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)

The last ten days (21-30) of Ramadan are to seek Refuge in Allah from the Hellfire.

- Allahuumma Ajirna min an naar

**Meaning:** O Allah, protect us from the fire.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Thursday August 8th  EID Ul Fitr * (subject to moon sighting)
- Friday August 9th  EID Ul Fitr * (subject to moon sighting)
- Tuesday August 13th  ICAS – Maths
- Friday August 16th  EID lunch
- Thursday August 29th  Student Free Day
- Friday August 30th  Public Holiday – Gold Coast Show Day

On the joyous occasion of EID ...

**May Allah shower his choicest blessings on you and your family**
CAMPUS COORDINATOR’S MESSAGE

What an amazing start we have had to Term 3. Students across the school are to be congratulated on their efforts during Ramadan. Our Lower Primary students who attempted to fast during this blessed month are to be commended for their efforts. May Allah reward each of you and accept your fasting.

The school celebrated our 4th Annual Iftar on Friday the 26th of July. Many thanks to all those who attended and provided such a wonderful variety of delicious foods to share with our small school community. The kids certainly enjoyed themselves and the adults I’m sure enjoyed catching up with friends. It is events like this that remind me of the unique community we have here at the College. A special thanks to the Kazimi Family who purchased a new drink cooler for the College. To all the Mums who helped in the kitchen that night we thank you and look forward to making some changes to events in the future so you too can enjoy the evening with friends and family.

The construction of the Multi Purpose Hall is well underway. The disruption to morning drop off and afternoon pick up will be well worth it once the construction is complete. InshAllah the Hall will be ready for use at the beginning of next year. It is a real positive to see such large scale development happening at the College and there is more to come – the details will be revealed in due course.

I wish to remind all parents that students should not arrive at school before 8:15am and need to be collected promptly from school at 3:05pm. There is no formal supervision of students before or after school by teaching staff. It is for students’ safety that we ask that parents work with us to ensure students are not left unsupervised before or after school.

Tuckshop will not reopen at this stage due to a lack of volunteers prepared to assist in the day to day running and organization. If you can help even just one day a week please see Sister Fatima. We also need one parent who is prepared to coordinate the running of the Tuckshop this role includes designing the menu, completing weekly shopping and coordinating volunteers. The Tuckshop has raised some good funds for the school so far this year it would be a shame to see it not reopen.

Students have made a pleasing start academically to Term 3. All teachers completed half yearly formal assessment of students’ achievement against the Diagnostic Testing tools we have available. Overall students have shown solid progress from the beginning of the year. If you have any concerns about your child’s progress be sure to speak with your child’s classroom teacher. We wish to work together to see each child in our care reach their full potential.

On behalf of the staff of the Australian International Islamic College I wish all families a safe and blessed Eid – enjoy the time with family.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff
Campus Coordinator
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb,

I am delighted to have two new students who have joined us this term. I would like to welcome Mohamed Behari and Faisal Aldawisan to our Prep Year One class.

The students are showing good progress in all curriculum areas. They are very eager to learn and are showing their willingness to participate in all the activities provided. The Prep and Year One students are being really good role models to each other by showing good manners and always using polite words which really helps with behavior management in the classroom.

Every child is given the opportunity to shine at AIIC Cararra. Students are given the tailored support they need in the classroom. Therefore it is really important to ensure that your child completes their homework each week and that reading books are returned daily in their green homework bags. Statistics have proven that children are more likely to do well at school when parents are involved in their child’s learning.

Once again credit must go to our children who are a tribute to their school.

This month the student of the month award goes to Allira Al-Hamzani for showing a positive attitude towards all her school work and being a fantastic helper in the classroom.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – ALLIRA AL-HAMZANI

It was lovely to see so many parents and children at the Iftar last Friday. It gives a wonderful feeling of community about our school and how everyone helps out and contributes so willingly MashAllah.

It is so good to see so many of our Prep Year One students fasting and attempted to fast this month. Some Prep students told me that they were fasting after eating their lunch, which I thought it, was quite cute. MashAllah the intention was there. May Allah shower his blessings on all of you.

I would like to wish one and all a blessed and wonderful Eidulfitr. Insha Allah you will all find time to relax, appreciate the company of friends and family and enjoy the food that Allah has provided for us.

Eid Mubarak

Mrs Azara Khan
Prep Year 1 Classroom Teacher
Student of the Month for July was Zac Miller for his improvement in his reading and overall attitude towards his school work. Congratulations Zac!

I wish to address the issue of homework. I have spoken at length with students regarding the level of effort going into completing weekly homework. I am hoping that the poor number of students returning completed homework had a lot to do with Ramadan and the changes to routine. A few reminders – homework is issued on a Tuesday and due for marking on a Monday. The green homework bag must come to school every day to allow students to change their readers. I ask that parents sit with their child while they read and sign off on the Reading Log that this has been done. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff
Classroom Teacher Years 1-3

Update from Years 1-3

The beginning of a new Term is always a good time for reflection as a teacher. Students in Years 1-3 should be very proud of how far they have come this year. At the beginning of the year I was very nervous that I would find it difficult to adjust my expectations to meet the abilities of the ‘littlies’ after spending the previous three years teaching Upper Primary. I make no apologies that as a classroom teacher I have very high expectations of my students. I am a firm believer that giving students high expectations and coupling this with appropriate support can lead to fantastic outcomes for students. The students in Years 1-3 continue to impress me with how hard they work on a day to day basis and the results are starting to really shine. Congratulations to each and every student in my class I am unbelievably proud of each and every one of you!

Students are well into each of the units of work for this Term.

In Maths we continue to follow our Maths Plus National Curriculum textbook and operate our daily Mathematics lesson as three 20 minute rotations allowing students to build their understanding with a variety of activities including the use of the Interactive Whiteboard.

In English we are hoping to be able to write our very own narratives by the end of the Term. We have spent the last few weeks exploring different narratives and looking at the structure very closely. Students have slowly been creating their own narratives but many students are still blurring their narrative with a recount. Don’t be concerned as we will get there I am sure. Students still need to realise the value that sometimes less is more when it comes to written expression.
News from Years 4-6

We are almost half way through Term 3! Alhamdulillah, it has been progressing very well. Ramadan as a part of this term has also made it quite special for us.

At the beginning of Term 3 all students were given diagnostic tests in both Literacy and Numeracy. The results of this testing is assisting us in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of our students. Some of our children have been assigned to specialist teaching in the area of ESL and Numeracy and given support in developing their reading, writing and comprehension skills. These programs for students in years 4 to 6 are already giving excellent results.

Students began an ICT project designing a ‘Bird House’. This provides them the opportunity to expand their mathematical knowledge as well as biological understanding of animals’ life cycle. They learn about designing, planning and implementing a project based on their favourite ideas. They are also working on ‘future home’ project which again integrates with other subject areas, helping them to bring academic learning into real life experiences.

Every Wednesday afternoon, students go to the school’s library. I’d like to use this opportunity to remind parents and students to return their books on time so other students can also access to the library resources. Homework for this term has lesser quantity due to the Ramadan, so children will have less pressure doing them. They need to return their home works on Friday.

Next 6 weeks of Term 3 brings with it new challenges and new opportunities. I am confident that the students are well positioned to accept these challenges, thus ensuring a continuation of excellence in education. I wish to once again acknowledge and emphasize the participation and involvement of parents and students, both at school and at home. This is a vital link between home and school which cannot be over emphasized.

I wish all my students a successful and fruitful term. It, Inshallah, will be full of more adventures and exciting developments, as the children grow and change so quickly with every passing day!

Student of the Month for July was ‘Amira Behari’ for positive and consistency effort in her classwork

Br Ali Mirhashemi
Years 4~6 Classroom Teacher
High School Years 7-9 News

Well another month down, I am unsure where the time is going but it is fast.

A short but constructive month was July. Our little high school class in increasing and students are settling in very quickly. Welcome to our new Year Nine student Dylan, our newest Year Eight Ifnan and Asnate in Year Seven.

Through the midyear testing protocol we have found much strength in our class but also some weaknesses within certain areas of the curriculum. The one that concerns me the most is a lower level of reading comprehension across the board. I will be creating a homework regime designed to cover these specific weaknesses starting next week. I implore you to encourage your child to find books and reading material for the purpose of relaxation as well as strengthening their vocabulary and reading skills. It is an issue in this day and age with technology and distractions; we need to also have our youth engage in the world of literature.

Students have a few gaps in Mathematics as well; this is an issue Australia wide due the National curriculum not taking into account previous curriculum areas at grade levels. Having your child at this school however is a huge advantage to them. With the multi age classroom structure students are able to be taught at the level they are in need of instead of teaching them specific content due to their age. This in turn reduces the gaps in their learning creating a well-rounded education.

If any parent would like to see the results of their child’s testing this term, please feel free. Our high school class has an open door policy and all are welcome.

You may or may not have noticed your child coming home with a folder instead of individual subject books. The purpose of this change is for their organisation and it seems to be working very well. However if a student forgets to bring their folder to school, it creates huge issues and they have to catch up on work as well as homework etcetera. Please make sure your child does not forget their work and is prepared for school each day.

Student of the Month – Ifnan Adam

Student of the Month for August is Ifnan Adam for settling in so quickly and showing a great work attitude.

I am instilling in these students it is their responsibility and that they have no one to blame when they are not prepared. That said a gentle reminder from carers while this new system is put in place would be a huge help.

I hope the month has been as good to you as it has for me.

Thank you so much for entrusting your amazing children with me again this month, they surprise me every day with their wit, thoughtfulness and work ethic. As parents and guardians each of you should be very proud.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Danielle Wood
Class teacher
Year 7 to 9
Dear Parents & Friends,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatu hu.

The hugely rewarding month of Ramadan is with us. I hope that each one of you are having a very satisfying period of attaining closeness to Almighty Allah through fasting, prayer and sadaqah. Barakallahu feequm.

As an important religious obligation we encourage our loving students to use the month for performing a’amaal saleha or good/righteous deeds. They have been taught the three dua’as pertaining to the three ten-day periods of the holy month: first ten-days of Allah’s Rahmah or Mercy, the second ten-days of Magfirah or Forgiveness and the last ten-days of Najaat from hellfire. Please check you’re your son/daughter about these dua’as and you will be pleasantly surprised to note how enthusiastically they have memorized them and have been using them. Alhamdulillah, they have been motivated to use these dua’as to win the pleasure of Allah. Children have been taught about the Lailatul Qadr (Night of Power) which will be a night during the first week of this August, in sha Allah. Our beloved Nabi (SAS) used to be in E’TEQAF during the last ten days of Ramadan in order to search and benefit from this great Night. You will be pleased to know that two of our senior class students M/S Abdallah Sarhan and Ibrahim Mohamed are in e’teqaf at Gold Coast masjid for the last ten days/nights of this Ramadan. Heartiest congratulations to them. May Allah grant them all the rewards of the maqbul (accepted by Allah swt) sunnah e’teqaf.

Like last two years our students have been provided with a poster diary to record all their good deeds including fasting, praying five times a day, reciting the Holy Qur’an, giving money for charity etc during the blessed month of Ramadan. The student performing the maximum number of important good deeds will be awarded this year’s Ramadan Good Deed trophy. Thank you all very much for the guidance and inspiration you are providing for the children.

We teach and encourage our students to memorise essential dua’as and short Quranic surahs on a regular basis. The purpose is to make them practicing good muslim who performs daily prayers and remembers Allah through the dua’as. It is by using the surahs in prayer and doas in their daily life that the children can remember them. If they do not use them they will forget most of them. So we urge parents to help their children by checking on their practice at home. I would also like to touch on the issue of ‘Istinja’ practice at home by our children, especially the young ones. We teach them the importance of attaining ‘taharah’ or purity by inculcating the use of water along-with the toilet tissue. Children (especially boys) need to be told that they must sit down while using the commode. Unless this habit is inculcated at home they will never get into the correct habit. Let us (parents and teachers) remain alert to this need and help our children.

The big event of Eid-ul-Fitr is coming up soon. Our students are so excited about the event and are making all preparations to celebrate it.

Let me end this newsletter with our warm Eid greetings to each one of you wishing that Allah subhanahu Taala makes this Eid-ul-Fitr your happiest event in 2013.

EID MUBARAK.

Jazakallah khairan.

Br Mohammad Ruhul Amin
Arabic/ISL Studies Teacher