Welcome to Ramadan

Semester two has begun with the holy month of Ramadaan, which is highly honoured because of the revelation of the Holy Qurán. Muslims all over the world are engaged in exerting maximum spiritual benefits in this holy month. This month is known for forgiving one another and getting the forgiveness from Allah (S) by increasing acts of worship that would please Him.

There are a number of acts of worship that a believer can practice to achieve maximum blessings. They include reading the Holy Qurán and memorizing full or parts of it. We should encourage our children to develop a strong connection with the Holy Qurán by asking them to read as much as they can.

In our efforts to teach our children to read the Holy Qurán, our college has committed huge resources. This semester we will be having one more teacher aid to help us improve the Qurán reading skills of our students. It is expected that by the end of term three, our children in year 2 would begin to read the Holy Qurán, InshaAllah. We believe it is a great blessing from Allah to see them reading the Qurán at this early age.

Our children in both primary and secondary classes have displayed their love to excel in reading the holy Qurán. This is evident when they achieved many trophies in the recent Qurán recitation competition organised by the Islamic Council of Queensland (ICQ).

Unlike in many other parts of the world, we are privileged to have this holy month of fasting in the very pleasant season of winter with significantly short hours of fasting, Alhamdulillah. This factor should encourage Muslims in Australia to welcome every day of Ramadan with greater enthusiasm for doing more righteous acts.

The holy month of Ramadaan also brings us a great opportunity to grab the rewards by helping the underprivileged people around the world. We should keep in mind that every time we donate a dollar in the pleasure of Allah, we will be blessed with a minimum of seventy rewards in this month of Ramadaan. In case we fail to find the right recipients, there are many organisations that are committed to distribute our donations to those who are eligible to receive.

I think it is a good idea to make any donation in the presence of our children or with their knowledge. This will set a good example and encourage them to do the same as they grow up InshaAllah.

Finally, help our children to enjoy their fasting and other forms of worship with full excitement and happiness. Like anything else, acts of worship become meaningful only when there is a willingness and interest to do them. Encourage them, inspire them and excite them to love Islam.

Wishing you a pleasant month of Ramadan and Eid- ul – Fitr.

Imam Yousaf Thaqafi
Principal’s Message

A very warm welcome to all in term 3. Thank you for your continuous support last term. It surely was a very rewarding one in terms of student progress and outcomes. Kindly contact me if you haven’t received your child’s report card. Student progress has been monitored and assessed comparatively with term 1 results and Alhamdulillah I am proud of most students who have shown significant improvement. I will be contacting parents of students who will be needing more support for progress. We will endeavour to work with you to provide support and assistance to your child to enhance their progress. Teachers will be contacting you for an interview to discuss this.

During this term I intend meeting with all parents. Separate meetings will be held with the different year levels. I will be sending a reminder closer to the time so that you could make yourself available to attend. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, parent involvement plays a vital role and I encourage parents and community members to play an active role in the education of their children. Our college values the partnership of parents in helping to enrich learning opportunities for students.

I would like to inform you that we have successfully formed a Parent’s Advisory Committee. The committee comprises of the following members:

President: Salah Said
Secretary: Nurisha Ali
Treasurer: Mohamed Alnaqbi
Vice Treasurer: Sahlan Siregar
Member: Hazlan Lockman
Member: Najla Alabdulsalam
Member: Sitnour Adam
Member: Alfred Kamara
Member: Sekou Sheriff

I extend a warm welcome to the above members. I am very grateful to the members for dedicating their time to be on this committee and I look forward to working with them for the betterment of the college InshaAllah.

I would like to share with you some outstanding student achievement in the ICAS Computer Skills Competition. MashaAllah!

- Amaan Yousaf (Year 3) - High Distinction
- Jainul Mustafa (Year 3) - Distinction
- Ahmed Abdelrahman (Year 7) - Distinction
- Salamjan Bunyadi (Year 3) - Credit
- Jasmin Asifiwe (Year 4) - Credit
- Yasin Maung (Year 4) - Credit
- Reem Ali (Year 6) - Credit
- Rafif Habibi Suriono (Year 7) - Credit
- Safa Abdi (Year 10) - Credit

InshaAllah we look forward to promising results in the outstanding ICAS Competitions.

Some events to look forward to this term are Literacy and Numeracy Week, Debating, and the Annual Sports Day.

I invite you all to attend our Annual Iftar on Saturday, 3 August 2013. I look forward to a rewarding, educational and exciting term, InshaAllah.

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Important Message from
Metro South Oral Health Service

The Metro South Oral Health Service provides dental treatment to school children at your school. Like most dental services across Australia, a large proportion of time is spent “drilling and filling” young teeth. Although this helps relieve pain, it does not reduce the high incidences of dental decay. Dental decay can result in pain and loss of teeth which in turn affects days spent at school, the development of children’s adult teeth, their speech, and their appearance.

We have identified many students at your school as being at high risk for poor oral health. Our chair side observations suggest that children are consuming large quantities of sweet and acidic drinks as opposed to drinking water. Adequate consumption of water improves oral health as well as general health, and concentration in class.

In response to these observations the Metro South Oral Health Service would like to implement a “Tap into Water” program. This program aims to encourage children to drink more water during school hours and sets up healthy habits for water consumption in future years.

Our aim: To increase the daily consumption of water and limit the consumption of drinks high in sugar and acidic content among students during school hours.

The Tap into Water program would ultimately see each student with a water bottle of their own to sit on their desk and use during the day.

For this program to be sustainable we would require a commitment from yourselves/P&Cs that the water bottles are available for students to buy from the tuckshop in the future and that every new Prep student receives a water bottle and the water bottle becomes an annual booklist item for the parents to buy.

We ask you to consider our proposal and look forward to working with you. The Metro South Oral Health Promotion Committee is interested in raising the awareness of oral health in your school and would like to commence as soon as possible. Please find our contact details above.

In addition to this, Dental Awareness Week is fast approaching and is celebrated during the week of the 4th – 10th of August. I would like to ask for your support during Dental Awareness Week by having your school information / notice board (the large message board located in the front of schools) make a positive mention of this. If your school during this week could display a simple message such as:

“Think Thirst….Think Water First”

We are excited that your child’s school has joined our Jump Rope for Heart program in our 30th birthday year! Students will learn a range of fun skipping skills, new tricks and the importance of regular physical activity and healthy eating to create a healthy life.

We would like to ask you to support the Heart Foundation by fundraising for this worthwhile cause.

Did you know that every 10 minutes someone has a heart attack? Heart disease is Australia’s number one killer and affects two out of three Australian families. Your fundraising efforts will help us to support valuable heart research to find a cure for a disease that affects too many Australian families.

Register your child for online fundraising to help your school reach their goal of raising $1000 for the Heart Foundation by asking family and friends to support your child. By fundraising online students are eligible for bonus prizes if they raise $100 or $300. Plus you will have the chance to win the ultimate Gold Coast family holiday!
Alhamdullilah, we had an amazing time last term learning about Australian animals. For excursion we went to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, where we saw kangaroos, koalas, possums, wombats, reptiles, kookaburras and many other Australian animals. The best part of our excursion was feeding the kangaroos and petting the koalas!

During the term we also learnt about engendered Australian animals. We loved learning about these animals and knew how important they are to Australia. We then made “Save the Koala” posters and hung them around the school, so that all the students could read and learn about them.

This term we are very excited to learn about space! We have started by creating our outer space corner in our classroom. Throughout the term we will be adding to this corner and making a part of our classroom look like the solar system.

Year 1B would also like to wish all our parents, students and teachers a wonderful month of Ramadan!

From Year 1B and Miss Banwa.
Message from Parent’s Advisory Committee

Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahamtullahi Wabaratuhu

Dear Parents, (Brothers and Sisters), I hope this message will reach you in a good health and wish you a very happy Ramadan. Alhamdulillah recently the School has given the Parents an opportunity to create a Committee to help our children’s school, contributing their thoughts and working with the principal and the school community in a productive partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for our student.

It is a pleasure to present to you myself as Chairman of the new Parent’s Committee; the committee has seven members, (Three Brothers and Four Sisters). May ALLAh help us to contribute in the best way we can for our school. The Committee will:

- Encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school, where is appropriate to do so.
- Provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school.
- Perform and help with school functions and foster community interest in educational matters.

The Parent’s Committee of A.I.I.C is honoured to be part and organise our school IFTAR NIGHT; the committee would be delighted if all the parents and the students could make it to school on the Saturday 3rd of August 2013. Also we would generously like to ask your donations and contributions for the IFTAR NIGHT to help us raising the cost needed for this special event, you can contribute whatever amount you wish. May ALLAH reward you all for the contributions.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the committee, the school board, the school principal, the teachers and finally the parents. I would like to ask your help as parents to help us as a committee we are here to listen to you and please remember as parents, the things we do will make a real difference for our children, so that is why the college has created a P&C.

Jazakumullah Kheyr

Parent’s Advisory Committee

Donation for the Iftar

We request a small donation as a fundraiser for the upcoming iftar on the 3 August 2013. Kindly send the money to your child’s class teacher in a sealed envelope.
May Allah (SWT) bless you for your kind contribution.

Parent’s Advisory Committee
You are Cordially Invited for

Iftar

724 BLUNDER ROAD, DURACK
SATURDAY, 3 AUGUST 2013 - 5 PM
ALL WELCOME – PLEASE BRING PLATE OF SWEETS TO SHARE

Evening Program

- 5:00 pm
  Quran Tilawat by students

- 5:25 PM
  Iftar Dua – Imam Yousaf & Imam Shazad
  followed by Magrib Prayers

- 7:00 pm
  Isha & Terawih led by Imam Owais/Imam Shuaib and
  Imam Riaz Makada

For further information call (07) 33721400
Contributions Welcome

Ramadan Mubarak