Dear Parents

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuahu

This term has been a very busy one at all three campuses. Students, parents and teachers have developed a strong commitment to teamwork which has contributed to the learning culture at AIIC.

Students must be commended on their exemplary behavior and for taking responsibility for their learning. The introduction of the PHSE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Program held each Monday has contributed to the students’ development and well-being.

The introduction of our extra-curricular program on Fridays has also added a balanced to the education of our students. Some benefits are:

- It raises self-esteem
- It builds team relationships
- It strengthens their social relationships

Next term commences on Monday 11th April 2016. I request parents to please ensure that their child is dropped off on time (8:15 am for 8:30 am start of assembly), and also be picked up by 3:30 pm at the latest.

I would also discourage parents to take term time leave for their children for holiday purposes. I encourage students to be focused and fully-engaged in their work in order to perform at their optimum.

I look forward to a productive term 2 and would like to advise my students to use their time wisely and to prepare and revise so that there is no sense of panic next term.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable break together. Please let your families and friends know that we are always keen to welcome new students and families into our college community.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Mariam Banwa

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**Important Dates to Remember - April**

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The opening ceremony of state-of-the-art library and preparatory building was held at the Australian International Islamic College (AIIC) on the 10th of March 2016 in the College Multi-Purpose Hall. The guests in attendance for the event included Senator Joanna Lindgren - representing the Commonwealth Government of Australia, Councillor Angela Owen-Taylor, Councillor Milton Dick, Mr. Brett Gillespie - representing the Lord Mayor, Ms. Mariana Lane from the Independent Schools of Queensland (ISQ), Sergeant Jim Bellos – The college liaison officer and Adopt-a-Cop of AIIC, Mr. Rod Morris from Block Grant Authority, AIIC staff, students and parents.

The ceremony started with the recitation of the Quran, followed by the National Anthem by AIIC Nasheed Group. Mrs. Mariam Banwa, the Principal, welcomed the guests and expressed her gratitude to the State and Federal Governments for the generous funding received and thanked the Block Grant Authority for their support and contributions towards this major project. Ms. Marianna Lane, representing the executive director of ISQ, spoke about the close relationship between ISQ and AIIC, and highlighted its growth over the years.

Sergeant Jim Bellos spoke about being an adopted cop and Liaison Officer for AIIC since its inception and how it helped him to be deeply involved with the community. The College Captain, Israa Abdalla, who has been studying at AIIC since her preparatory, explained to the guests how the state-of-the-art facilities like this will contribute and improve students’ learning experiences.

In her address, Councillor Angela Owen-Taylor touched on her deep involvement with AIIC and the school community, while Councillor Milton Dick explained how a building can bring together the politicians from different parties and communities from different backgrounds. Senator Joanna Lindgren spoke on providing better support and funding for education. Mr. Shahid Khan, the Education Advisor of AIIC, delivered the vote of thanks, while Imam Yusuf Thaqafi delivered the concluding dua. The preparatory building was officially opened by Senator Lindgren, while Councillor Milton Dick officially unveiled the library plaque.

The Australian International Islamic College would also like to take this opportunity to extend its gratitude to the community and well-wishers for their ongoing support.
On Monday the 21st of March, A.I.I.C. celebrated Harmony Day and took part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying for the second year running. The School Captains gave a speech about the importance of harmony and the strong stance we are taking against bullying at our school. This was followed by role plays and videos enacting anti-bullying strategies by the primary and secondary student council. The A.I.I.C nasheed group also performed two songs on stage, including the nasheed ‘Rasoolullah’ and the uplifting ‘Orange Ribbon Song’ which had all students joining in. The assembly was followed by class visits to country displays in the hall. Each year level had taken responsibility for preparing a stall on a country which participates in the Olympic games. Teachers and students had tremendous fun visiting the Harmony Day stalls and doing the activities prepared, including face painting, flag colouring, henna design, writing their name using Japanese letters and tasting food from different cultures. The day was topped off by afternoon cultural and Olympic sporting activities with country versus country. Students went home with a smile on their face and stronger team spirit in their hearts.
On Friday the 18th of March, the A.I.I.C. Primary S.R.C. joined 800 primary school students from schools across Queensland to participate in the annual GRIP Student Leadership Conference. The conference was about developing the key skills and strategies required to become a great student leader. The students also had opportunities to mingle with other student leaders throughout the day as part of the planned activities. Some areas addressed were saying ‘Bye Bye to Bullying’, what input is required to grow as a leader, identifying ‘Traffic Light’ areas and how we could take what we learned back to our schools and put it into action. Students were left energised and raring to go and we look forward to the changes and initiatives they are looking to put into place this year.
The last two weeks have been a very busy time for Prep 1. We have had our student of the month presentation and celebrated Harmony Day!

Congratulations to Harris Mohammad who received our student of the month award for March. Harris is a hard working student who is always willing to help his friends.

On Monday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. The Prep children explored the foods of Fiji! They shared the variety of fruits and sweets with the other year levels in the hall. Students were also able to explore other countries including Mexico, India and Bangladesh. It was such a fun day! At the end of the day we celebrated by having a running race. Everyone tried their best and is now excited for the sports carnival in Term 2.

Miss Ussing.
This term in science 2A has been learning about mixtures and their properties.

First we looked at ‘Masters of Mixtures’ and discussed what a Chef mixes in a kitchen and what a Scientist mixes in the laboratory. Students came up with ideas such as a Chef will bake a cake and a Scientist will develop medicines.

Students got to experiment with oil, water and liquid detergent. They compared the different liquids and were surprised what happened when all were mixed together. Students saw that when oil is mixed with water the oil rises to the top of the water.

Lastly, students conducted an experiment with black ink. By putting black ink on paper hand towels and then adding drops of water, students saw how the ink spreads through the paper. For fun they were tried other pens such as red markers, pink highlighters and orange highlighters. They predicted that all colours would spread, and were amazed when the highlighters did not spread as much as the black ink and the red markers.

We look forward to next term in science, and welcome any parent helpers.

Happy Mixing from 2A
Alhamdulillah, this term students from Grade 4 could learn the full details and important incidents of the early life of Rasulullah (S) stretching from the Year of elephant and Jahiliyya up to the teenage years of our Nabi (S). Children could enhance their faith and love to their Deen and to their Prophet (S) by achieving a thorough understanding of the context, location and socio-political backgrounds of dark age Arabia in sixth century C.E. For learning and teaching our Islamic subjects, we use techniques of power point presentation, group discussions, quiz competitions, Hadeeth sessions and video demonstrations. Students have scored very high averages in their term test on the topic and they have chosen their own highlights from the lessons and exhibited in the classroom Islamic wall, Mashaallah

Imam Mohammed Sharif.

**HADITH**

*The Prophet said: "Knowledge from which no benefit is derived is like a treasure out of which nothing is spent in the cause of God."* - Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 108
ISLAMIC BOOKFAIR

Australian International Islamic College will be hosting an Islamic Bookfair during the between the 11th-22nd of April 2016. There will be many items such as: Ramadan and Eid Decorations, Books, Perfumes, Miswaks, Dvds, Qur’an CDs, and much more!!

Parent’s are able to purchase via the audio visual room upstairs during first break, lunch time and after school between 3-4pm.