Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We are already at the end of week 4 and approached the weeks of Parent / Teacher Interviews. Please use the opportunity and make an appointment to see the teachers to discuss your child’s progress. If you were unable to see the teacher for some reason, you are most welcome to make an appointment at a convenient time. Teachers are happy to accommodate you. Our aim is to meet All parents of our students to maintain effective communication between the home and school. Letters will be sent out soon, InshaAllah.

The outcomes and results of our student’s assessments are being analysed by myself together with teachers and InshaAllah we will identify areas in which our students need support in. These students will be referred to learning support for additional intervention so that they can be supported to be able to achieve the outcomes at the end of the year and Insha Allah be promoted to the next year level.

The school canteen has resumed its operation since Monday. Please support the canteen. Orders need to be placed in the morning. Students need to bring a container for lunch to be served into. Thank you for supporting the school canteen.

The teachers are working towards preparing and organising a spelling Bee. More details and information regarding the competition will be sent.

Please visit our website for current events and activities of all campuses. Hope to meet you all at the Eidfest held in Brisbane at the Rocklea showgrounds on Saturday, 16 August. I invite all parents to attend our Fete at the Durack campus on Saturday, 30 August.

I look forward to a rewarding term, InshaAllah.

August is Dental Health Awareness Month

Dental Health Month aims to raise public awareness as around ¼ of Australians have untreated dental decay and only 39% of Australian adults visit the dentist for a yearly check up. As most dental diseases are completely preventable, we need to focus on early intervention and prevention to keep enjoying good oral health.

Let’s keep our teeth for life, and help our children do the same!

Read more at www.dentalhealthweek.com.au

Gold Coast Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service

In the case of a dental emergency, telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre 1300 300 850

Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm excluding public holidays.
Message from Year 1 / 2 Classroom

Assalamu alaikum from Year 1 & 2

We are excited about our new learning this term about sustainability and we would like to share with you. This term we are hoping to start something new and exciting in our school. We are starting a new Vegetable garden and are working very hard to accomplish our goal. We are learning so much about the life cycle of a plant in class. We are also so busy outside getting our garden ready. We have started with planting our seeds in pots while waiting for our school garden bed to be ready.

We can’t wait to invite you to come and have a look at our garden.

AIIC Prep to Year 2 classes had a special visit from the Nerang Fire Department. The children explored ways to keep safe during a fire emergency. It was a great day for all our students in Prep to Year 2.
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb,

I would like to start by thanking Ms. Edwin for all of her hard work with the Year 3 class while I was in Canada for my daughter’s baptism. The students worked hard, learned some new maths games and completed some fantastic artworks.

With Eid finished and most students back at school we have started some new topics for term 3: Sustainability (Art and Literacy), Living or Non-Living (Science), Australia’s Neighbours (Geography) and Where Does Food Come From? (Technology).

Parent-teacher evenings for Year 3 will commence in week 6 so look out for the appointment forms to come home this week.

The Year 3 class is now in training for two upcoming events, the AIIC Spelling Bee and our end of term Cross Country. In the homework folder is a list of words that will be used in our spelling bee for students to practice if they desire to be the champion speller of 2014! We are running daily to increase our fitness before the cross country so if your child has black coloured running shoes they may wear these daily in term 3.

I look forward to meeting with you all soon to discuss your child’s progress.

Kind regards,

Mr. Michael Hall
Year 3 Teacher

Year 3 students preparing for cross country run
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb

Things are ticking along nicely in class this term.

We have been learning about animals, plants and the non-living features that make up biomes. We have looked into what biomes we have around the world and their uniqueness. From here we are moving into understanding how humans use the biomes and the issues and impacts associated with how we use these biomes.

In science we are studying the building blocks of life… cells… we are currently making paper mache for both plants and animals. They will then label the organelles inside the cells and see these for themselves through microscopes. From here we are preparing to study the effects of pollution on cells and in particular coral cells and coral bleaching.

The most exciting news at the moment of course is that we leave for camp on the 18th of August. While we are away we will be studying costal biomes, completing our batik art works and gaining an understanding of the interrelationships of man and environment.

We look forward to sharing our photos and stories from camp next time …..

Mrs Diana Neville
Teacher of Math, Science and HPE
Assalaamu alaikum Wr Wb,

He is also Abu Musa Al-Ash’ari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

None is more patient in the face of offense than God. People say He has a son, but He continues to protect them and provide for them» (Bukhari).

This hadith tells us about the kindness and patience of God in response to the offense of His servants. When we learn of a characteristic of God, part of our worship is to aspire to exemplify that value in our lives.

Compassion and forbearance in the face of harm is essential to peace, because flaws and corruption will always exist among people. Only when we can transcend the hurt that we may receive from others and respond with compassion are we truly committed to peace.

In facing offense, one should resort to patience before revenge. Patience gives us time to cool down and think through the situation before we do something that we may regret in the future. Patience is a virtue of those who have inner strength and with patience we acquire respect and the ability to control any situation we are in.

Verses and sayings that encourage forgiveness do not imply that we should not seek out justice and solutions to the harm committed by others. To the contrary, there are many teachings encouraging, even requiring, us to do so.

There is a methodology for resolving problems and seeking restitution. However, there is another aspect that goes hand in hand. While we are working out the problem, we can continue to practice kindness and fulfill our duties to people even in the face of harm. When we are wronged, it does not give us license to abandon someone or attack with a similar injustice, but rather we should resort to the proper methodology for resolving conflict. Meanwhile, the compassion continues. Kindness and basic respect should transcend all social and legal systems.

In order to practice this level of benevolence, we need to invest in our own spirituality and connection with God. It may be difficult to extend kindness to those who harm us until we remember that we are doing it for God.

The individuals with whom we are conflicted belong to God as well. Among His names is the Most Merciful, and The Just. So when we extend kindness to those who harm us, we are in fact reaching out to the kindness of God.

Jazakallah khair,

Imam Yousef Hussein
Arabic / Islamic Studies Teacher

NEWS FROM ESL

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends

AssalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

We have now completed over 3 weeks of term 3 and it has been wonderful to hear about all the exciting activities the children have been involved in during Ramadan and Eid. In my role of ESL and Learning Support teacher, I spend a lot of time helping children to develop their oral language skills. It is fantastic to hear and see children becoming more confident to share their news with their peers and to be able to talk about their schoolwork more fluently.

This term we will learn names for some parts of the body and name some feelings so children can share their thoughts and feelings with others. I have been very impressed with how hard the children have worked to learn their alphabet names and sounds. They are now able to write short stories using this knowledge. Their next steps are to be able to write more of their story by themselves.

Here are some stories:

On Monday I went to Timezone with my dad. We played the basketball game. By Neha

Mum made pink dresses for me and my sister. She bought white shoes for me. By Harmain

Mum put henna on my fingers and my palms for Eid. By Sadeem

I have some wonderful readers who are progressing with their fluency. Not only are they able to read more words, they are making sure what they read makes sense and they are making sure they understand what they read. We made some bird masks last week. It was great to hear all the talk about the colours and the feathers and the noises the birds make

Like all the teachers, it is effort, improvement and determination to improve that is the most important part of the children’s learning. Well done to all those who come to ESL/Learning Support for showing such determination and always trying to do their personal best.

Kind regards
Robyn Graham