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 and progress. I will be looking into our students performance in semester one and InshaAllah will work on extra support for students were needed. 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. Parent Teacher interviews will be held soon after Ramadan in week 4. Letters will be sent out for you to make appointments to meet with teachers. Our college values the partnership of parents in helping to enrich learning opportunities for students.

I take this opportunity to wish all parents, the very best for the remainder two weeks of Ramadan. May Allah ( SWT) accept our fasts and prayers, InshaAllah.

Please join us for Iftar at:
Gold Coast Campus: Friday, 18 July
Durack Campus : Saturday, 19 July

I look forward to a rewarding, educational and exciting term, InshaAllah.

Mariam Banwa

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School, bus fees and other charges
School, bus fees and other charges are due at the start of each term. Please bring the fees up to date. Thank you to parents who paid the fees.

Lateness—All students are expected to arrive school on time. School starts at 8.30am. If your child is late for school, please report to School Office to collect a late slip to give to the Classroom Teacher.

School bus— students traveling on the bus are expected to behave safely, responsibly and respect instructions given by our bus drivers.
Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

The preps and year ones have returned to school re-energized and have settled into term three well. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Tawheed who is going to be working as a teacher aide in the prep and year one and two class.

The following is some information about activities and curriculum planned over the coming weeks. Focus for this term the students will be exploring the concept of science, History and Geography. Science focus is on minibeasts. History is on Eid Celebrations and the reasons why we celebrate Ramadan. Geography- The places people live in and belong to their familiar features and why they are important to people. We are also going to be covering the 4R’s, which is, reduce, recycle, reuse, and rethink. The year ones will be focusing on the topic Space, disasters, seasons and the weather. The focus for maths is on chance and data and number.

Insha Allah we are hoping to visit a farm in Gold Coast for our excursion. I will notify you closer to the time.

For Mathematics the students will learn about the following.
Time-Introduction to the calendar, duration of events. Number-Sequencing, Subitising numbers, patterns. Addition and Subtraction. Problem Solving, sharing in equal groups.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who helped in the classroom during Semester One.

Have a happy Eid Mubarak. May Allah Taala guide you and protect you always.

Mrs. Azara Khan
Inside the Years 4 ~ 6 Classroom

We are just at the beginning of Term 3! Alhamdulillah, it has been a great start. Students came back from school holiday with a great enthusiasm which shows that they Alhamdulillah are happy with their classroom. Ramadan as a part of this term has also made it quite special for us.

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 a SOSE project learning about ‘Sustainability’. They will be making a ‘Photo Book’ which is integrated with ICT, SOSE, Science, Literacy, Numeracy and design. This integration with other subject areas is helping them to bring academic learning into real life experiences. This project provides them the opportunity to expand their mathematical and literature knowledge as well as biological understanding of sustainable lifestyle. They learn about designing, planning and implementing a project based on their favourite ideas. The cost for this book is about $16 which can be paid at the end of this term. Once students pay for it on-line, they then can receive their photo book and keep it as a life time memory. It is a portfolio for their assessment as well as a great piece of work including what they will be doing for the next 10 weeks of Term 3.

On Friday night, 18th July, we’ll have Iftar night at our school. Students in years 4-6 will make a great effort organising the event properly. Every Tuesday 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 the library resources. There has been less homework during Ramadan, so children will have less pressure. They need to return their home works on Friday.

Next 9 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. Inshallah, will be full of more adventures and exciting developments, as the children grow and change so quickly with every passing day!

Mr. Amirali Mirhashemi
Years 4-6 Classroom Teacher

SHOW CARE—SAY KIND WORDS,
BE POLITE
Assalamu alaikum parents,

Insha’Allah this newsletter finds you well.

Our students were all very busy at the end of last term, writing scripts for their Gallipoli movies and performing, editing their movies, completing assignments, studying for and sitting exams and making ballistae for their science assignments.

We wish you all Ramadan Kareem.

Mrs Teresa Kasim

Please enjoy the photos of our class activities.
WHOEVER OF YOU WITNESSES THE MONTH OF (RAMADAN) MUST FAST (THROUGH) IT.” (Qur’an sura Baqara v 185)

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

Ramadan Kareem.

The Third Term of 2014 started right in the middle of the mubarak month of RAMADAN. During this month we take special care to teach our students all about the month, its significance and benefits. We teach the etiquettes and requirements of fasting, virtues & benefits of fasting, who must fast, who are exempted from fasting, what invalidates fast etc. The children also learn about the LAILATUL QADR (The Night of Power). When they hear that praying in this night is better than one thousand months of prayer they sit down with their calculators to work out how many years would that be! They are very keen to spend a good part of this night in prayer and zikr. Please encourage and support your children as much as possible. If a child wants to fast please do not discourage him/her by saying, “darling you are too small.” Instead allow them to fast for a few hours of the day and let them break it when they feel hungry or thirsty. This way the spirit of Ramadan will germinate in them at an early age as a fundamental value of life. Someday when they grow up they will be proud to say, “I started fasting when I was 5/6/7 years old.”

During the Holy month of Ramadan, Allah swt grants us special gifts for every ten days. In the first ten days we receive Allah’s Mercy and in the second ten days we receive Forgiveness and in the last ten days we receive Safety from hellfire. Children have been taught to recite the three duaás for this. Please encourage them to practice them at home and earn huge rewards from Allah swt.

It is extremely heartening to note that many of the students are fasting despite the inconveniences of feeling hungry and thirsty, especially during the break times. Amazing but true, there is an aura of satisfaction and pride among the fasting little boys and girls. They sit down and do zikr, read qur’an during Dhuhr/Jumu’a prayer.

AIIC Gold Coast will hold its annual Iftar Evening on Friday, the 18th of July in sha Allah. We at the school have been overwhelmed by the help and cooperation received from parents and friends in the past four years. Food-wise, it becomes a mini international ramadan gourmet. Please keep the evening free and come with the whole family to enjoy and earn AJR from Allah subhanahu taa’la.

Jazakallah khairan.

Mohammad Ruhul Amin
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher