Dear Parents/Caregivers

A very warm welcome to term 2. We have a very exciting and eventful term ahead. With the support of our parents and the community we look forward to a successful and rewarding term 2 InshaAllah. Many events have been planned on our calendar and we will inform you in due course as we go through the term. The Annual Quran Competition and the NAPLAN testing program is coming up. Please find details below.

Annual Qur’an Recitation Competition

“When the Quran is read, listen to it with attention, and hold your peace: that you may receive Mercy”

Quran 7.204

Tuesday & Wednesday
28 - 29 April 2015

Our program will begin at 9:00am. Children from all categories will be reciting and competing. The winners will automatically qualify to enter The Annual Quran Competition of Islamic Council of Queensland. All parents, family and friends are invited to attend our in-house Quran Competition. We humbly request all parents to come early to enable the program to start on time. Your presence and support is very important and will be well appreciated.
This year marks the centenary of ANZAC Day and the Australian International Islamic College was fortunate enough to be chosen to represent all the Brisbane students for the ANZAC Day student commemoration ceremony at ANZAC Square. It was a great honour to be a part of the commemoration ceremony on the 23rd April 2015. Three of our college students had the opportunity to present a speech and recite poems. Omar Alshehri, a year 11 student gave a very heart-touching speech on the valuable contribution of those involved in the landing of Gallipoli. Omar expressed his gratitude on behalf of the younger generation for the significant sacrifices of the soldiers which brought about significant changes to Australia and the formation of nationhood.

Later in the ceremony the poem entitled “Sir” by Damian Morgan was also beautifully recited by Omar Alshehri, followed by a recitation of a poem “The Inquisitive Mind of a Child” by Sumaiyah Gedik from year 10. The poem was about the significance of diggers and how a child lost his father. Rahim’s recitation of the poem had a huge emotional impact on the audience as it nearly brought many people to tears!

Our college also held a special assembly on the 24th April 2015 commemorating the true spirit of ANZAC Day. Students not only participated in ANZAC Day commemoration, but also presented their poems and speeches at their special assembly. Mrs. Banwa, our principal addressed the assembly on the significance of the day and that the college has a proud history of participating in this event for many years. She congratulated our students who made excellent representation at this very significant event. Sule Kiza from year 10 and Emmanuel Gombu from year 7 also joined the participating group at our college function. Sule Kiza confidently recited the poem “ANZAC Day” by D.Hunter which was followed by Emmanuel Gombu from year 7 student, who creatively penned his own poem “True ANZAC Spirit”.

To add more colour to our program, Janeth Deen, our guest of honour, spoke at length about the impact of the involvement of the Australian soldiers in WW1 and WW2. Our students remained silent as the last post was played, followed by one minute of sacred silence. The ceremony was concluded with a lovely PowerPoint presentation in remembrance of the ANZAC by Abdul-Aziz.
AFL NEWS

**AIIC CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN**

AIIC Cross Country/Fun Run was held in the last week of Term 1 over two days. The Primary School Cross Country/Fun Run was held on the 30th of March and the High school was held on the 31st of March. Students participated across all year levels over the two day period. House captains led their teams in chants and students were encouraging each other throughout the day. Excellent sportsmanship was seen across all houses. Points allocated from results and team spirit was very close over the two day time frame. The Blue House came in fourth place with a total score of 275 points. The Red House came in second place with a total of 335 points and the winning team of the 2015 AIIC Cross Country/Fun Run went to the Green house with a total of 400 points. Congratulations to all competitors and houses over the two days!

Selected students will now be nominated to participate in the Cross Country District and Metropolitan West Trials over the upcoming weeks. Primary School Cross Country District Trials were already held on the 24th of April located at St Marks Primary School. Congratulations to Nasur Nur who achieved third place, Mitchell Hewitt who achieved a fourth place and Ahmed Idrisi who achieved a fifth place in the 11 years event at the Inala District Trials. These three students have now been selected to represent AIIC and the Inala District at the Cross Country Met West Trials on the 26th of May at Limestones Park, Ipswich. A congratulations is in order for these students! We are still awaiting results for selection of high school students who will be joining these students on the day.

**AFL NEWS**

**AFL BRISBANE LIONS CUP**

This term AFL Queensland has been training selected students from years 5 & 6 in AFL in preparation for the Brisbane Lions Cup which was held on Thursday the 19th of March. A team of 15 boys and 12 girls were selected to represent Australian International Islamic College on the day. Students played and behaved very well on the day, representing AIIC with pride. Well done to these teams!

| Round 1 | AIIC VS Robertson State School 12-20 loss |
| Round 2 | AIIC VS Calamvale Community College 8-12 loss |
| Round 3 | AIIC VS Mac Gregor State School 7-7 draw |
| Round 4 | AIIC VS The Murri School 4-8 loss |
| Round 5 | AIIC VS St Stephen’s Primary 12-41 loss |
| Round 6 | AIIC VS Jamboree Heights State School 15-0 win |

| Round 1 | AIIC VS Algester State School 0-66 loss |
| Round 2 | AIIC VS MacGregor State School 1-27 loss |
| Round 3 | AIIC VS St Marks 2-15 loss |
| Round 4 | AIIC VS ICB 18-3 win |
| Round 5 | AIIC VS St Marks 1-0 win |
Inside the walls of Year 1A, you will find a crazy, fun and exciting bunch of students who have had a great and enthusiastic start to the year. This term, we are excited to begin exploring all about Australian Animals, Poetry and descriptive texts. In Math’s we will be learning how to tell time and engaging with concepts of measurement. It is going to a busy and fun term for us in Year 1A but we are all ready for the new adventures of Term 2.

Last term, the students of Year 1A learnt how to read and write procedural texts. We engaged with various types of procedures that are relevant to our topics and learning at school. We talked about the things we do when we wake up as well as the structure of our school day. Students were able to easily grasp the idea of procedures and how to structure their writing in particular steps. We then moved on to writing about how we make Wudu and line up for Salah. With confidence, students wrote their procedures and then we followed them. To take on a more hands on approach to our learning, we then looked at procedures in the form of recipes. Below are some pictures capturing the wonderful learning experiences we had writing, reading and following procedures.

In Math’s, we have been learning to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have now started to learn how to solve addition stories and do double-digit addition.

In technology, we are talking about litter and what happens to our garbage. Students have begun exploring how to sort out litter into general and recyclable waste. We have started a compost bin and are adding our food waste into it.

In Science, we learnt about the Human Body. We explored the five senses as well as our ears, nose, tongue, teeth and skin. We also learnt about our bones, lungs and brains. Throughout each topic we conducted experiments to help us understand more about each of our body parts and how to keep them strong and healthy. Here are some pictures of our learning experiences.

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We have been visiting the computer lab throughout our weeks last term and will continue to do so this term! Students were able to engage in using reading eggs and mathletics. This term we will be exploring how to type and use the basic functions in Microsoft. Word.