goals. I will be utilising these tools within the classroom over the next two terms for the purpose of behaviour management, homework, classwork and personal goals for individual students.

I am very excited about the work ahead of us as well as pleased with the way students are progressing.

Thank you so much for entrusting your amazing children with me again this term, they surprise me every day with their wit, thoughtfulness and work ethic. As parents and guardians each of you should be very proud.

Mrs Danielle Wood  
Years 7-9 Classroom Teacher





## Arabic/Islamic News

*"The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong)." Surah Al-Baqarah:verse 185*

### ASSALAMU ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAHI WA BARAKATUHU

Welcome to our new issue of AIC Gold Coast newsletter.

Alhamdulillah, we are in the Mubarak month of Ramadan. Allah subhanahu ta'ala has been Most kind to us once more to grant us the golden opportunity of earning multiple rewards during this month. May Allah guide us on His straight path and we use our time in prayer and supplication to deepen our TAQWA or Allah consciousness, Ameen. The verse quoted above underpins the importance of this holy month. It is narrated by Abu Huraira (ra): Allah's Apostle (pbuh) said, "When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of the heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained." (Sahih Bukhari - Volume 3, Book 31, Number 123).

Another hadith narrated by Abu Huraira(ra) reads: Allah's Apostle (pbuh) said: "Whoever establishes prayers during the nights of Ramadan faithfully out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards (not for showing off), all his past sins will be forgiven." (Sahih Bukhari - Volume 1, Book 2, Number 36).

We have started the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of 2013 academic year on 08 July. Ramadan or Fasting constitutes an important pillar of Islam. Class lessons in this holy month will highlight the significance, benefits and ibadah during Ramadan so that our students can comprehensively understand these important aspect of this holy month. The month of Ramadan gives every mu'min an to excellent opportunity gain Allah's Mercy, Magfirat and Safety from the hellfire. Our students are taught three special

short dua'as to recite and ask Allah for these three gifts.

In addition to the above, AIC has instituted a Ramadan Good Deeds Trophy for the students. They will record the daily good deeds done by them on a 30-Days Poster diary handed to each of them. These will be scrutinized and evaluated at the end of the month to decide the winner of the Trophy. The purpose of the award is to enhance Ramadan awareness and encourage good deeds prescribed in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Encouraging our loving children to memorize Qur'anic surahs is an important area of our regular teaching efforts. In the month of June AIC Gold Coast held its Annual Qur'an Recitation Competition. Nearly seventy students participated in this event. Two external judges were invited to adjudicate. The best recitation in every class was given a medal. All participants received a certificate and a beautiful ribbon.

Arabic is not an easy language. To teach it to the children of Prep/Year 1 students is especially challenging. In addition to learning short duas and surahs we put emphasis on learning to read, write and pronounce the Arabic alphabets correctly. Children who spend some time to read and write the alphabets at home do better. It is, therefore, very important for the parents to check with their children whether they are spending some time in reading and writing alphabets at home. In this age of efforts and instant benefits our children are tempted to ask: what shall I gain by learning Arabic alphabets? Both teacher and parents need to highlight the need and benefit in a concerted manner.

Jazakallah khairan

Mohammad Ruhul Amin  
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher

