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 30, Friday  
Awards Assembly – Student of the Month award

June 4, Wednesday  
ICAS – Science

June 16, Monday  
ICAS – Writing

June 17, Tuesday  
ICAS- Spelling

July 18, Friday  
5th Annual Iftar
Please circle this date on your calendar. A note will be sent home with more details of this event.

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

School fees and charge
Please keep school fees and charges up to date. Thank you to parents for paying the fees promptly. Payment of school fees can also be arranged to cater for partial payments. Please drop by the School Office to discuss on this payment plan.

Mailing address – we are sending students’ Report Cards by post. Please ensure that your mailing address is current to avoid delay.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL
Assalamu alaikum from the ESL Room.

It is great to have children working so hard and making great progress with their English. We have been doing lots of work to learn the names and the sounds of the letters of the alphabet as well as practising our writing and doing lots of talking to help the students learn lots of new and useful words.

This term’s topic is “Personal Identity” so we are doing lots of talking and activities about our families, where we come from and where we live. It’s a great idea if children know their street address and a phone number because this can help to keep them safe if they get lost or separated in a crowd.

Learning is fun in ESL. The children made “Simply Stunning Spiral Snakes” to practise the Ss sound.

Atmana laki kul Al Saada

If you could have any old magazines you would be happy to donate to the school for children to cut up. Please send them to the office. We would love some women’s magazines or magazines about cars, gardening, lifestyle, food, National Geographic etc to cut up.

Mrs Robyn Graham
ESL & Learning Support

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Last week we hit the half way point to Term 2. This is an important time for learning. Semester tests will be conducted over the next few weeks and in just five weeks our students will have completed half of the years’ work.

I request our students with the help parents to prepare themselves for the end of semester testing. Please make an appointment with our teachers if you have any concerns regarding the progress of your children. After school tuition could be organised with mutual agreement between yourselves and the teacher.

ICAS Tests will be held over the next few weeks. If you require past year papers for practices please see your child’s teacher. There are also lots of online practice materials that you could access.

It is indeed a very busy term and InshaAllah at the end of this semester, progress reports will be posted out to parents on your child’s achievement. Kindly update your contact details at the front office to ensure that you receive mail from the school.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mrs Mariam Banwa
Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Asalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu hu

We are fast approaching the end of term two. The children have been busy learning about the Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. It was good to see the children design and construct a bridge for the three Billy goats gruff story. They made gingerbread cookies themselves and decorated it with pebbles and icing. Making jelly was fun when they learnt about letter ‘J’. Cooperation and working together and helping each other to make a simple machine and pulley for the story ‘Jack and Jill’ was fun to watch.

Last week the students went to watch a puppet show at the Arts Centre. The students thoroughly enjoyed watching the show and understood how a story can be told just through acting and using puppets as characters. Great experience for the students.

Apart from all the fun hands on activities children are also learning to read and write. A greater emphasis is made on your child’s understanding of the information and events when reading different types of texts through comprehension activities. Children are encouraged to have a go at using reading strategies such as, picture clues, initial letter sounds, sight words, sounding out words, read on-re-read and check to see if the sentence makes sense. Please encourage these strategies when your child is reading at home.

At prep we encourage the children to be independent. Please ensure your child’s lunch box, drink bottle, hijab, uniform and bag is clearly named. Now that the weather is getting cooler your child will need warmer jumpers; please remember to name these clearly to ensure no lost property. That way each child can easily identify their belongings and be responsible for their things.

Student of the Month is awarded to Jack Lachlan for making a huge progress in Maths and his consistent effort in all the other areas of the curriculum.

Prep and year 1 provides all children with a solid foundation for future learning and success at school. Please ensure that your child is at school by the first bell at 8.30 if they are not travelling in the bus. If your child is unable to attend school, please ring the school office or send a note with your child explaining their absence. Please be aware that your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day. Every minute counts in your child’s education.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. At Australian International Islamic College we value the home to school relationships so please remember if you have any questions or issues to discuss, please come and have a chat with me. I am always willing to help.

Mrs Azara Khan
Prep Year 1 Teacher
Thank you all for your support with our home reading programme. Most students are now bringing their black folder every day and taking a new book home nightly. This is the most important part of our homework as we attempt to get all of our students reading at a high level before they enter the upper primary school next year. Because there has been a great improvement in this area I would also like to ask you all to check that your child is completing their homework each week. Homework is sent home by Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday for marking. There are a few students who have not been completing their homework or tell me they have lost their pink folders. Please let me know if you need replacement scrapbooks, folders or spelling books for your child.

Our PE periods are now on Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday we are joining together with the year 1-2 class so that we have enough students to teach some team sports, along with the skills required to participate in them. We have spent the past two weeks leaning how to play non-stop kick it, a cross between cricket and soccer. On Friday morning we are fortunate to have been chosen by the Gold Coast Suns as a school to benefit from a multicultural programme run by the AFL. Each Friday morning the junior school are taught some AFL skills such as handballing, kicking and marking.

This week in Australia it is National Reconciliation Week and this fits into the history unit we are learning at the moment. This unit is Australian celebrations and Reconciliation Week is a celebration of the efforts we all make to ensure the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ cultures and traditions are continued and treasured as part of our Australian identity. This unit has also covered important dates and events for the ATSI peoples in Australia such as: NAIDOC Week; Harmony Day; National Sorry Day, Australia Day and Anzac Day. In the upcoming weeks we will learn about other nation’s national celebration days. If you would like to send in any resources or information about the national day in your home country please send it in or email me if you would like to make a short presentation to our class and we will arrange a suitable time.

YEARS 3

Assalamua alaikum Wr Wb.

It’s been another busy start to this term with lots to do and much to learn! Of course we are always studying English Literacy and Mathematics every day but we also have to fit in all of the other areas of the curriculum as well. This week I will let you know about some of those other things that your children have been doing over the past few weeks.

Mr Michael Hall
Year 3 Teacher
ASSALAMU ALAIKUM WR WB

Dear parents and families,

There are some very exciting events coming up at the school over the next two weeks, and we would love to see you there.

Our first major event is the Car Boot sale on the 7th June. So if you have a "Boot-load" of treasure you wish to sell you are welcome to purchase a spot for your car or trailer or even a table. The cost of a 'spot' is $10 and all proceeds are going towards the school camp.

Also if you have some treasures which you wish to donate please bring these along to the school by Friday the 6th of June. Thank you for your kind support.

Now to other matters...

Our students have all been working hard and it is encouraging to see the academic growth across the campus, well done students....

Tuck shop has been running well and all the proceeds have also gone to help with the senior school camp, which is coming up fast. Thank-you all for your support.

Just a little reminder to parents, we would love to see you at Jummah we start at 12.45pm, if you are available, please feel free to join your children in prayer and join in for the sausage sizzle.

Have a great week insha’Allah

Mrs Diana Neville
Campus Coordinator

FROM YEARS 7 ~ 9
CLASSROOM

Assalamualaikum parents / caregivers,

Insha’Allah this newsletter finds you well.

First of all, I would like to welcome our pre-service teacher, Mrs Andersen, who brings a wealth of knowledge to our classroom. The NAPLAN tests were held last week and although it is a relief that this stressful period is over, let's not forget to continue improving our literacy and numeracy skills, through the remainder of the year.

This term is turning out to be an awesome one, with our Year 7-9 students engaged in some exciting learning opportunities. As we are teaching an integrated curriculum, we have combined our English and History lessons. We have been learning about World War 1 and the Anzac landing on Gallipoli. We have been analyzing, evaluating and creating visual texts, by looking at WW1 enlistment posters and creating our own. We have been analyzing the camera angles used in the movie “Gallipoli” and we have been learning how to write a movie script. Our students are in the process of writing a movie scene and an interview with an Anzac, which they will be filming as from next week. This will culminate in the production of a documentary about Gallipoli into which they will put all of their term’s work.

In HPE and Technology we have been learning about self-image and identity, and we have combined these with Art, in which students have been producing a self-portrait using words in the media that are important to their identity.

Our classroom has well and truly become a digital one. This has empowered our students and boosted their confidence and engagement in their learning. Our students are all working extremely well, and deserve a pat on their back. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

Mr T. Sewell-Kasim
Giving charity money to the poor and distressed people is the third pillar of Islam. We are pleasantly surprised to observe the enthusiasm among our children for making donations out of their pocket money. At the weekly Jumua’a prayer on Friday a tin goes around to collect children’s donation. Our students have donated such collections for various humanitarian works such as Fiji flood relief, Bosnian flood relief etc. Ma shaa Allah.

Arabic is not an easy language. To teach it to the children of prep and year one students is specially challenging. In addition to teaching 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. It is, therefore, very important for the parents to check with their children whether they are spending some time in reading and writing alphabets at home. Both teachers and parents need to work in concert for the benefit of our children.

The Hadith quoted above underpins the importance of daily prayers at appointed times. Salat is the precious gift that Allah subhanahu wataala presented to our beloved Nabi when he was taken to seventh heaven on the Night Journey known as Israa and Me’eraj during the month of Rajab. At the AIIC Gold Coast special care is taken to teach the children Islamic values. We encourage them to inculcate the regular habit of making daily prayers at home. Dhuhr or mid-day prayer at the school is compulsory. It serves as a training for praying correctly and in a group. We encourage and inspire our loving children to learn the duas and surahs needed for praying correctly. It is imperative that parents join hands with us to do the same at home.

Encouraging our loving children to memorize Qur’anic surahs is an important area of our regular teaching efforts. Our annual Qur’an recitation competition 2014 was held a few days ago. Over 80 students participated in this competition held in two stages. Parents and friends who came to witness the event were full of appreciation for the high quality of recitation by the students.

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

Welcome to our new issue of AIIC Gold Coast newsletter. Alhamdulillah, our Islamic school in Gold Coast is in the fifth year of its operation. With time we have grown in size both horizontally and vertically by opening new classes and adding new facilities. May Allah help and guide us on the straight path, Ameen.

Student of the month – Mahmoud Habibi

Jazakallah khairan

Imam Mohammad Ruhul Amin
Arabic and Islamic Studies Teacher