Welcome to week 3 of term 2 which promises to be a very busy one. A full term's events have been planned for this 11-week term.

Please find below upcoming events. I would be delighted to have the support and engagement of all our parents, InshaAllah.

**Calendar of Events**

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**NAPLAN**

On *Tuesday, 10th May* two tests will be administered. These include: Language Conventions (testing spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing. Reading skills will be tested on *Wednesday, 11th May* with Numeracy tested on *Thursday, 12th May*. There will be a ‘make up’ day on Friday 13th May for any student who was 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 of Education. The aim of the national literacy and numeracy tests is to provide a measure of how Australian schools and our 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 Carers may wish to talk with their children about the test and encourage them to do 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 15th May.

I wish our students everything of the best for the tests and am confident that you will give off your very best, InshaAllah.

Mariam Banwa- Principal
Dear Parents and Guardians,
Asalamualaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barkatahu.

Prep is the beginning of a wonderful learning journey.

Welcome back for term two week three. I hope that you all had a fantastic long weekend (ANZAC) break. The students have all settled well into the routines of school and we look forward to a special year together. It is such a pleasure to be greeted by eager and enthusiastic children each day.

We would like to thank all the parents for your efforts in ensuring that your child arrives to school on time prepared for learning. Prep 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 8.20. 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.

Our integrated topic for Term two is Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. We have many fun and educational activities planned for this term.

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. Continue using Literacy Planet at home. Practicing skills on a continuous basis helps to embed the learning, which is happening.

Please ensure that your child has a manageable amount of food for morning tea and lunch. Our eating times are only 10-15 minutes long therefore they only require food that will take a short time to eat. To encourage children to eat independently please cut up fruit, provide spoons/forks and include packages or foods that can be opened independently. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school.

Student of the Month is awarded to Khadija Khan for making a huge progress in reading, maths and her consistent effort in all the other areas of the curriculum.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. At Australian International Islamic College we value the home to school relationships therefore I am available to discuss your child's needs and development and this can be initiated at a time that would suit all concerned. Please contact the school office to make an appointment or alternately you can see me most days after school.

Mrs A. Khan
YEAR 2

Assalamu alaikum Wr Wb

Dear Parents & caregivers

Another term has started and the year two’s have come back from their second term of learning. It has been a rocky start for these guys, however were quickly getting back on track with our learning.

Adventures in the year two class this term are limitless. We’re exploring different environments and taking them back all the way to dinosaur times. We’re also going to make dinosaur fossils and look at different types of pollution (which will also relate back to dinosaurs and their extinction). Further year two’s will be busy with looking at historical transport, and comparing them to the transport we have now. We will look at different materials in science, mix them and form different materials. This will involve a lot of hands on experience, taste testing and baking.

So far we have covered the importance of ANZAC day in our history lessons, we learnt about the compass in our Geography lessons and we have learnt new forms of writing through the weeks.

Year Two’s have also been super proud as they have won in week 2 a class trophy for the most environmental and tidy class in school. Our goal is to keep the trophy for the rest of the term by caring for the living things, clean our environment and try our best to keep our room tidy at all times.

Miss A. Sisic

NEWS FROM YEARS 5/6

Dear Parents & caregivers,

It is the end of Week 3 of Term 2 for their Year 5/6 class and it has been a very busy 3 weeks. We have competed in our inter-house cross country with all our students running well especially Mubarak Mohamed coming first place for his age group, Mashallah. We remembered our ANZACs on Friday 22nd April with a special assembly and the making of poppies and in the same week we celebrated Earth Day’s 50th anniversary. Year 5 have NAPLAN coming up and have been working very hard preparing for this and Year 6 preparing for assessments due on the 20th May.

Ms P. Collins

Student of the month—Edibe Torlak
**FUNDRAISER SHOE BOX FOR SYRIA**

We are grateful to parents/students for their contributions towards this good cause.

May Allah be pleased with you and reward you abundantly.

**THANK YOU, MRS S. ROGERS**

One of our team mates, Mrs S. Rogers has left our College. Our prayers are always with her.

Although her absence will be felt constantly but she will always be remembered.

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**ESL / LEARNING SUPPORT**

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends

We are already in Week Three of Term Two and the school is full of very busy students (and teachers) working hard to learn and improve.

I have the privilege of working with students from different class levels and assist them with their learning needs. Our main focus is literacy – listening, speaking, reading and writing. These skills can then be transferred to other curriculum areas. I work closely with teachers to ensure that students get as much help as possible. I have been very pleased with the effort and progress of students during Term One and I hope this will continue for the rest of the year, Insha Allah.

Over the past two years I have been working with a lovely student who has shown a great deal of determination and perseverance with her learning. Her never-give-up approach to her learning is an inspiration to us all. Well done Neha Ahmad for all your hard work! May your determination and perseverance continue to help you become the best you can be.

Our Oral Language group has been having fun learning names for “Family”

Robyn Frost
ESL/LS Teacher

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**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Congratulations to our selected student council members. These members will be meeting with teachers and fellow students to discuss their new vision for the College.
Assalamu Alaikum Wr wb

Dear Parents & caregivers,

As most parents and friends are aware our whole school travelled to the Durrack Campus to compete alongside our brothers and sisters in the annual Cross Country. The students all showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed meeting the children from Durrack. Although we are only small in number we came away with some great results. Congratulations to all the children that participated and tried their best. Extra special congratulations to our winners.

Yousef Masri  
Year 3  
3rd Place

Yusuf Shah  
Year 4  
2nd Place

Abdullahi Muhamed  
Year 4  
1st place

Mubarak Muhamed  
Year 5  
1st Place

Hamza Sarac  
Year 7  
3rd Place

Zuhur Muhamed  
Year 8  
1st Place

Tahanina!

Other news from the High School

This term the students have been focusing on their writing skills through letter writing. In collaboration with Emmanuel College, Carrara the students have been exchanging letters and developing their communication skills. As part of this initiative the students will be involved in a special English workshop in Week 4.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Anzac Day long weekend. The students commemorated this important day at assembly with a minute silence and singing the National Anthem. Students developed their understanding of Anzac Day through discussion and by making a wreath that was laid at the memorial at the Nerang RSL. It is important that we remember those that gave their lives for this wonderful country that we are all privileged to call home. Lest we forget.

Mrs Misic and Mrs Morgan
High School teachers

Student of the month -
Ayesha Ahmad (Year 9)
Ayoub Hashimi (Year 7)
THE WHITE DAYS

The white days are the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth of every lunar month, they were named with this name because the moon becomes full on them and the light becomes strong which makes their nights are completely luminous especially in desert.

In the name of Allah.....

Praise be to Allah who makes the science corresponds to the religion. And peace be upon our prophet Muhammad, -peace and blessings be upon him- the master of Fasting people, and peace be upon his Family, companions and upon all Muslims who Fast the white days......Among the prophetic signs of the best of human beings the recommendation of Fasting the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth days of every lunar month.

"It's narrated that the prophet -peace and blessings be upon him- didn't break his Fast in the white days whether he was travelling or staying [Al-Albani]

«لا يفطر أيام البيض في حضر ولا في سفر -كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم -»

It's also narrated that "the prophet -peace and blessings be upon him- was ordering us to Fast the white days (thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth). [Al-Albani]

«كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يأمرنا بصيام أيام البيض ثلاث عشرة، وأربع عشرة، وخمس عشرة...»

The prophet -peace and blessings be upon him- said "Fasting three days of every month (13th, 14th&15th) is equal to Fasting the life time” [Declared Hasan by Al-Albani]

«صيام ثلاثة أيام من كل شهر صيام الدهر، وأيام البيض صحيحة ثلاث عشرة، وأربع عشرة، وخمس عشرة»
**Firstly:** what are the white days?

The white days are the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth of every lunar month, they were named with this name because the moon becomes full on them and the light becomes strong which makes their nights are completely luminous especially in desert, after that name was used for the days.

**Secondly:** what's the wisdom of Fasting the white days?

To answer this question, we have to know the following scientific facts:

**First:** there is a relevant relationship (proportional) between the Earth and Human body as for (distribution):
- The earth surface consists of about %80 of liquids (seas, oceans and rivers) and about % 20 solids (lands)
- Also the human body consists of about %80 of liquids and about %20 of solids, (this was proved by sciences).

**Second:** there is relevant relationship (proportional) between the earth and human body as for (composition):
The earth consists of various elements like calcium, magnesium, sodium, bicarbonate, sulphate, iron....etc. also the human body consists of the same elements.

- For example, if you read the consists of a natural mineral water bottle, you will find that it includes the following elements, calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, bicarbonate, iron.....etc.
- Whereas the earth is the source of water whether from wells, rivers or by desalination of oceans or seas' water, and we drink this water so that our bodies consist of the same elements.
- If we also analyzed the components of Vegetables, Fruits and different kinds of food, we would find that They consists of the same previous elements (as they arise from the earth) and whereas we eat them, our bodies consist of the same earth elements (whether liquids or solids)

The foregoing points prove that there is a relevant strong bilateral relationship between the earth and human body.

Notice the Glorious Quran proved that relevant relationship between the earth and human body, as the man was created from clay, Almighty Allah says: ".... And began the creation of man from clay"[Al- Sajdah 32:7]

وَبَدَأَ خَلْقَ الإِنْسَانَ مِن طَينٍ...
And the clay is from the earth so the man consequently consists of the same earth elements. The Almighty Allah says "From the earth We created you, and into it We will return you, and from it We will extract you another time." [Taha 20:55]

Transliteration: Minhā Khalaqnākum Wa Fīhā Nuīdukum Wa Minhā Nukhrijukum Tāratan 'Ukhrá

....I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah......

Third: there is also a strong relevant relationship between Moon and Earth, in one side, and Moon with Human body in another side:

- The Moon has gravity on the Earth which causes ebb and flow (as it's scientifically known).
- The moon also has gravity on the human body, which causes ebb and flow for the Man because the human body -as previously mentioned- consist of the same elements of the earth.

This ebb and flow effect on the earth and human body reaches the peak in the white days; (thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth days of every lunar month) the ebb and flow effect on the earth appears in oceans and seas, while this effect on the man appears as an increase of excitement and agitation (nervosa, tension, confusion and worry), which leads to an increase in crimes ratio.

The greatest evidence for that is the following:-

- As for the earth, if you went to the Sea shore on these days, you would see the ebb and flow reaching the peak
- As for the Man, if you went to police stations, courts or read newspapers, you would find that the biggest ratio of crimes, suicide, theft, accidents and divorce happened on these days.

Dr. Muhammad Ali Al Bar, reported on his web site, that: Dr. Leber, the psychologist from Miami in USA, said: "there is a strong relation between the completion of Moon cycle and Human violence actions, especially between it and those who are alcoholic, have criminal tendencies and emotional not stability.”

After he had collected the statistics and analyzations from the accidents record in hospitals and police stations and compared their dates with the lunar days, it became clear for him that crimes committing ratio and destructive roads accidents are linked to the Moon cycle completion.
Also the Persons who are suffering from psychological disorders, personality dualism and old people are more vulnerable to the moon cycle effect.

His studies also proved that the greatest ratio of divorce and severe disputes take place in the middle of lunar month when the moon is full.

Dr. Leber explains his theory saying:" the human body, like earth surface, consists of %80 of water and %20 of solids, so he believes that the moon gravity is responsible for ebb and flow in both human bodies and oceans, when the moon is full in the white days.

Dr. Al Bar commented on this study saying:" the prophetic medicine for these problem is to fast the three white days, because Fasting reduces the water ratio in the human body during this period, in which the moon effect on the man reaches the peak, and that helps the Man to control his body powers and tendencies, feel with psychological purity, avoid the gravity effect and to have comfort, calmness and health.

......Glory be to Allah.....

The great uses of this discovery (negative effect of moon gravity on the man in the white days):

As this scientific truth was proved, the countries officials and planners should take it into consideration to have the best uses and avoid the greatest dangers.

The following are some examples:

1. On the security status, Policemen should be put on alert to face the probable increase in crimes and violations (at this period of lunar month)

2. As for the traffic level, Traffic police should be put on alert to face the probable increase in road accidents (at this period of lunar month).

3. As for the education level, the exams and interviews shouldn't be done (at this period of lunar month)

4. As for the health status, the medical staff of emergency section should be put on alert to receive the probable accidents victims (at this period of lunar month).
5. On the maintenance level, the dangerous maintenance for electricity or engines should be avoided (at this period of lunar month).

Benefits of Fasting the white days

Therefore, the recommendation of Fasting the three white days is considered a prophetic sign because of its great uses such as avoiding the horrible crimes accidents and dangerous diseases... Fasting isn't only a kind of worship, obedience and a great reward for Muslims, but also it's a kind of mercy, health, protection and happiness for the man.

...Allah is the Greatest......

The prophet Muhammad -peace and blessings be upon him- is really the mercy bestowed upon us by Almighty Allah who says about the prophet Muhammad "And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds." [Al-Anbiya' 21:107]

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَّا لِلْأَرْحَمَةِ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

Transliteration: Wa Mā 'Arslnākā 'Illā Raḥmatan Lilālamīna

Finally: This scientific truth reveals one of the prophet's miracles that indicates his prophet hood and also asserts that Islam is the true religion revealed from the Creator of the earth and heavens who made the scientific laws of nature. Fourteen centuries ago, nobody knew this scientific truth.

Almighty Allah says about his prophet -peace and blessings be upon him- "Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination, : It is not but a revelation revealed" [Al-Najm 53:3-4]

Transliteration: Wa Mā Yanṭiqu Ani Al-Hawā (3) 'In Huwa 'Illā Waḥyun Yūḥá (4)

Conclusion

May be the aim of this prophetic sign is to remind the Man to be back always to Allah and not to be misled by the arrogance of science and development. The Almighty Allah says : He who fears [Allah] will be reminded., But the wretched one will avoid it – 

"[ Al-A'la]

سُبْدَكُ مِنَ الْخَشْيَةِ(10)وَيَتَجَنَّبُهَا الْشَقْيَ(11)"
In addition to the blessed legislations which call to values, chastity, manhood and virtues like veil, holding beard and shortening the cloth, Islam is calling to learn all branches of science and literature including chemistry, physics, astronomy, geography, economy, politics, grammar and eloquence,...etc.

Islam really, is a religion for both individuals and country.
Almighty Allah says “We have not neglected in the Register a thing.”[al-An'am 6:38]

Also Allah says: " And everything We have set out in detail."[Al-Isra’ 17:12]

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