Principals’ Message

Asalamualaykum,

Dear Parents/Carers
As we come to a close of the 2014 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and appreciate the support of our parents, teachers, students and the community for a very successful year. There have been many opportunities for our students to be actively involved in their learning, through varied classroom activities, excursions, academic competitions and educational activities. A copy of our year book has been distributed to our families and I hope share the year’s events with you through its pages.

I am thankful to the teachers, past and present who have sought to meet many challenges by establishing, developing and implementing a rigorous curriculum, and to our parents who have placed much faith and trust in the school. Our strong results confirm that we are taking great strides and moving towards the right direction and are a big morale booster, both for the school, our parents, students and the community.

Our self-improvement processes have been very successful to enhance the school experience of our students during the course of this year. Over the last few months, our teachers and the school management have had several conversations on ways that the school can improve beyond this. Greater emphasis will be placed at all levels to build up our students’ capacity beyond just the academic areas. Leadership and organizational skills will feature strongly in their co-curricular education. In a world that is becoming increasingly inter-connected through technologies, we believe that such competencies will put our students in good stead.

I encourage you to explore our website and school calendar. By doing so, you will be able to stay up to date with the scheduled activities for next year, InshaAllah.

I would like to wish all our families a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating holiday. I look forward to welcoming you back for the start of the 2015 school year.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Mariam Banwa
### Ayah of the Day

**The Way to True Worship**

و أقموا الصلاة و آتوا الزكاة واركوا مع الرأعين

*Wa-aqimus-salata wa-atuz-zakata warka’u ma’ar-rah’in*

And establish Salah, Give Zakah, and bow down (in humility) with those who bow down.

*(Surat-ul-Baqarah, ayah 43)*

**General Meaning**—If we establish Salah and perform it in Jama’ah, and if we give part of our hard-earned wealth to the poor and needy, then Allah (swt) will purify our hearts from laziness, sins and bad feelings. Only then will we be able to worship Him in true humility and devotion.

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**January 2015**

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November Student of the Month – Omran Nadiri Yr 1 and Samira Belhag Prep
Hello!

Welcome to the final article for the year 2014! As we prepare to close the school year, we are provided with an opportunity to reflect back over our year together as members of Australian International Islamic College. Worthy of note has been the spirit of happiness and sense of fun that has existed at AIIC Buranda Campus throughout this year. It is worthwhile acknowledging the times of joy and the moments of celebrations we had at Buranda Campus. This term the campus successfully celebrated Open day And Drama Day and this success is indebted to the enthusiasm and cooperation of the students and teachers.

School reports were given to the students and I take this opportunity to congratulate the students for their achievements throughout 2014. The children should feel proud of their ownership of the learning that has occurred this year.

We should continue to work hard in class to achieve our academic goals and also maintain good and positive behaviour in class and in school. I would like to remind students that we should always learn from our mistakes and we should always control them and remain motivated.

The weeks ahead provide an opportunity to rest, relax and let go of the levels of stress that exists with this time of the year. We also look forward in anticipation and joy to the start of the New Year. I wish everyone success for 2015.

Have a safe holiday and Happy New Year!

Mrs Bandhana Kumar
(Teacher)
Experiment

Does it float or sink?

Experiment time with the PREP class had them making their hypothesis (guesses) as to “what will float in water and what will not?”. Each student made an aluminium foil boat to test their theories.

On the first test they trialled pebbles. It didn’t take long until that foil boat sunk.

The next test was with small plastic playing counters. It took a while, but after almost 80 counters the boat sailed to the bottom.

The students then tested without the boats and tested leaves, Lego, pencils and many more items to find out what floated or what sunk.
Exam Time!
Asalamualaykum,

Congratulations students! As we come to a well-deserved end-of-year break for 2014, I am very proud to say that there has been a lot of astounding effort put into this term. I congratulate all the students who have received awards at the ‘End of year’ ceremony, MashAllah.

This year all students have excelled in becoming proficient readers for their future. This year our top readers were:

- From Yr 2, Sabekun Naher with a total of 55 books
- From Yr 1, Hafsah Reshad with a total of 22 books
- From PREP, Elijah Speizer with a total of 20 books

I encourage students to practice their reading skills over the holidays so that when they come back it won’t take them long to reach the next award level. InshAllah, the reader programme will continue in 2015.

In our November ‘Student of the Month’ awards, Sergeant Jim Bellos Presented awards to Omran Nadiri Yr 1 and Samira Belhag PREP. This was our last SOM for the year. However, I came up with the idea to award a special student with a ‘Student of the Year’ award, and on the 4th of December, a student received a gold certificate, a personalised badge to keep, and a gift for their extremely hard work throughout this year. MashAllah, Sabekun Naher Yr 2 received this award. Both the SOM and SOY will be continuing in 2015.

I would like to give a big, big thank-you to all the parents for providing delicious food for us all to share for the break-up party. Everything was enjoyed and the students had lots of fun!

I wish everyone a lovely and safe holiday period and a big ‘Happy New Year’. I look forward to hearing all the stories in 2014!

Miss Shuhaili Harris
(Admin)
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THANK-YOU! Mrs Harris
Asalamualaykum,

From the Arabic and Islamic Studies teachers, I must say that this year we have had an awesome year with our students. Term 4 has been the best term for us this year, in which we have seen many of our students progressing in their Arabic, Islamic and Quran reading and memorisation. This is a very good indication for us that Inshallah our students next year are going to further excel in their studies. I would like to thank Ms Yasmine for helping our children to progress in Arabic and Islamic Studies, she has really made learning enjoyable especially for our PREP students.

On behalf of the staff at our City Campus, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for giving us the opportunity to educate our children. I would like to congratulate all our parents on the achievements of their children, Mashallah.

To conclude, I would like to wish everyone a safe and a happy holiday. I must say that I am going to miss our students during the holidays. Inshallah we will meet again soon. May Allah bless us all in our lives.

Imam Ahmad Azhari
(Islamic & Arabic Teacher)
On Thursday the 27th November, South-East Queensland suffered a horrendous mega storm. Unfortunately, one of the worse hit places was Woolloongabba. School was cancelled on Friday. Mrs Kumar, Mrs Harris, Brother Saeed and Miss Harris got stuck into cleaning that day. Alhamdullilah, nothing was too badly damaged and school resumed on Monday.

The school would also like to thank Imam Ahmad Azhari, his Wife Wida and some of the residents from the house behind the Masjid. Without their help during the storm a lot more would have been damaged in the classroom.
Outstanding academic achievement – Sabekun Naher (Yr 2)
Merit award – Rahwa Kelifa (Yr 2)
Progress award – Elijah Speizer (PREP)
Arabic award – Hafsah Reshad (Yr 1)
Islamic award – Elijah Speizer (PREP)
Principals’ Award – Yasamin Lorenz (PREP)
Drama Day!
Our students performed so well on the drama day. They presented watching parents with a spectacular show! The message portrayed in the play, ‘show love to everyone including animals’. They finished the play with a lovely song named ‘Beautiful Day’.

Next in the drama day programme, the students performed an Islamic song called ‘Arabic days of the week’
Student of the Year – Sabekun Naher (Yr 2)
End-of-Year Party
On Friday, the last day of school, Mr John treated the students to a surprise party. With the help of Mrs Kumar and Mrs Harris the children enjoyed fresh fruit, cakes, chips, and juice with Mr John.

The students also surprised Mr John with a thankyou gift. We say thankyou to him for keeping an eye out for student safety and teacher safety outside the school grounds.