Monthly newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Asalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatu hu

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to school for Term 4. I look forward to a very rewarding end of year events.

Enrolments are now open for 2017
Celebrating World Teachers Day, Friday 28 October

A special invitation and a reminder will be sent out for the Jalsa, Prep Orientation Day, Year 6 Graduation and the Annual Awards Day.

Please look out for notes going home and also alert in our School-Stream.

Over the next few weeks’ teachers have planned to ensure that students are well prepared for their final assessments. Please take the time to support your child and ensure that they utilize their time wisely in preparation for their final exams.

I congratulate our AIIC family of all campuses on their sterling efforts in working towards positive improvements in all aspects of our college life. The Australian Published an article which read, “The most improved school is Queensland’s Australian International Islamic College.” See link below

www.theaustralian.com.au/.../schools
The Australian, October 1, 2016.

I wish you all the very best for a successful and productive Term 4.

Mariam Banwa,
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final term of the academic year. It has been amazing to watch the growth that has taken place in the prep class in the course of the last three terms. They have certainly kept me on my toes and I have never had a dull moment. It has been a pleasure to be part of their lives.

The students have started this term with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement. They have all settled right back to their schoolwork and are really working hard to reach their full potential.

This term the students are learning about the underwater world as an overall topic. They are learning about the pollutions, sun safety, the weather, seasons, keeping ourselves safe and celebrations. Mathematics focus is on the number knowledge which includes, addition, subtractions, counting forwards and back, place value, data representations, fractions and equal sharing. For art the students will be performing drama production at the end of the year.

Swimming lessons have started and Insha Allah all our students will become very confident swimmers and will improve on their swimming skills.

Every student in Prep class are able to follow the weekly focus of the week. They have shown great respect to their elders and to others around them. They have all become more respectful, obedient, kind and caring students. They have learnt to share and become good friends to others.

I have chosen Safiyyah Flynn to be the student of the month. She always follows the teacher’s instructions and apply proper behavior in and out of the classroom.

As a teacher of your precious children let us continue to work together to provide a meaningful and fun term for all. May Allah guide and protect you on this exciting journey for your beautiful prep students whom I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching.

Jazzak Allah Khayran

Mrs. Khan
Prep Year teacher
Year 2 Class News

Salaam parents and guardians,

In the past term the Year Twos have had such a blast, inside and outside of the classroom. We have had, AFL Aus kick which we got to enjoy throughout Term Three. The Year Twos have learnt how to kick a football properly, do a number of different passes, jumps and catches. At the end of our training we played a game with some of our parents.

Inside the class we enjoyed learning how things have changed throughout history i.e phones, fridges and toys. We studied push and pull forces in science and we have done a variety of experiments to test our hypotheses and theories.

In our new term, we had our last self-defence lesson, which was really fun, however we weren’t sad for too long as we were getting ready for our swimming lessons. This term will also be chock-a-block term with our drama preparations and performance. So trying to keep up with the crazy, fun and exciting adventures/experiences the Year Two are about to have.

Miss A. Sisic
Year 2 Teacher

REMINDERS FROM ADMIN.

School fees and charges
Thank you to parents who have paid the fees for Term 4. 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.

Library books
All library books need to be returned before the term ends so that the books are made available for other students to read.

Lost property
Please remind your child to check the lost property box and ensure that your child’s belonging is labelled. Any unclaimed property will be disposed off at the end of term.

Enrolment form 2017
Enrolment form 2017 has been sent home through your child. Thank you to parents who have returned the form. By doing so will assist us in processing the class list and allocate resources appropriately. This also guarantee that we will hold a place for your child at our College.
‘The serious effects too many missed days of schooling has on your child’.

Assalamu Alaikum Parents/ Guardians,

It has been a great concern of my colleagues and I in the number of students who have missed too many days of schooling due to compromised academic quality learning for family trips.

Going to school every day is important for a student’s education. This may seem to be stating something extremely obvious, but according to a study by the Department of Education ‘Keeping Kids at School’ it has given a foundation for what teachers have long known.

In this document it states the main repercussions of a students taking too many days of school.

The main reasons given are:

Absence from school means learning opportunities are reduced and this can ultimately lead to poorer student achievement. Where this happens, the impact will be felt long after the student has left school.

Absence from school and class clearly affects the absent student, but also impacts on the teacher’s ability to plan and present class work in a sequential and organised way. This can affect the progress of all students in the class, not only those missing, and can make classroom management difficult.

The systematic monitoring of student attendance and the degree to which schools are able to address the absence issue is an important indicator of a school’s ability to maximise the learning opportunities it offers to its students. Absence from school means that learning opportunities are reduced and this can ultimately lead to poorer student achievement.

Therefore my dear parents/guardians before you book your next budget holiday for your family during the school term, please keep in mind the serious learning consequences it will have in future for your child’s/children’s education and the school community as a whole. Jazzaka Allah Khairan.

Wa Salamu Alaikum

Mrs L. Hallak

Dates : 8th Nov
(Preliminary round)
10th Nov—Final
Please come & join us!
Dear parents/caregivers,

Welcome to the last term of this year [2016]. We have a lot of work to complete before we allow ourselves to think about holidays again. I hope we can get through it all!

We are very lucky to have Ms Peta Jinnath Abdul join our team to teach Mathematics and Science. She is at school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For SOSE this term our focus will be on the Vikings and their impact on world history [years 7/8] and the Samurai and their influence on the country of Japan [years 9/10]. The assignments relating to each course of study have already been given to students. We will also be looking at basic general knowledge of the world both historical and geographical.

For English we are doing a novel study which also incorporates knowledge of our indigenous Australian people. The novel we are reading is ‘Rabbit Proof Fence’. It is hoped that at the end of the term we will see the movie of the same name and be able to compare the novel with the film interpretation. Novel study assignments have already been given to the students.

The students are also writing their own ‘children’s books’. They have to make decisions about audience, fiction and non-fiction, story structure, word count, illustrations, cover and overall impact. I am looking forward to seeing the finished products as the draft copies have been great.

I am also excited about our art projects for this term. The students are assembling a wooden coffee table and are decorating the table top. I am sure you will enjoy the tables when your students bring them home. At the end of the term we will be doing a small study of photography. The students will be choosing their best photograph and then framing this work to bring home.

For Health and Physical Education, we are spending a week at the Nerang swimming pool under the guidance of qualified tutors. This will culminate in a swimming carnival on Friday 21st of October at the pool. We will also be doing other PE activities in the other weeks.

The first set of homework tasks have been distributed and collected. The second set has been given out and are due for submission on Monday 31st of October. Students are required to get one of their parents to sign their homework before it is given to me for marking. There is a place on the signing sheet for you to comment about the tasks. Please feel free to do so, or, if you want to discuss any part of our study in greater depth, please contact me on my e-mail. [sandra_morgan@live.com.au]

Sandra Morgan
High School Teacher

Spelling Bee competition
Coming soon
Dear Parents and caregivers,

Science and Math are about discovery. They’re not theories on a board or lots of writing in a notebook – though as your children will tell you, they must keep notebooks. Science and Math are about getting into things, touching pieces of the world, turning them around, and seeing how they work.

For Math this term, this means we’re learning about geometry and how angles work, and how angles get used in everything from carpentry to molecular biology. We’ve discussed how our brains don’t really see circles and curves, but a collection of very tiny changes in lines. And now, we’re moving on to our big project for the term, designing a piece of playground equipment teenagers would use. In this project, students are actively engage with their creative processes as they start to see how geometry affects everything from the way a swing moves to the supports needed for a rock climbing wall.

In Science, we’re studying particle theory and how this holds the world together at a macro level (no quantum mechanics at this stage!). We’re thinking about atoms and solutions and applying our knowledge to things we can see, touch, know – like why goggles grow foggy in the pool and how food dye interacts with different solutions, spreading slowly, or mixing in easily, or even making a gel hand-sanitiser turn into a water-like liquid. In the coming weeks, we’ll get our hands dirty again as we make brightly coloured spaghetti and think about why the colour sticks. We’re also starting to talk about where science comes from, and how we can use it to create good in the world.

Our assessment is kicking off now in math and science, with quizzes and projects and discussions. If you’d like to know more about our program, I’m available after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, or can be contacted through the office.

Salaams,

Peta Jinnath Abdul
Science/Maths Teacher
Years 7—10
Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends

AssalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

This term is going so quickly it is hard to believe we are in week 3 already.

All my lovely ESL and Learning Support students continue to make progress and show lots of determination to do their best and make the most of their learning opportunities with me. It is great to see the increased confidence they have in their own abilities. Well done to all!

While the students continue to learn new material, the focus for ESL and Learning Support will move to practising and consolidating the learning we have done this year as the term continues.

Some of my students have been practising their prepositions – below is a sample of the work they did.

Well done to these students. It is excellent to look back on the year and see the progress you have made. I know that next year we will continue to work hard and keep improving.

Kind regards

Robyn Graham