Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night was held on Saturday, 21 May 2016 at the Durack Campus and Saturday, 28 May 2016 at the Gold Coast Campus. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all families, friends, community members, staff and students for the tremendous support received. The evening was a huge success and it was really wonderful to see everyone participate and enjoy the activities planned. We had a great turnout and I believe that the event was well attended and successful. The excellent efforts put in by our staff was commendable.

A very special thanks to all our sponsors and most importantly to all those who remained behind till the very end to assist us with the clean up as well. It was amazing!

All funds raised for this event will go towards classroom resources, InshaAllah.

I look forward to the next big one which is our Annual Fete Day in Term 3. Please come forward to join us in the planning of this event as we welcome your assistance and support.

Assessment Week

Kindly note that assessments will take place over the next two weeks. Secondary students are to refer to their timetables to ensure preparation and attendance to their respective assessments. Please request for a timetable if you do not have one already.

Ramadan

Please take note that during the 3 weeks of Ramadan students will be dismissed at 2-45 pm (20 Mins earlier than the normal time). This will not affect the teaching and learning as the timetables have been adjusted to cover the curriculum. We request that you kindly pick your child up by 3-00pm. All buses will leave promptly by 3-00pm.

I take this opportunity to wish you all Ramadan Kareem. May Allah(SWT) accept our fasting and grant us the full benefit of this holy month, Insha’Allah.

Mariam Banwa

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

June 7 Ramadan starts* (subject to moon sighting)
17 Years 3, 4 & High school excursion
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Thanks for remembering this is a Peanut/Nut Free School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year one children at our Gold Coast Campus have had a marvellous month of learning.

We started our May learning journey with a farewell to Mrs Sina Rogers and welcomed our new teacher Mrs Sarah-Jane Rogers. I am very pleased with how well the children have transitioned and the resilience they have shown in coping with this change.

In English we continued our poetry studies and applied our learning to a real life purpose when we recited a special poem to our mums at our very special Mothers Day assembly. We busily brainstormed amazing alliteration for our Acrostic poems and have been expanding our use of nouns, proper nouns, verbs and adjectives in our writing.

In Mathematics we have been measuring everything in sight using informal units of measurement and recently underwent our Measurement Assessment task.

As the month of May draws to an end so does our Science unit on Australian Animals. The children have learnt about the different features of our native wildlife and their habitats. They have developed an understanding of how Animals become endangered when their habitat is under threat and what we as human beings can do to help conserve these habitats. The students created artistic representations of an Echidna and presented many facts to their class with developing confidence.

With eager anticipation, we ventured on the bus to the Gold Coast Arts Centre to watch The Very Hungry Caterpillar production. The children demonstrated exceptional behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed the show. They were able to make connections to their learning in class about the days of the week and healthy eating.

We also participated in the Annual Quran Competition. I am extremely proud of how hard all the children worked as they practiced and prepared for this event.

On Thursdays we have been fortunate to participate in the BOUNCE gymnastics program. The children look forward to their weekly lesson and are developing their gross motor skills as they learn how to use basic locomotion skills to sequence movement in a fun and active way.

As we near the end of term we are busy undertaking many Assessment tasks and I am extremely proud of the dedication and hard work our young year one students are demonstrating as they apply themselves to their learning.

Stay tuned for many more exciting learning adventures from Year One at the Gold Coast Campus.

Mrs Sarah-Jane Rogers and the students of Year One
Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Barakatuhu,

What a Term it has been for the Year 4 students. Students have been engaged in many learning activities across the curriculum.

In Science they have been learning about the life Cycle of plants, insects, birds, amphibians and mammals. They have been learning the process of photosynthesis for plants and metamorphosis for a butterfly and frog. The students even had a chance to grow their own bean plant and like a scientist keep a record of their germinating seed until it becomes a flowering plant. Subhana Allah did these plants grow or what!!!! If Jack really had beans for a giant beanstalk I think the Year 4’s may have planted some because by the third week the seeds grew so quickly that the seed was already a young plant. Some student’s plant had already grown up to 47cms long and that’s not even measuring the roots!!!! They even had to plant them in the ground in order to continue to observe them. We will just have to wait and see just how tall and high they will grow. The students are hoping for now at least that they get some beans to eat!

In Term 2 the Year 4’s have also been gaining knowledge of Australian history and acquiring an understanding and appreciation for the culture of our indigenous Aboriginal people. The children have participated in traditional Aboriginal Art. Using traditional colours and methods used by the Aboriginal people.

Students have gone around the world using their atlases, research skills via I.T means. With their use of imaginative thinking, students became explorers of the world in the 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th century. The children have also gained an understanding of the geographical coordinates of the seven continents and their Biomes. Students had an opportunity to select one of the many countries of the continents and research interesting facts about that country.

As Ramadan is approaching very soon, can you please remind your child that fasting is not compulsory for them. At their age it’s good for them to trial fasting for a half a day and a have a drink of water and a light lunch and then continue fasting till the sunset. If you child insists on fasting for the whole day please ensure they have a proper breakfast (Sahoor) when fasting that day. Remember Allah Subhana Wa Tallah himself, the creator of all things; knows what is best for our children.

I would like to take this opportunity say Ramadan Mubarak to you all. May you prayers, Duas and fasting all be accepted. Allah Hooma Ameen.

Mrs. L. Hallak
Dear parents/caregivers

Another term is nearly at an end. Where does the time go?

We have been very busy in the high school. Naplan and practice/preparation for Naplan has taken a lot of time for the year 7 and 9 students. As part of our English programme we are writing and producing our own newspaper. Students have had to analyse the components of a newspaper, practice interview and report writing skills, and then, in groups, edit and produce a finished product. Look out for the newspaper as it will be coming your way very soon.

This week is National Reconciliation week and all of our students have been studying the history and customs of The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. We will be going on an excursion to the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre where we will participate in bushwalks, traditional cultural ceremonies and listen to Dreamtime stories. As part of our SOSE work we have also been looking at the ancient civilizations of Egypt and China and discovering what impact these civilisations have had on the world today.

Our visits to the Basketball stadium at Metricon Park continues to be a highlight for many of our students. Our professional coach, Rod, has been providing excellent lessons for the students and their basketball skills and fitness levels have been steadily improving.

Perhaps the most exciting part of our studies this term is a liaison we have begun with a neighbouring school, Emmanuel College. We are working in groups with Emmanuel students to plan and implement practical community help projects. It is a very exciting project for all of us, as it is important for our students to know that we can do great things if we work together to achieve our goals. We have also begun a pen pal project with the college, which I am sure will not only improve our English skills but also our ability to learn about and understand students who are from different backgrounds to our own.

Sandra Morgan
High School Teacher
Gold Coast Islamic School honours indigenous reconciliation Week:

Safiyyah Uren opened a special reconciliation assembly at the Australian international Islamic College, Gold Coast Campus by narrating the following:

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we're meeting on, we acknowledge our gratitude that we share this land today, our sorrow for the costs of that sharing, and our hope that we can move to a place of justice and partnership together.

The special assembly was held to spread awareness regarding the suffering, losses and the challenges towards attaining basic human rights for the ingenious community in Australia which was explained by the guest of honor Brother Troy Meston, Griffith lecturer and Indigenous research fellow for the Australian Council for educational research (ACER).

The assembly was followed by the whole school enthusiastically celebrating aboriginal culture through demonstrations and vibrantly engaging in several traditional aboriginal games.

Brother Troy hosted a special Yarning circle workshop for the high school students, and related to the children the struggle of education for indigenous communities particularly with the recent sensationalized coverage of the school children of Aurukun QLD. He motivated the students of the AIIC, and left them with the message that we as Muslims must have faith, believe in change and acknowledge and advocate for our indigenous people and their culture, as this was the world view of Muslims before us.

Imam Mohammed Azhari
Head of Campus

REMINDERS:

School and bus fees -
Fees are due at the start of the Term. Please keep your fees up to date.

Tuckshop — will be closed during Ramadan. A big thank you to our volunteers: Sisters Abla and Maryam for preparing a hot meal for our students during the term. May Allah bless and reward them for their great works they have done.

School hours during Ramadan —
School starts at 8:30am and ends at 2:45pm. Parents are reminded to be on time to pick your child. The School Office will be closed at 3:30pm.

Wishing you and your family a joyous and blessed Ramadan