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:

Monday June 3rd
Awards Assembly – Student of the Month

Wednesday June 5th
ICAS – Science

Monday June 10th
Queen’s birthday – Public Holiday

Tuesday June 17th
ICAS – Writing

Wednesday June 18th
4th Annual Quran Recitation Competition

Thursday June 19th
ICAS – Spelling
World Refugee Day

Friday June 20th
End of Term 2

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

Medical information
The safety and well being of your child is of importance to us, including whether your child is diagnosed at a risk of a severe allergy. It is important that parents notify the school if there is such an allergy.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Our school is participating in this year’s Earn & Learn program again. Last year we were able to redeem some great resources with the points earned. Thank you to all parents. Please send in the sticker card to the school. The more points the school earn, the more we can redeem for a wider choice of resources for your children.

School fees and other charges
As always if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please drop by the School Office to discuss alternative arrangements and assistance. Please keep school fees up to date before the Term ends.

Used school hats can be purchased at a nominal price from the School Office.
CAMPUS COORDINATOR’S MESSAGE

This is our last Newsletter for Semester 1. It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another term. As they say time flies when you’re having fun and there is no doubt that students have enjoyed themselves over the past few weeks.

NAPLAN was completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 back in the middle of May. The results for NAPLAN are not made available until mid-October. Students reported that they found the tests challenging but feel that they have achieved well. We look forward to seeing the results of their efforts later in the year. Congratulations to those students – I was proud of the attitude they displayed during the testing periods.

As we approach the end of another successful term it is important that students remain focused and continue to show the enthusiasm they have shown throughout this term towards their learning. Teachers are all in the beginning phase of their End of Semester Assessments. These assessments form only a portion of the overall grades that will be reported on their reports as we chose a more holistic approach to forming our judgments of student attainment of the National Outcomes. Please ensure over the coming weeks children arrive at school on time, having had a good nights’ sleep and a healthy breakfast.

The construction of our new fence between the student play area and the carpark has now been completed. A special thank you must go to Mrs Khan’s husband, Mark, for carrying out the necessary work. This fence was constructed in response to the feedback received from parents from our Term 1 survey. It is only through working together that we can see this Campus grow and improve.

The school has now issued all children with a bottle green homework bag. This is to hold all homework including nightly readers, student diaries and Islamic/Arabic folders. The homework bag is to operate as a boomerang between home and school; going home each afternoon and returning the next day even if homework is not due for marking it is a good practice to always have it handy. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Just a reminder as the cooler weather moves in that our Uniform Policy states that the school jumper is the only jumper to be worn with the uniform. We have made the allowance that navy blue jumpers can be purchased from such places as Kmart or Big W if this is easier. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times.

I wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Miss Tara Vonthethoff
Campus Coordinator
Prep/Year 1 News

It is coming closer to the end of Term Two and the students are working really hard to achieve their goals. Their motivation and enthusiasm is already showing excellent progress in the different areas of their learning.

Please ensure that your child learns their basic sight words each day. It will help them with their reading, writing and all other aspects of learning. The sight words need to be returned to school as soon as your child has learnt the words so that they can be given more words to learn. All the other homework needs to be returned on Thursday each week for marking.

The students have been doing a lot of interactive activities in Maths. This term we have been focusing on measurement using standard and non-standard ways of measuring. They had fun using unifix cubes, paper clips, hands and feet to measure along with the standard-measuring units. They also have been learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide through playing the mathematical games.

Lulwah Aldabbah - Student of the Month for May for being a role model in always helping others.

Students really enjoyed making a bridge out of Lego, cardboard and other things from the classroom. This activity followed on from the Nursery Rhymes story of the Ginger bread man. They have also learnt about toys of the past and present. They were able to relate to the different types of toys children played with in the olden days and the type of toys that they play with now.

Students have made greeting cards using patterns to design a flower. They enjoyed making a fruit bowl with fruits out of coloured paper, which is displayed in the classroom.

It is such a pleasure to teach your children and to see them grow each day and learn new things, which makes my job so rewarding.

If you have any concerns no matter how trivial it is please do not hesitate to come and see me and talk to me. I am more than willing to put time aside to talk to you.

Mrs. Azara Khan
Prep/Year 1 Classroom Teacher
On Friday night students enjoyed our Under Eight’s Movie Night/Sleep Over. Some of our students are real night owls with the fourth movie ending and eyes still open. It was a wonderful night and inshAllah we will have another in the future. I must congratulate all students who attended for their exceptional behavior throughout the event.

Student of the Month for May was a very difficult choice because so many students have displayed qualities that would make them a perfect choice. In the end, after much consideration, Student of the Month was awarded to Abu Bakr Saghir for his mature approach to learning and academic achievement this Term. Well done Abu Bakr!

Report Cards will arrive shortly after the Holidays have begun. Please if you have any concerns or questions contact me via email twoulbled@hotmail.com and I will be only too happy to address these. I would hope that the report cards do not hold any unwelcome surprises for parents.

I hope students and their families enjoy the well deserved Semester Break and return refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

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

It is with great pride that, Alhamdulillah, I can report that so far we have had a successful Term 2 for 2013. The quality of delivery of learning has met my expectations for the students. It is obvious to all that the students are well disciplined with a focus on achieving higher outcomes.

Since the beginning of Term 1 2013, we have aimed to achieve quality learning for our children. Students indeed have made enormous effort towards increased quality learning and effective communication with each other until now, half way through Term 2! Their commitment will undoubtedly further enhance their learning. So, I’d like to thank both the students and parents for their response to a determined focus on discipline and academic achievement so far.

Here is just a reminder about the Daily and Weekly quizzes. These assessments are valid indications of students’ progress and understanding of academic concepts. So, it would be great if those quizzes as well as the home works can be signed off by parents. This will definitely assist us to be aware of the children’s strengths or those areas which need to be improved.

Student of the Month for May was Ayesha Ahmad for positive and consistency effort in her classwork

On Thursday 23/5/2013, we went for an excursion to the Spring Brook Observatory. This program was in conjunction with our science lessons. They had a chance to expand their knowledge about the space, planets, and the sun. They came up with very interesting questions and this gave great insight into the minds of the young students in our care. We had a chance to go for a walk and visit the Spring Brook water fall as well and have morning tea next to the water fall, it was a great opportunity to take a break and learn in a different environment.

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

Congratulations to all the students who are working very hard and to all award recipients. Keep up the good and inspiring work in class and at home. Again, I would like to thank all parents for their help and support.

Mr. Amirali Mirhashemi
Years 4-6 Classroom Teacher
Another amazing month gone and so much achieved.

Naplan has been and gone, those students in high school that participated, I am sure, did a great job of showing their knowledge. These results will not be available for months.

This week was the arrival of the most amazing asset to the high school class room, a MOBILE SCIENCE LAB and it is truly incredible. This totally self-contained unit consists of all basic lab equipment, a digital microscope, an easy view for displaying and recording practical exercises and this all connects to the Smart TV in our class room for better viewing. The students and I are so excited about our upcoming science experience. Our Science unit at this time is body systems, and we are looking forward to incorporating our lab and its technology into this subject.

The students have completed their unit on Vikings by presenting their new found knowledge to the class in an interesting and engaging presentation. Our year nine students presented their information on the industrial revolution in England and Australia.

We have been investigating Solid shapes, angles and geometric proof in Maths and the students are doing an amazing job of recreating these tricky elements of three dimensions.

We are well and truly into our class novel Tomorrow when the war began and it’s starting to get very interesting. We have dissected our character list and been drawing on similarities and differences between us and these life like figures.

Now that we have completed our Dramatic arts unit on how to put together a production from scratch, we move onto the technological and dramatic aspects of advertising and movie making. The students have been challenged to create an innovating and engaging promotional video for our beautiful school.
Arabic/Islamic News

Allah (swt) says in the Noble Qur’an: “Say (O Muhammad SAS), ‘if you should love Allah, then follow me, (so) Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful’” (Al-Imran:31). Verily Allah (swt) has spoken the truth.

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu. Welcome to our May 2013 issue of AIIC Gold Coast Newsletter.

Alhamdulillah, after a good first term we are almost at the end of a productive second term which is due to conclude on the 21st of June 2013.

AIIC Gold Coast, the school of your loving children made a pioneer venture this term. It participated in the annual ICQ Qur’an Recitation Competition held at the Islamic College of Brisbane, Karwatha. The competition was open to all Islamic academic institutions in Queensland. Eight AIIC Gold Coast students (five boys and three girls) were registered for the competition. Alhamdulillah two of our contestants: Hamza Kazimi (age group under six) and Ibrahim Mohamed (age group above fourteen) won trophies. Congratulations to our star reciters! In addition, all participants were awarded a medal and a certificate of appreciation. We thank Allah SWT for our humble success. By the Grace of Allah, our confidence has been raised and, in sha Allah, we make niyat to participate in more such competitions in the years ahead. Please make dua’a for us.

Our own Annual Qur’an Recitation Competition will be held during this term on the 19th of June 2013. It will be an event where every student will have an opportunity to show his/her proficiency in reciting the Noble Qur’an. Our college consistently encourages our loving children to memorize and recite Qur’anic surahs. It is a vital area of our regular teaching effort. We had our first annual Qur’an recitation competition in 2010. This year we have a larger number of students and the enthusiasm is more gripping and overwhelming. Every child has selected his/her surah and has started necessary preparations. Many of them are using youtube for practice recitation drill. How beautiful and useful modern technology can be!

As always we request the parents to make time to encourage and inspire the children to practice and perform better as often as they can.

Arabic is not an easy language. To teach it to the children of prep and year one students 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. We assign regular homework on a weekly basis. It is very important for parents to check with their children whether they are spending some time every day for completing their respective homework assigned on a daily basis. Both the teacher and the parents need to work in a concerted manner to maximize the benefit of regular homework.

Jazakallah khairan
Mohammad Ruhul Amin
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher