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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AsalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Alhamdulillah we have come to the last term of 2014 academic year. Term 3 was a very successful one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, staff and students for the great improvement of our NAPLAN results in years 3, 5 7 and 9. Overall our term end results in the continuous assessments showed a marked improvement in student's outcomes.

Our year 12 students are currently completing their final assessments. I wish them well in their final weeks of school as they will be entering their tertiary education next year InshaAllah.

Term 4 is a short term of 9 weeks. Please refer to the calendar of events for this term's activities. We have approached mid-term already! I am very proud of our students who started off the term on a very positive note with enthusiasm and dedication, especially our secondary and year 12 students.

I urge all parents to kindly ensure that students are well prepared for their assessments and most importantly are present during assessment week. I wish all students well in their exams and look forward to positive outcomes for all, InshaAllah.

Preparation for Drama day on the 18th November is well underway and I hope to see all parents attend, InshaAllah. More information will be sent out for the annual awards day in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any matter pertaining to your child.

Mariam Banwa

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

18 November	Tuesday	Drama Day Prep-Year 6
19 November	Wednesday	Drama Day Yr 7- Yr 12
20 November	Thursday	Yr 12 Graduation/Formal
21 November	Friday	Yr 12 Final Day
26 November	Wednesday	Yr 6 Graduation
28 November	Friday	Yr10/11 Final Day

Kindy's recipe for beating the heat - Homemade ice blocks



The original recipe written by Munirah



The ingredients



Munirah



Salem

To follow up on Munirah's writing of her ice block recipe, we decided to buy the ingredients for her to make them. Reyam was keen to join her, so I asked Munirah to show Reyam the recipe and explain to her what she had to do. This generated quite an interest with the rest of the children, so we turned it into a whole class activity. Munirah showed them her recipe in group time and explained what they had to do and how to do it. She also told them how she and her sister had done this recipe over the holidays. Miss M asked the children what would happen when the juice is in the freezer and why this happens. (We are working on making a display of these responses)

Mrs Aku had suggested we also try to make another healthy option to share by making a second type of ice block with yoghurt and mashed or pureed fruit. The children took turns to mash the fruit they chose to put in their ice block.

Salem showed concern over the fact that Ahmed, Naseeb, Aishah and Thamer were not at school for this treat. When Miss M asked him what we could do about this, he suggested that we make some extra ones for them.

The children enjoyed eating one of their creations at the end of the day and had the second ice block on another day.

These experiences are connected to the following outcomes from the Queensland Kindergarten Guidelines:

Connectedness - Building positive relationships with others

Wellbeing - Explore ways to promote own and others' health and safety



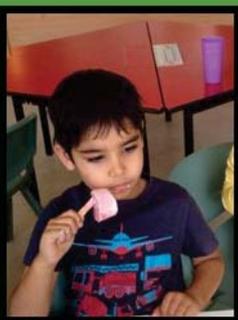
Khalid



Reyam



Salim



Rayyan



Ali



Ammar



Hassan



Juweyria

The Wisdom of Hajj

Allah has made Hajj incumbent for his slaves and this is to benefit Muslims. The Quran has indicated about Hajj and its benefits, Allah says: "That they may witness the benefits (provided) for them, and celebrate the name of God, through the days appointed, over the cattle which he has provided for them (for sacrifice): then eat you thereof and feed the distressed ones in want" (Surah 22 Al-Hajj, Ayah 28).

Ibnu Abbas R.A. in his Tafseer of this Ayah says that Hajj has benefits for Muslims in this world and in the hereafter. As for the hereafter, it is the pleasure of Allah S.W.T. and as for the worldly benefit it is from sacrificing animals and trade. If we analyse Ibnu Abbas' statement we will find there are many benefits of Hajj.

Hajj is an obligation that brings Muslims together. What strengthens us is our love for each other. For this reason Allah S.W.T. has made a great part of his worship in the form that is done in congregation. Allah has made a gathering five times a day in which people of a particular part of a city gather to conduct prayers. Allah has also made another gathering which happens on a weekly basis in which the people from all parts of a city come together to observe Salatul Jumuah. Allah has made a meeting which gathers Muslims from all over the world on a yearly basis and that is to fulfill the obligation of Hajj and to visit his sacred house. These gatherings highlight the unity of Islam of which languages and cultures are never a barrier.

Hajj indicates that we are all equal. All things that differentiate us from others are eliminated. When a person is in Arafat or In Mina or at Tawaf or stoning the Jamarat, the rich and the poor cannot be differentiated. Kings, Queens, servants, masters, rulers and the general people are all the same. Hajj is a scene that reminds us of our beginning when we first entered this world from the wombs of our mothers, we were all the same. Likewise on the Day of Judgment we will once again be equal in the sight of Allah S.W.T. and this is what Hajj confirms.

Hajj also reminds Muslims, the state of the prophets, messengers and pious people. Every action in Hajj is linked to an incident that fills a Hajji's heart with Taqwa and love for the religion. When a person sees the Kabah, they remember Ibrahim A.S. and his son Ismail who both built the Kabah. A person also remembers Nabi Muhammed S.A.W. and how he kissed the Black Stone. At Safwa and Marwa a person remembers Hajrah A.S. running between the two mountains, searching for water for her son Ismail A.S. In Mina at the Jamarat, a person remembers the time when Ibrahim opposed Shaitan and then stoned him.

Hajj is also an educational experience where people are exposed to hardships and difficult times. A person being exposed to difficult times, learns to be patient, humble and forbearing in these instances of which can be practiced by a person when they go back to their homes.

These are just a few points about the wisdom of Hajj, may Allah S.W.T. accept our Hajj and may Allah S.W.T. give those who still have not fulfilled this obligation a chance to do so, Ameen.

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Eid ul Adha (Qur'bani) BBQ and Open Day at AIIC

