Monthly newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I welcome you all to term 3 and I hope you all had a wonderful break and an enjoyable Eid ul Fitr.

I thank all parents for collecting their child’s report personally. All others have been posted. Please inform the administration office if you did not receive your child’s report. You are most welcome to make an appointment with teachers at a mutual time to discuss your child’s result.

We welcome our new teacher Mrs Eva Bay, Years 5/6 teacher at our Gold Coast Campus. Our teachers come highly recommended in their areas of expertise and we wish them well during their stay at our college.

This term we will see a big emphasis on our fete as a community and fundraising venture at both campuses. We call upon volunteers to come forward and support this event to ensure that it turns out to be as successful as possible. Please refer to the flyer sent out.

Thank you to all parents who have completed and updated family contact details with administration. You may ring the front office or request another form if you need to inform us of any changes.

It is our responsibility as a college to keep our environment rubbish free. Please encourage your children to place their wrappings and litter in the bins provided at school. This has always been emphasised and promoted by our teachers and staff.

I would also like to remind all parents and students of the importance of arriving to school on time. Late arrivals are increasing with many students arriving after 8-30 am. Please do not assume that important learning only begins after the morning assembly. Students should arrive on time for the assembly so that they can be part and also aware of important announcements and arrangements made for the day.

Thank you to those parents who are picking their child/ren up on time in the afternoon. It is important for the health and safety of your child/ren that they are picked up by 3-30pm at the latest.

Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated.

Mariam Banwa,
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Asalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barkatahu.

The prep students have returned to school re-energized and have settled well into term three. It is going to be a very busy term so please keep encouraging your child to complete all the homework that is given to them which includes reading every day. Thank you to those parents who consistently ensure that their child completes all homework at the required time.

The following is some information about activities and curriculum planned over the coming weeks. The topic for this term is ‘Olympics’. We are focusing more on Literacy and Numeracy this term. For the English unit the students will be learning to write informative texts on animals of Brazil. They will be focusing on the lower and upper case letters and sounds. Students will continue to learn the sight words as they start writing simple sentences independently using the correct punctuation.

For the math’s unit students will continue to learn the number facts, which include counting, addition, measurement, statistics and data collection.

For the geography unit students will be learning about space and environment.

Digital technology: Students will explore and use a range of digital systems including computer hardware and programs. They will learn how to take photos and explore how the digital information systems are used for particular purposes in daily life which includes mobile phones, internet, robots, robotic toys etc.

The physical Education lessons are based on the AFL Gold coast Suns program. This program is targeted for students of all different levels. It is an exciting program and in sha Allah everyone in prep class will be participating. Therefore our sports and Physical Education will take place every Wednesdays.

This term I am offering free one hour reading recovery lessons from 3.10 to 4.p.m to prep students who need extra help with their reading. Please come and talk to me about this as I can only take one child at a time. I will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. However if you have any concerns about your child’s learning please send a note in the student’s diary and I will make time after school to talk with you. Thank you to those parents who have already made appointments to see me. Your child’s learning is a partnership between home and school. Together we will in sha Allah help your child to become life long learners and achieve the best education that AIIC can offer.

Mrs. Azara Khan (Prep Teacher)
News from ESL

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends

AssalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

We are already in Week two of Term three and the year seems to be flying past. I am very happy with the progress the students who spend time with me are making. My role of ESL and Learning Support teacher covers all year levels and all areas of English literacy. I have groups who focus on learning vocabulary and improving their spoken English, some who are learning the English alphabet names and sounds so they can improve their reading and writing, and some who focus on their reading and understanding what they are reading. All these groups are working hard and day by day we see small improvements which add up over the weeks, months and years. I would like to commend the students on their hard work and persistence.

I would like to share a poem that was written in response to a story. The story was about a boy called Stephen who wanted to make a special goodbye gift of a cake for a teacher. When he got home he found his mum was working late and would not be able to help him make a cake for her. He decided to say he made some biscuits but use some he found in the pantry. He iced them with chocolate icing and took them to school for the teacher. The story doesn’t end quite as well as Stephen hoped...

Stephen’s Big Mistake  by Aldin Celahmetovic

Stephen made a big mistake
He didn't know how to make a cake
So he thought in his mind
In the pantry, biscuits he would find
Chocolate icing will do the trick
But Tux Dog Biscuits will make her sick!
I was very impressed with the way Aldin worked on this and edited his work several times to improve it.

Kind regards
Robyn Graham

REMINDERS FROM ADMIN.

School fees and charges

Thank you to parents who have paid the fees for Term 3. Please note that fees are due at the start of the term.

If you wish to arrange for a payment plan, please drop by the School Office to discuss on this arrangement.

School Library books

Please remind your child to return the books on time to borrow new ones. Also, please encourage your child to treat the books with care. Any damaged /lost books will incur a replacement cost of $25.00.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are at the beginning of a new term and things are moving along. Students in Year 5/6 has had a lot of changes this year including a new teacher. Despite the changes in the last month the students settled into this term and have continued to work hard and focus on their learning and education.

At the end of term 2 we combined literacy, ICT and Art skills in an Inquiry Biography. Students had to focus on reviewing concepts, strategies skills and materials they had learnt in the previous term. Gaining a solid foundation in their studies helps us to move forward and students will feel confident to move onto the next level in their learning this term.

This term in math we are focusing on fractions, percentages, patterns and algebra, length, 2D space and angles. In English we have started on novel study with the BFG, by doing so we are able to understand how stories can convert into play scripts and further into movies. We are also able to enhance our writing, grammar, spelling and comprehension skills. We will continue to explore in geography, history and science by doing research and experimentation. For Art, we will be focusing on drama this term and will tap into expressing their emotions through movement and role play.

We will continue to work hard. Be mindful of our learning and be the best we can be!

"Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you’ll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.” Brian Tracy

Mrs Eva Bay, Years 5/6 Teacher
Dear parents/caregivers,

I hope everyone had a restful holiday break and Ramadan was all that you wanted it to be.

Although we have had some changes in the high school we continue to provide a curriculum based on the Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority requirements.

This term for SOSE we will be doing in-depth studies of what water is worth in our world as well as the effect of urbanisation on the various countries in the world. We will be testing, analysing and recording the purity of the water in the waterways around our school.

For our study in English we will be making judgements regarding how to distinguish what is fact and what is fiction in the media and on the internet. We will also be studying and writing poetry.

I really want your student to be involved in ‘hands on’ activities, and, with that in view, I have purchased some robotic kits for us to build. I am sure the students will enjoy and learn about robotics with this study. Ask them about it!

As the Olympic Games are due to begin in Brazil we will be keeping track of the results, as well as learning about athletes from present and previous Olympics. We will also be participating in ‘Auskick’. This is a wonderful programme run by the members of the Gold Coast Suns, our local AFL team. We are extremely fortunate to have these professional athletes working with, and teaching our students, basic ball handling and kicking skills, as well as sportsmanship.

Homework will be sent to you by email as parents, so please make sure your student has given me your email address. The students will be given the hardcopy of the homework which you are required to sign before it is handed in.

The emphasis in art this term will be on 3D art. Our students will initially be experiencing glass painting. The printing and framing of own photography will also occur. We will also be painting our own T-shirts and pillow slips. I am providing the pillow slips but I would appreciate the students bringing their own T-shirts to paint.

Some of the most exciting work we are continuing to do is the cooperation we have with Emmanuel College. We are working closely with students from Emmanuel on community help projects. It is great for our students to promote our school in the community, while doing good works for those less fortunate than ourselves. They will also build friendships with other students. Our local member of parliament is also involved in the promotion of this cooperation.

I look forward to a busy but productive term and encourage you to come into the classroom to see firsthand what we are doing.

If you wish to talk with me, please feel free to:
give me a call [0404772742] or send me an email [sandra_morgan@live.com.au]
FROM YEAR 2 CLASSROOM

Dear Parents and caregivers,

What an eventful semester the year twos have had. In our History lessons we explored timelines, made dinosaur bones in our Technology lessons and studied different materials in our Science lessons, just to name a few. The start of a new semester also means the start of a new adventure. The AusKick program will be “kicking off” in week 3 lasting six weeks. The students will learn new skills, the rules of the AFL, have an opportunity to play with Adam Saad, win different prizes and receive a participation pack at the end of their six week program. We would like all parents to give the students the best start to this semester and sign them up to the AusKick program. The activities will be held on Wednesday mornings.

This term the students will developing their Technology and Design skills by creating new things. In Science different forces will be tested while History classes will see the year twos exploring the past, present and thinking about the future.

Auskick session with GC Suns player, Adam Saad

Hmm… the broom is higher than me said Ghofran.

Mabruk to Year 2 for winning the Golden Broom
6th Annual College

Saturday, 13th August 2016
12:00 pm to 6:30 pm

* International Food Bazaar
  - Islamic clothing
  - Islamic Book Fair
  - Face painting
    - Henna
    - Games
    - Sweets
    - Coffee & tea
  - And fun for everyone ......

Camel ride

Jumping castle

Spectacular fireworks

We look forward to your support in this school event. Bring your family and friends