Principal’s Message

A very warm welcome to all students and parents and teachers to term 4. A special welcome to Yasmin Misic and Stuart Lam. It is a short term of nine weeks, but a lot to go through to round up the year, at the same time planning for 2015 is already underway. I will be sending out enrolment continuation forms within the next few weeks. Kindly ensure that you complete the form and return it to the office to secure your child’s place for next year. It is important that we have enrolment information to proceed with class allocations, book lists and uniform orders for next year.

We look forward to the activities planned for this term. We would like to open our doors for parents to meet us and see our classes in progress. We invite you all on Tuesday 11 November. Please feel free to come in at any time from 9-00am to 2-00pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to talk to teachers about the curriculum and programs and share with us our students’ achievements.

I thank Staff and students for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the first three terms. It is always a pleasure to visit the classrooms and see such active, involved learning taking place in a variety of ways. My thanks also goes to you as parents/guardians for supporting and working with us to achieve our vision and goals.

We look forward to another rewarding and exciting Term, InshaAllah.

Mariam Banwa

Reminders from Admin

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School, bus fees and other charges
Fees are due at the start of the term. Thank you to parents who paid the fees. Please keep school fees up to date.

Visitors to the College must report to the School Office in order for the staff to be aware of your presence.

We are a SUNsmart school with HATS essential for outdoor play.
Message from Prep Year 1

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi
Wa Barakatuhu

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of the academic year. It has been amazing to watch the growth that has taken place in prep and year one class in the course of the last three terms.

The students have started this term with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement. They have all settled right back to their schoolwork and are really working hard to reach their full potential.

This term the students are learning about the underwater world as an overall topic. They are learning about the pollutions, sun safety, the weather and the seasons. Mathematics focus is on the number knowledge, fractions, algebra patterns and geometry on 2D and 3D shapes.

Swimming lessons will start in week three and Insha Allah all our students will become very confident swimmers and will improve on their swimming skills.

Every student in prep and year one class has shown great respect to their elders and to others around them. They have all become more respectful, obedient, kind and caring students. They have learnt to share and become good friends to others.

I have chosen Riasha Thalib to be the student of the month. She has shown initiative in all her work in and out of the classroom and is always caring towards others. She has made an overall improvement in all the curriculum areas.

As a teacher of your precious children let us continue to work together to provide a meaningful and fun term for all.

Jazakallah khair,

Mrs Azara Khan

Riasha Thalib—student of the Month for overall improvement in all the curriculum areas.

The students attended the science incursion on Monday. They really enjoyed watching the show, as there were many experiments that were done by the Scientist.
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb,

Dear Parents / Cargeivers

Wow! It’s already term four and the teachers are getting started on our end of year reports. It’s a great time to remind your child that it’s not too late to bump up their grades before the end of the year. With only seven weeks to go before our long summer break this is the time to put in the extra effort to see big gains in our academic progress.

Swimming will recommence very shortly and I look forward to receiving all of the permission forms ASAP so all children can fully participate in the PE curriculum and have a bit of fun with their friends at the same time!

It is also a good time to remind students about their uniform requirements: term four is a “no hat, no play” term and it’s great to see that all of the year threes have their hats already. Wednesday is our PE day so please send children in their formal uniforms all other days. We have been reminding students all year long to wear plain black runners or plain black leather shoes. While we have been a little lenient on this particular matter in 2014 we would love to start 2015 with all students in the correct footwear. Last of all, some boys are still wearing brightly coloured undershirts. Plain white or navy blue are the uniform colours (if they still wear them in the heat!).

We are studying a few new topics this term and they are outlined below:

- Science – What is heat?
- Maths – Mental strategies, angles, directions and 3D objects.
- Literacy – Consolidating reading and writing skills.
- History – Changes and continuity over time.
- Geography – finalising our unit on Australia’s neighbours and world climates.
- Health/PE – Healthy eating, the human life cycle. Ball skills.
- Technology – Farm technology 1700’s to present day.

Kind regards,

Mr. Michael Hall
Year 3 Teacher

Congratulations to Mohamed Elnaas—student of the month for excellent in Writing and to Nargis Kazimi for ICAS Mathematics. Well done!
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb

Dear parents and families,

Although this term is a short term the High school students are going to be very busy with assignments, exams, homework and lots of exciting learning experiences. This term in Science we are studying the Earth and Forces. Each year level has their own special area of these topics that they will learn about. In Maths we have done a lot of revision of the work done this year. Across each year level we are looking at “Chance” and “Probability”. All the students are participating well in Art and Technology. I have high expectations of some great Artwork.

Finally, thank you to all the Staff at the Gold Coast campus for making me feel welcome and for all their support. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with your wonderful and unique children. I will do my best to provide them with an opportunity to do their very best and finish the year in a positive way.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Yasmin Misic
Teacher—Maths, Science & Arts

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NEWS FROM ESL ……

Assalamu Alaikum Parents and Families

ESL and Learning Support students have had a fantastic start to term 4. With this term being only 9 weeks, it is important that students make the most of their learning time and always try to do their Personal Best at all their studies. As in all the classes, it is the student’s progression in their learning which is so important. I would like to commend all the students for their hard work and the improvements and progress they have made. I am sure they will work hard to keep making those improvements. For parents, the more you can encourage your children to practise their reading and writing skills in the evenings during weekends and in the holidays, the more your children will progress.

*Playdough is great for practising those tricky words!* 

Maa Atib Al Amaani
Robyn Graham
Assalaamu alaikum Wr Wb,

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

**The Story of the Boy and the King**

*A young boy opens his mind to the true meaning of life.*

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:

Among the people who came before you, there was a king who had a sorcerer, and when that sorcerer became old, he said to the king:

"I have become old and my time is nearly over, so please send me a boy whom I can teach magic."

So, he sent him a boy and the sorcerer taught him magic. Whenever the boy went to the sorcerer, he sat with a monk who was on the way and listened to his speech and admired them.

So, when he went to the sorcerer, he passed by the monk and sat there with him; and on visiting the sorcerer the latter would thrash him. So, the boy complained about this to the monk. The monk said to him, "Whenever you are afraid of the sorcerer, say to him: 'My people kept me busy.' And whenever you are afraid of your people, say to them: 'The sorcerer kept me busy.'"

So the boy carried on like that (for some time). Then a huge terrible creature appeared on the road and the people were unable to pass by. The boy said:

"Today I shall know whether the sorcerer is better or the monk is better."

So, he took a stone and said, "O Allah! If the deeds and actions of the monk are liked by You better than those of the sorcerer, then kill this creature so that the people can cross (the road)." Then he struck it with a stone killing it and the people passed by on the road.

The boy came to the monk and informed him about it. The monk said to him, "O my son! Today you are better than I, and you have achieved what I see! You will be put to trial. And in case you are put to trial, do not inform (them) about me."

**Curing the Blind**

The boy used to treat the people suffering from congenital blindness, leprosy, and other diseases. There was a courtier of the king who had become blind and he heard about the boy. He came and brought a number of gifts for the boy and said, "All these gifts are for you on the condition that you cure me."

The boy said, "I do not cure anybody; it is only Allah who cures people. So, if you believe in Allah and supplicate to Him, He will cure you."
So, he believed in and supplicated to Allah, and Allah cured him. Later, the courtier came to the king and sat at the place where he used to sit before. The king said, "Who gave you back your sight?"
The courtier replied, "My Lord."
The king then said, "I did"
The courtier said, "No, my Lord and your Lord - Allah."
The king said, "Do you have another Lord beside me?"
He said, "I do not cure anyone. Only Allah can cure."
The king said, "Me."
The boy replied, "No."
The king asked, "Do you have another Lord besides me?"
The boy answered, "My Lord and your Lord is Allah."
So, he tortured him also until he told about the monk. Then the monk was brought to him and the king said to him, "Abandon your religion." The monk refused and so the king ordered a saw to be brought which was placed in the middle of his head and he fell, sawn in two.

Then it was said to the man who used to be blind, "Abandon your religion." He refused to do so, and so a saw was brought and placed in the middle of his head and he fell, sawn in two.

Guarded by God

Then the boy was brought and it was said to him, "Abandon your religion."
He refused and so the king sent him to the top of such and such mountain with some people. He told the people, "Ascend up the mountain with him till you reach its peak, then see if he abandons his religion; otherwise throw him from the top." They took him and when they ascended to the top, he said: "O Allah! Save me from them by any means that You wish." So, the mountain shook and they all fell down and the boy came back walking to the king.

The king said, "What did your companions (the people I sent with you) do?"
The boy said: "Allah saved me from them." So, the king ordered some people to take the boy on a boat to the middle of the sea, saying: "If he renounces his religion (well and good), but if he refuses, drown him." So, they took him out to sea and he said: "O Allah! Save me from them by any means that you wish." So they were all drowned in the sea.

Then the boy returned to the king and the king said, "What did your companions do?"
The boy replied, "Allah, saved me from them."
Then he said to the king, "You will not be able to kill me until you do as I order you. And if you do as I order you, you will be able to kill me."
The king asked: "And what is that?"
The boy said: "Gather the people in one elevated place and tie me to the trunk of a tree; then take an arrow from my quiver and say: 'In the Name of Allah, the Lord of the boy.' If you do this, you will be able to kill me."»

So he did this, and placing an arrow in the bow, he shot it, saying, "In the Name of Allah, the Lord of the boy." The arrow hit the boy in the temple, and the boy placed his hand over the arrow wound and died. The people proclaimed, "We believe in the Lord of the boy!" Then it was said to the king, "Do you see what has happened that which you feared has taken place. By Allah, all the people have believed (in the Lord of the boy)."

So the king ordered that ditches be dug at the entrances to the roads and it was done, and fires were kindled in them. Then the king said: "Whoever abandons his religion, let him go, and whoever does not, throw him into the fire."

The people were struggling and scuffling in the fire, until a woman and her baby whom she was breast-feeding came and it was as if she was being somewhat hesitant of falling into the fire, so her baby said to her: "Be patient mother! For verily, you are following the truth!"» (Ahmad).

He made an example of them (by slaughtering them) until he had killed almost twenty thousand of them. It was about Dhu Nuwas and his army that God revealed to His Messenger:

{Cursed were the People of the Ditch. Of fire fed with fuel. When they sat by it. And they witnessed what they were doing against the believers. And they had no fault except that they believed in Allah, the Almighty, Worthy of all praise! To Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allah is Witness over everything} [Al-Buruj:4-9].