Monthly Newsletter
Australian International Islamic College

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah Lord of all the worlds, the Most Kind, the Most Merciful, Master of the day of judgment. You alone we worship and to You alone do we appeal for help. Show us the straight path, the path of those whom you have favoured. Not (the path) of those who incur wrath nor of those who go astray. (Ameen)

Upcoming Events:
- Sunday May 5th: Gold Coast Masjid Foodfestival
- Friday May 10th: School Photo Day
- Tues-Thurs May 14th-16th: NAPLAN (Years 3/5/7/9)
- Sunday May 19th: ICQ Quran Recitation Competition
- Friday May 24th: Under 8’s Day (Prep to Year 3)
- Thursday May 30th: Year 8 Vaccinations

REMINDERS FROM ADMIN gc.admin@aiic.qld.edu.au

Conveyance Allowance
Alhamdulilah for the generous parents who have donated the conveyance allowance received from the Dept of Transport. May Allah swt be pleased with their generosity.

School Photo Day
Say Cheese – School Photos are on Friday the 10th May 2013. Please ensure that money and order form are returned to your child’s Classroom Teacher as soon as possible. Parents are reminded to bring their child to school on time so that they do not miss out on being a part of their class photo. Also, please ensure that your child is wearing their Formal Uniform including black formal shoes.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
At this time after one term of a New Year students tend to relax and lose some of the excited energy for learning. This is the challenge for teachers and parents to maintain the momentum of enthusiasm towards learning. Teachers strive to provide a range of stimulating learning experiences which challenge students and foster inquiry. There is a careful balance between ensuring students experience the joy of success while still being challenged by the more difficult. It is pleasing to see the ongoing quality of teaching and learning at the Carrara Campus. It is always a delight to witness the partnerships between parents and teachers working together towards improved outcomes.

Mr Gary Granzien
Principal

CAMPUS COORDINATOR’S MESSAGE
Welcome back to Term 2. The Term is going to be very busy.
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are scheduled to take part in NAPLAN May. Teacher’s have spent time with the students involved developing their skills appropriately so they may achieve their best. Please ensure students get a lot of rest the night before the tests. NAPLAN should not create any anxiety in students as teachers have not placed any pressure on students.
The construction of a new fence to separate the student play area and car park is due to start in the coming days. Please ensure students remain clear of the area during construction.
It has been observed that a number of students are continuously arriving late to school. Please make an effort to have your child at school no later than 8:40am to assist in a smooth transition into morning lessons.
May our beautiful Gold Coast Campus continue to grow and prosper under the guidance of Allah and with the support of our community inshAllah.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff
Campus Coordinator
Prep/Year 1 busy at work during morning rotations

Prep/Year 1 News
Welcome back to Term Two.

All children have settled back in to school well this term. I have planned an exciting program for the children with a lot of hands on activities where children can interact with one another.

The Interactive Whiteboard is now up and running and the children are using it during Maths and Language activities.

Homework has been given to children and it has been coming back regularly for marking. Thank you for the hard work that you put in for your child. I am pleased to say that your child is already showing good progress with their work in the classroom.

As part of our SOSE program ‘You can do it’, the students are learning to interact well with each other and having a go at everything at school however challenging that may be.

Student of the Month for April was Jack Lachlan, as he always makes an effort to try everything without any complaints.

Jack Lachlan Student of the Month for April

Insha Allah I hope to meet with you more so that together we can help your child progress faster. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

Jazzak Allah Khairan,

Mrs. Azara Khan
Prep/Year 1 Classroom Teacher
Update from Years 1-3

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope the short break provided an opportunity to relax and replenish for the coming Term.

I am pleased to announce the Year 1 students who joined our class this Term have made a smooth transition. The original Year 2/3 Class are to be congratulated for facilitating the transition into a Year 1-3 Class through their mature and dedicated approach towards learning.

We have welcomed Miss Radwa Gadalla into our classroom as our Teacher Aide Monday through Thursday. Miss Gadalla has also commenced her 4 week Practicum in our classroom this week. Please introduce yourself should you see her around the school.

We have commenced our Units of study across all Learning Areas after a somewhat relaxed beginning to the Term. Students are beginning to go from strength to strength. They are grabbing hold of opportunities to extend themselves into work from higher year levels.

During the morning session, our Mathematics and Literacy timetable, we operate rotations to allow students adequate opportunity to demonstrate their understanding across a number of concepts. This has proven to be most beneficial with students now familiar with our routine and beginning to work well independently where required.

A reminder that homework is issued on a Tuesday and due back the following Monday. Students have a double sided activity page, spelling activity sheet, handwriting, nightly readers (Tues-Fri) and Years 2/3 have their Maths Plus Homework book.

Student of the Month for March was awarded to Zacheriah Javen for his consistent effort across all areas. Student of the Month for April was awarded to Leyla Bukhari who has showed improvement in her classroom work.

Zacheriah Javen and Leyla Bukhari - Student of the Month recipients for March and April. Well done to both of you!

I look forward to the Term ahead and welcome your input at any time.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff
Years 1-3 Classroom Teacher
News from Years 4-6

Students have returned refreshed from holidays to embrace learning with energy and enthusiasm. We welcome the four students returning to our school who have again settled in with their old peers as active learners in our classroom.

I remind parents that quizzes and homework needs to be signed and returned to school. This would be a great help to maintain my partnership with you for the benefit of your children’s progress.

Our year 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN test in week 6 this term. They are encouraged towards increased effort to achieve the best possible result.

Student of the Month for March was Mohammed due to his consistent effort. Congratulations to him for doing great work.

Mohammed Student of the Month for March

Students have participated in their first week of swimming. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to participate in a fun activity while learning lifelong skills.

I have organised an excursion to Spring Brook Observatory Centre on 16th of May. A letter has been sent to you to for your signed approval.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for our quality communication during last term. Your participation to achieve that communication has been fantastic.

Mr. Amirali Mirhashemi
Years 4-6 Classroom Teacher
Another term has begun and the High School Class has hit the ground running. Our first assignment this term asked students to consider how they would spend a million dollars. The students took this exercise on with enthusiasm and came up with some great results.

Breakfast Club continues to be successful; however we are in need of more clientele. Please consider allowing your child to enjoy breakfast at school to support High School in their efforts.

We are covering Biology in Science, at the moment. We are looking at the animal kingdom and the makeup of plant and animal cells. These two units will connect at the end of the term through practical experiments.

In History, we are investigating the world of the Viking. Students are engaging in the geography, facts and myths of the Norsemen. They are studying this subject through, internet research, documentaries and use of their student text books.

As part of English, students will be engaging in the John Marsden book, “Tomorrow When the War Began”.

The students and I are very excited about dissecting this book and its author. For anyone who is unfamiliar with the text, it is an Australian fiction about the invasion of Australia and the adventure had by a small group of teenagers avenging their country. It is an immensely entertaining read.

I am excited for the Term ahead. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Danielle Wood
Years 7-9 Classroom Teacher
Arabic/Islamic News

Allah (swt) commands in the Noble Qur’an: “Oh you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance.” (33:41). Verily Allah (swt) has spoken the truth.

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

Welcome to our April issue of AIIC Gold Coast Newsletter.

It felt like only yesterday we started the 2013 Academic Year, the fourth year of our Islamic School here on the beautiful Gold Coast. Time flies and we are almost halfway through the academic year.

The Qur’anic ayat quoted above underpins the importance and superiority of remembering Allah (swt). We at the AIIC Gold Coast take special care and make every effort to teach the children various dua’as purporting to emphasize the enormous ‘ajr’ (reward) Allah rabbul a’alameen grants us when we remember him. We encourage our children to learn and use the daily dua’as practiced by our beloved nabi Muhammad (sas). We teach them the meanings of these dua’as and how they can continue earning reward points added to their record of good deeds maintained by the angel assigned to each one of them. This way our bright and beautiful children are inspired to learn and practice many short duas for use in their daily lives. We check on their use of dua’as regularly to make sure that they do not forget them. We request valuable parents to encourage our loving kids to practice these and share with them the joy of learning new dua’as and Islamic expressions.

Encouraging our loving children to memorize Qur’anic surahs is another area of our regular teaching effort. Our school will be participating in the ICQ annual Qur’an Recitation competition this year. It will be held at the Islamic College of Brisbane, Karwatha on Sunday 19 May 2013. In shaAllah, your loving children will put up a very pleasant performance on that day.

We had our first annual Qur’an recitation competition in 2010. This year we have scheduled it in this term. We have a larger number of students this year; consequently the enthusiasm is more gripping and overwhelming.

As always we request that parents make some time on a daily basis to encourage and inspire the children to perform daily prayers and read the holy Qur’an lessons given at school. Such practice will be very productive in the long run.

Arabic is not an easy language. To teach the children of Prep/Year 1 is specially challenging. In addition to learning short duas and surahs we put emphasis on learning to read, write and pronounce the Arabic alphabets correctly. Children who spend some time to read and write the alphabets at home do better. It is, therefore, very important for the parents to check with their children that they are spending some time in reading and writing alphabets at home. In this age of efforts and instant benefits our children are tempted to ask: what shall I gain by learning Arabic alphabets? Both teacher and parents need to highlight the need and benefit in a concerted manner.

Jazakallah khairan

Mohammad Ruhul Amin
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher