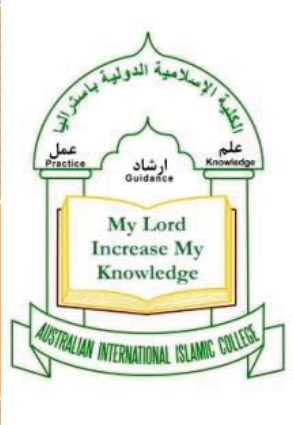


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# Monthly Newsletter

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)*

## Upcoming events

Feb 6, Thursday      Awards Assembly – Student of the Week

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

## **New school hours**

Please take note of the new school hours as follows:  
School starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3:05pm from Mondays to Fridays.

## **School, bus fees and other charges**

Thank you to parents who have paid the fees and charges. Fees are due at the start of the Term.

**Vaccination consent** form for Years 8 and 10 students have been sent through your child. Please sign and return the form by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Parents MUST make an appointment to see teachers. No parent should go directly to the classrooms and approach teachers. Communication should be done through the administration staff at the front office.**





### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AsalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all staff members, I would like to welcome you all to the Australian International Islamic College academic year of 2014. It is a privilege to serve you all as principal. MashaAllah we have very enthusiastic students willing to learn, supportive parents/guardians interested in their children's education, and a dedicated professional staff committed to providing the students with a quality education.

A special welcome to all our new families that will be joining us as well as our continuing families.

Our core objectives are to ensure that students have all the skills, knowledge and attributes that would be expected after 13 years of schooling, so that their personal growth enables them to have the capacity to participate as responsible and productive citizens of Australia.

As we begin 2014 I would like to share our success in achieving excellent OP results for our year 12 students. Congratulations to Aziz Ullah for achieving OP 5, Nurul Afser for achieving OP 9 and Salma Sid Ahmed who achieved OP 10. All our students scored between 1 - 15, MashaAllah.

Australian International Islamic College provides an excellent academic program but, by itself and without the commitment of each individual student, success will be limited. We need every student to own *their* responsibility for *their* learning and this process begins in the quietness of your home when you discuss these issues and help your children to set realistic goals for the year ahead. I would like to encourage each parent/guardian to be active in your child's education. I certainly

realize that many of you lead busy lives, however taking just a few minutes in the evening to read to your child, talk with your child about school, or simply see that your child is organized for the next school day can have great benefits.

Two important documents that you will need to refer to during the course of the year are the **College Calendar** and the **2014 Parent Handbook**. Both of these documents can be found online on the College website. In addition students will also receive a hard copy of the handbook during the course of this week.

I believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that they have a sense that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the College. This provides them with a sense of security which is a foundation for good learning!

I look forward to working with you all and wish you everything of the best in the year ahead.

Mariam Banwa - Principal





## PREP YEAR 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Asalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barkatahu.

A warm welcome back to all those students who have returned this 2014 Academic year. A very special welcome to all the new families and students who have joined my class.

The prep and year one students had a smooth start to the school this year. I was expecting a few tears and reluctant students. Ma sha Allah all the students were eager to start school and fortunately there were no tears. What beautiful well-mannered and responsible students I have in my class. I am very pleased to have your lovely children in my class.

I hope you have enjoyed your first week of your child attending school. I am very excited about teaching your child as I have planned lots of fun learning activities, which I'm sure they will experience great growth, and learning this year in 2014.

Please allow me to introduce myself to you even though most of you have already met me. My name is Azara Khan. I'm the Prep and Grade 1 teacher at the Australian International Islamic College in Cararra Gold coast.

I'm a qualified Primary and Prep teacher. I have had 15 years experience in teaching all levels of Primary and Prep school. My specialist subjects are Reading Recovery, ICT, Literacy and Numeracy. I have also taught drama, sports, science, Esol classes and I have various other qualifications and skills that I'm sure will help me to help your child become a better learner.

My teaching Philosophy is that my role as a teacher is to provide children with the best learning opportunities possible where I provide rich learning experiences as this will help children acquire knowledge, skills and values in the areas of intellectual, emotional, social and physical development. All children are given the opportunity to work individually, as a class and as a part of a group. I have very high expectations of all the children that I teach and I am there to guide, support, encourage and challenge children's learning.

We have begun our units of study across all key-learning areas. From next week Insha Allah the students will bring homework every day. The prep students will be given a set of spelling words to learn and some math's and language activities to complete. The prep students will be given books to read as soon as they have learnt the first set of spelling words.

Insha Allah I am hoping to take my class on an excursion to the Science Museum in Brisbane as part of their unit studies. More information will be given at a later date.

I look forward to working with your children to ensure they reach their full potential this year.

Jazakallah khair,

Mrs Azara Khan  
Prep Year 1 Teacher



# YEAR 3 NEWS

Assalamu alaikum

Dear Parents,

My name is Michael Hall and it is a pleasure to be teaching year three at the AIIC in 2014. I have recently returned from a teaching contract at the Australian International School in Bangkok, Thailand following the birth of my daughter in July. I was teaching Years Two and Three at AISB. Prior to teaching overseas I taught Years One and Two in the public school system in Launceston, Tasmania.

The students and I have had a fun start to the year but we are all aware that there is a lot of work to be done this year. Year three is the year that students utilise the skills they have learned in lower primary and become much more proficient with these skills and increase their ability to work through tasks independently.

We are starting the year off with some reading, writing and mathematics tests to see where our efforts need to be focussed for each child in our class. This will help in the lead up to our Naplan testing and of course, in the direction we need to take for the rest of the year.

Homework and home reader books will start to come home from next week and I encourage all parents to help out when necessary and to write to me in the communication books if there are any areas where you think your child is struggling, or needs harder work. The communication books will be checked daily for notes and signed by the teacher and parents each week.



There are only a few remaining students who have not had their book levy paid yet and I urge you all to ensure this is done so that your child has the supplies and books required for their education this year. Many thanks to those of you who have promptly paid already!

Next week I will send home a copy of our weekly schedule for Term One for your information. I look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming weeks and events of 2014.



Attentive students

Yours sincerely,

Michael Hall  
Year 3 Teacher





## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

YEARS 7/8

Assalmualaikum,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Teresa Sewell-Kasim and I am the new Secondary Art, English, and SOSE teacher. I have more than twenty years of experience teaching Primary and Secondary students in Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong and Malaysia. I am very happy to have been appointed to teach at AIC Gold Coast campus and look forward to working with the Secondary students.

I would like to welcome everybody back and I hope you are all well rested and had a wonderful holiday.

Insha Allah this will be a successful year for our students. In order for this to happen, it is important that students establish good study habits from the very beginning of the year both in the classroom and at home. They need to maintain regular study and keep up to date. They need to establish a positive study environment at home, keep their work well organised, complete homework on time, be responsible for finding out and completing any work they miss due to absence and prepare for lessons with prior reading for the next lesson. I would like to stress the importance of regular homework. Having students revisit goals and ambitions weekly and even daily is a way to have them focus on what is expected of them in the classroom and educational environment. Students need

to be prepared for their learning and I urge parents to make sure that their children have all the materials they need for school.

It is going to be a very busy year and I would like to thank all the parents for supporting their children. Insha Allah with the learning the students do at school and your support at home, I'm sure your child will reach their full potential. I wish all students a productive and successful year.



"I really enjoy Arts class" .... Abdallah Sarhan

Mrs. Teresa Sewell-Kasim

Years 7/8 Teacher



## ISLAMIC AND ARABIC STUDIES

Assalamu alaykum Weraahmetullahi  
webarakatuhu,

Brothers and sisters,

We would like to welcome you all for this year 2104 with hadith of rasalullah (s.a.w.) the best among you who teach the Quran and learn it for that we at the Australian International Islamic College, Gold Coast campus is taking the initiative to do that for our students and we would like the parents to share with us in the Ajr for that.

If we remind ourselves and all with the verses of the Holy Quran when Allah swt said (you should know there is no god but Allah) so we learn from this verse that Allah Almighty started with the knowledge then ashadah to shower and to show everybody the knowledge.

In short, knowledge comes before action with that I like to welcome you again this year and I hope that Allah swt help us all and give us the strength to do the right thing.

Wasalamualaikum weraahmatullahi  
webarakatu,

Imam Yusuf Hussein  
Islamic & Arabic Teacher



## GOLD COAST MASJID FOODFEST



Imam Abdul Quddoos Azhari, Chairman of the College addressing the crowd.

Our college participated at the Gold Coast Foodfest to meet prospective parents to answer to their inquiries about the school. Alhamdulillah, we received many inquiries and may Allah guide these parents to enroll their children at our College which provides an Islamic and secular education.



Mayor Tom Tate visited our booth





## Arabic/Islamic News

Allah (swt) commands in the Noble Qur'an: "Oh you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance." (33:41). Verily Allah (swt) has spoken the truth.

*Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.*

Welcome to our April issue of AIC Gold Coast Newsletter.

It felt like only yesterday we started the 2013 Academic Year, the fourth year of our Islamic School here on the beautiful Gold Coast. Time flies and we are almost halfway through the academic year.

The Qur'anic ayat quoted above underpins the importance and superiority of remembering Allah (swt). We at the AIC Gold Coast take special care and make every effort to teach the children various dua'as purporting to emphasize the enormous 'ajr' (reward) Allah rabbul a'alameen grants us when we remember him. We encourage our children to learn and use the daily dua'as practiced by our beloved nabi Muhammad (sas). We teach them the meanings of these dua'as and how they can continue earning reward points added to their record of good deeds maintained by the angel assigned to each one of them. This way our bright and beautiful children are inspired to learn and practice many short duas for use in their daily lives. We check on their use of dua'as regularly to make sure that they do not forget them. We request valuable parents to encourage our loving kids to practice these and share with them the joy of learning new dua'as and Islamic expressions.

Encouraging our loving children to memorize Qur'anic surahs is another area of our regular teaching effort. Our school will be participating in the ICQ annual Qur'an Recitation competition this year. It will be held at the Islamic College of Brisbane, Karwatha on Sunday 19 May 2013. In shaAllah, your loving children will put up a very pleasant performance on that day.

We had our first annual Qur'an recitation competition in 2010. This year we have scheduled it in this term. We have a larger number of students this year; consequently the enthusiasm is more gripping and overwhelming.

As always we request that parents make some time on a daily basis to encourage and inspire the children to perform daily prayers and read the holy Qur'an lessons given at school. Such practice will be very productive in the long run.

Arabic is not an easy language. To teach the children of Prep/Year 1 is specially 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 that 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

