In The Name Of ALLAH, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Tarbiyah Newsletter

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Principal’s Message

I trust that the new year has begun well for you and our children.

Teachers and staff have been working very hard to ensure a smooth start to the year. Policies, student/parent handbooks, conduct, bus, library and computer user agreements have been sent out to each student. These first few weeks were very important to set a strong foundation as well as expectations for the challenges that lie ahead.

We will continuously emphasize our school motto, mission statement, values and goals. In doing so, students and teachers realise that our main goal is to aim for “Excellence in Education, Character and Service.”

Every student was reminded of the Behaviour Management policy.

I cannot over emphasize the importance of parent involvement. I believe children have better academic and social outcomes when their parents and teachers work together. I encourage all parents to share information, voice concerns, ask questions, make requests and give constructive criticism.

I hope to Insha’Allah build a close partnership and develop an open and transparent relationship to provide the best opportunities for all students at our college.

Please feel free to make an appointment at any time to discuss any matter regarding your child.

I wish you all a successful year and will communicate to you through our monthly newsletters.

Mariam Banwa

LATE PICK UP POLICY

All parents are responsible to pick their children up by 3:30pm. Failure to do so will result in a meeting with the Principal to discuss the matter further. Your child/ren will be left unsupervised after 3:30pm as teachers duty ends at this time.

In cases where the parents are unable to pick their child on time, an after-school care can be arranged and a fee may apply.

Please see the principal for this arrangement.

SAFETY IN THE CARPARK

A very important reminder to all parents who drive their children to the College or pick them up after school.

We have requested many times for the safety of your own children to kindly use the carpark area safely by using the designated area for no more than 5 minutes pick/drop off your child. (Do not leave your vehicle)

Please use short term parking if you need more than 5 minutes.

Teachers on duty will guide you and your children to maintain safety. The safety of our students is of the highest priority.

IF EACH AND EVERY parent and carer takes full responsibility for their own actions, then all of our children will be safe at all times! Please ensure that your actions contribute to a safe school for all.

Important Dates to Remember- MARCH

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Dear Parents,

Asalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuuhu

It is my third year to work with School administration of Australian International Islamic College as Operational Coordinator. Alhamdullilah, last year was very productive and our senior students (Year 12) achieved excellent OP. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our respected parents for supporting us from the beginning of last year and also would like to thank our Principal Mrs Mariam Banwa and AIIC board for giving me this opportunity again to work closely with them. I look forward to the challenges that 2016 will bring and am looking forward to working with students, staff and families over the course of the year for further academic excellence, Insha Allah.

I am confident that we will be able to maintain our commitment to you continues to be to work with integrity and work with admin staff, Teachers and students to provide a well-rounded education that allows each student to reach his/her fullest potential. I have high expectations for myself, staff, and our students. In return, I ask for a commitment from all parents and guardians of AIIC students. Please help your student(s) reach his/her fullest potential by ensuring they arrive to school on time and attend daily. While we do not want students to attend if they are ill, I do discourage parents/guardians from taking vacations during the school year as this causes a disruption to student’s learning. Please speak positively about school and staff members in front of your children. If you have a concern please begin by contacting your child’s teacher. We will need to work collaboratively to make this year a positive learning experience for our student.

I am very happy to share with you that our Year 12 students achieved the highest rung in Mathematics A, Biology and Chemistry assessments. As a teacher I am very proud of my students and parents. I am confident this year our year 12 students will achieve excellent overall position also. This year I am teaching Biology and Chemistry for year 11 and 12. We are going to learn the following contents in **Term 1**

### Biology

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### Chemistry

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<td>Equilibrium and Acids and Bases</td>
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### Assessment

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May Allah help us to make our journey successful in 2016. Ameen! 
Best wishes for a successful school year 2016!

Dr Mohammad Nurul Islam  
Operational Coordinator  
Chemistry/Biology Teacher
2016 is an extra special year for our Prep cohort. It is the year we moved into our newly built and furnished Prep building. Teachers had an input into the layout of the classrooms, the furniture and colour schemes within. It is a wonderful learning environment for the children, complimented by a new playground and enormous sandpit.

The children very quickly settled in to Prep and have been enjoying the learning experiences and activities that have been taking place. Following the Australian National Curriculum (there is a lot of learning for Preps), we integrate subject areas where we can. The children have been exploring their family, so having named the members of their family for a family tree (History), they ordered their family from tallest to shortest (Maths) and brought in a baby photo or item for ‘Show and Share’ (English). We aim to maximise the students’ learning and development with every task including fine motor activities. We have started our Phonics program which is a lot of fun for the children and the teachers. Parents will also need to learn the Jolly Phonic actions for each sound as homework will be coming home for you to do too!

The swimming lessons are a highlight for the children this term, they are very enthusiastic to go swimming and on a hot day, the water looks very inviting for the supervising teachers and parents.

We are currently practising for the official opening of the new Prep and Library building and hope to see all parents and carers at the ceremony.

Kind regards
Ursula Muncaster
Prep 3 Teacher
In English we have been exploring procedures through many activities and recipes. One of our favourite procedures was how to make a banana smoothie.

The Human body is a topic we have been learning about in Science. We explored our 5 senses through a hands on activity where we looked at everyday objects and discussed their features.

We also did an experiment with lemon juice and apples and compared this to how we should look after our skin.

One of the topics in Geography that we are learning about is community helpers. We got to meet our local Durack firefighters.

In Technology we have been exploring the design, structure and purposes of hats. Here are the hats we made and constructed.

Till next time

Miss Azima Omar and the students of Year 1A Classroom
AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC COLLEGE

Information Day
Prep-Year 10

AIIC cordially invites you to visit your child’s teacher to find out about programs run in your child’s classroom.

Date: 2 March 2015
Time: 3:30 to 5:00
Venue: AIIC, 724 Blunder Road, Durack Qld 4077

You will have the opportunity to learn about

- The Curriculum
- The years Program
- Reading Program
- Homework Policy
- Arabic & Islamic Curriculum
- Planned Excursions
- Parent Involvement
- Assessment Program
- Behaviour Management

We look forward to meeting all parents on the day.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

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From the desk of Miss Bibi Hussein of Year 5B

This term the year 5’s have been working very hard both in and out of the class, to improve on our behaviour as well as our academic results. In Year 5 our motto is “working together as a team” to achieve the very best we can.

We look forward to the rest of the term and all students are preparing themselves for upcoming assessment by focusing in class and participating in all lessons.

As a class we believe that we are all capable of achieving our very best and we need to work as a team to achieve our dreams!!!