Fortnightly Newsletter

Australian International Islamic College

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

May 9, Friday
- 9:00am – 10:00am: Gold Coast Sun –AFL program
- 10:00am – 11:00am: Upper Primary
- 3:30pm - : Lower Primary

May 13, Tuesday
- AFL Auskick program: All year level, $65.00 per child

May 14, Wednesday
- NAPLAN test

May 15, Thursday
- NAPLAN test

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

School fees and charge
Term 2 fees is due! Please keep fees up to date. As always, if you have any questions, please drop by the School Office.

Family Fun Night
Our main campus in Durack is holding a fundraiser and request parents support. It will be a fun filled evening for the whole family with sumptuous food, and entertainment.

WHEN: Saturday, 24th May 2014
TIME: 4:00pm onwards
WHERE: AIIC Main campus
724 Blunder Road, Durack
Tickets are available now.
Thank you in advance for your support.
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**NAPLAN TESTING PROGRAM**

On Tuesday, May 13 two tests will be administered. These include: Language Conventions (testing spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing. Reading skills will be tested on Tuesday, 13 May, Wednesday, May 14 Reading with Numeracy tested on Thursday, May 15. There will be a ‘make up’ day on Friday 16 May for and student who were unable to do their tests on the designated day.

These literacy and numeracy tests form a key part of the National Assessment Program endorsed by all Australian Ministers for Education. The aim of the national literacy and numeracy tests is to provide a measure of how Australian schools and students are performing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. These tests are only one measure and need to be considered along with school based assessments which are designed to identify students’ strengths and areas for growth. Parents and careers may wish to talk with their children about the test and encourage them to their best.

Kindly ensure that your child is present at school on these days. However, students absent on the above days may sit for the test on Friday 16 May 2014.

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**ANNUAL QURAN COMPETITION**

Alhamdulillah our Annual Quran Competition was held on Thursday, 1 May. We are very grateful to both Imam Khalid and Imam Imran Hussein for giving their time to the college to judge the competition. We are also very thankful to the advice given to our students for future improvements.

I commend our students for their efforts on the day and encourage new students to participate next year InshaAllah. Our winners will be participating in the ICQ Quran Competition soon after Ramadan, InshaAllah.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Asalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu hu.

As-salamu alaykum (السلام عليكم)

My name is Sina Rogers. I am the new classroom teacher for Year 1 and 2 in the college. I recently moved here from New Zealand and currently residing here in the Gold Coast. In the past six years, I’ve had the opportunity to teach children overseas from all different cultures and backgrounds. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to teach both Junior and Middle Primary school age groups and especially being able to be part of a very diverse community.

Teaching has been a long time passion for me and I am very grateful for such blessing to be part of the academic success of every child here in the Australian International Islamic College. As a trained teacher, I believe in teaching and supporting the children in our society to become long life learners and achieve their full potential. It is my belief that the education of children is a continuing life long process.

As an educator in the College, I endeavour to teach from the basis of who I am, where I come from and where I would like to be. I envision this opportunity to teach Year 1 and Year 2 as a bilingual and multilingual environment. A classroom environment that is colourful and vibrant that encourages and promotes learning through pride. I aim to offer a secure and full of learning potential environment to all children belonging in this college.

It is my privilege to be part of your child’s learning and I am looking forward to work alongside with you parents and my colleagues to achieve the academic success of the children in the Australian International Islamic College.

Sina Rogers (Year 1 & 2)
Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb.

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

Since the beginning of Term 2 2014, we aimed to achieve a quality learning for our children. Students indeed have made enormous effort towards increased quality learning and effective communication with each other until now, beginning 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.

Naplan testing will be on next week! The consistent message to children, families and staff needs to be that it is really important to keep perspective - that the NAPLAN is just a ‘snapshot’ of a child’s overall achievement. The results are certainly interesting at a whole school level, however at an individual level they need to be viewed in relation to all the other assessments, work samples and opportunities children have to demonstrate their learning throughout the year. Many thanks to all those wonderful parents who encouraged their children to do their best and attend to the classes after school, but avoided placing high stress on young shoulders!

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.

Student of the month – Muhammad Syed

Ali Mirhashemi
Years 4–6 Teacher
FROM YEARS 9 / 10 CLASSROOM

Assalamualaikum parents / carers,

Dear Parents Welcome to the senior school Page.

We have started our new project based Curriculum new term.

Our first unit is War and Peace. For this unit we are studying the life of the ANZAC’s in the trenches, during the First World War. As our assessment activity we will producing a documentary based on the lives of the ANZAC’s. We look forward to sharing our students’ results with you all on our open night.

Camp is approaching fast and there will be a number of important newsletters coming home, so can you please check with children, and ensure these are returned to school as soon as possible. The newsletter we are needing returned at the moment is the camp permission slips, please sign these and have them returned to school on Monday please, as we are booking and paying deposits this week.

Mrs Diana Neville

CAMPUS COORDINATOR

Assalamualaikum Wr Wb

Dear parents and families.

It is an honour to bring you our newsletter again this week, and what a week it has been.

We have the term up and running very well. The tuck shop is producing some tasty food and at amazing prices.

We have two new teachers, and Year 1 teacher with lots of experience, and an experience ESL teacher for the primary school. Welcome Sina and Robyn.

There are a number of changes in the secondary school as well. All of our high school students have been put together to improve their learning outcomes.

We have also introduced a new ground breaking curriculum (the first in Australian secondary schools). This curriculum is called project based curriculum. The most redeeming feature of this new curriculum is that students get to work on real life projects, building a variety of cross curricula skills, problem solving techniques and most importantly improved literacy and numeracy outcomes.

If you have any questions with regard to the new curriculum please feel free to make an appointment to see me, as I am more than happy to discuss this you.

I wish you all a good week and may Allah be with you.

Mrs Diana Neville

Student of the month
Ibrahim Mohamed
Assalamu Ailakum Dear Parents,

May Allah (SWT) allow this letter to reach you and your family in good health and high spirit of Imam and Taqwa.

Allow me to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the activities in the Islamic Studies class in Term 2.

- In this term, all our students are learning about the use of water according to Fiqh. This is because Rasulullah (SAW) in one of his great Hadeeth that Tahur (cleanliness) is the key for Salah.
- In Grades 1-3, our students are learning about the five Pillars of Islam and the Five Pillars of Iman in detail.
- In Grades 4, 5 & 6, the students will learn about the Story of Yusuf (ASW) and his brothers from his childhood, to his life in Egypt and his reunion with his family.
- In secondary years, the students will learn about the Halal and Haram foods and about the foods of the People of the Books. They will also be introduced to the life of Luqman (ASW), Thul Al-Qarnayn, the life of Ibrahim (SAW) and the Companions of the cave.

May Allah (SWT) accept us all Fi Alsaliheen.

Wassalamu Ailakum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu.

Imam Yousef Hussein
(Islamic Studies and Arabic Teacher)

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From the P & C

Assalumu Alaykum Wa Rahmatul Allahi Wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2014 Parents and Community newsletter page.

On this page we will be keeping you up to date with our up and coming events, progress reports on the funding of school events such as the senior school camp, the purchase of more technology in the primary school, the purchase of books and toys and sports equipment for all of our students.

The role of the Parents and Community committee is hugely valuable within the school because it helps with the communication between parents, the community and the management of the school. It is made up of volunteers which help around the school, and in the community, they provide services to our students and to the teaching staff, with activities such as preparing the halal school lunches, making decisions on school funding events, they organise and make decisions about what funding is spent on and social events for parents to enjoy and socialise together.

As the committee is a volunteer organisation we would very much appreciate the involvement of our parents and community. There are a number of roles and responsibilities which need managing, as well as in school activities parent and community help and support are required for.

If you would like to help either in an official role or as a volunteer for events please ring Fatima at the school office or Diana and leave your name and phone number and one of the committee members will be in touch with you.

Thank You for your support
The Parents and Community Committee.
ESL & LEARNING SUPPORT

Assalamu alaikum, my name is Robyn Graham and I am teaching in the ESL / Learning Support Room. I have over 10 years experience teaching at all levels of primary school in New Zealand. I have spent many years teaching the skills of oral language, reading, writing and numeracy to children of all ages. In the past few years I have also been working with children with special needs. This has included providing them with specialised help and work they can do in the classroom.

I am enjoying helping the children at AIIC develop their language skills and it is great to see them so excited and enthusiastic about their learning. It is great to be greeted with their smiling faces each morning. I believe learning continues throughout your life and it is important that children see the adults around them continue to learn. Once they have the skills of reading and writing, they can continue to learn and strive to do their best. We are all teachers and learners in the ESL / Learning Support Room. The children are teaching me about their cultures and we are all learning more about Australia!

Kind Regards

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Robyn Graham
ESL Teacher

TUCKSHOP MENU

MONDAY
Fresh Baked Muffins, Piece of fruit,
Kafta wrap with lettuce and tomato, and popper Juice

TUESDAY
Custard Tart, Piece of fruit
Hot Dog Roll or Meat pie and Popper Juice

WEDNESDAY
2 x Cheese and Spinach Roll, Piece of fruit
Sausage roll and Popper Juice

THURSDAY
2 x Cookies, Piece of fruit
Chicken Burger with tomato and lettuce, and Popper juice

FRIDAY
Sausage Sizzle, Drink and morning tea
Parents are welcome to join us on that day.

Menu is $5 daily which includes Morning Tea and Lunch.

All proceeds from the tuck Shop are spent on resources for the school.

Extras will be available to be purchased separately on a daily basis. Prices start from $1.

Prices are subject to change