Family Fun Night

Our Family Fun Night was held on Saturday, 21 May 2016 at the Durack Campus and Saturday, 28 May 2016 at the Gold Coast Campus. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all families, friends, community members, staff and students for the tremendous support received. The evening was a huge success and it was really wonderful to see everyone participate and enjoy the activities planned. We had a great turnout and I believe that the event was well attended and successful. The excellent efforts put in by our staff was commendable.

A very special thanks to all our sponsors and most importantly to all those who remained behind till the very end to assist us with the clean up as well. It was amazing!

All funds raised for this event will go towards classroom resources, InshaAllah.

I look forward to the next big one which is our Annual Fete Day in Term 3. Please come forward to join us in the planning of this event as we welcome your assistance and support.

Assessment Week

Kindly note that assessments will take place over the next two weeks. Secondary students are to refer to their timetables to ensure preparation and attendance to their respective assessments. Please request for a timetable if you do not have one already.

Ramadan

Please take note that during the 3 weeks of Ramadan students will be dismissed at 2-45 pm (20 Mins earlier than the normal time). This will not affect the teaching and learning as the timetables have been adjusted to cover the curriculum. We request that you kindly pick your child up by 3-00pm. All buses will leave promptly by 3-00pm.

I take this opportunity to wish you all Ramadan Kareem. May Allah(SWT) accept our fasting and grant us the full benefit of this holy month, Insha’Allah.

Islamic Relief Donation

On behalf of Islamic Relief I sincerely thank you all for your contributions to this good course. An amount of $570-00 was collected. May Allah(SWT) Bless and reward you all for your generous contributions.

Mariam Banwa - Principal
We have every reason to thank Allah (S) for His generous support in everything we do, Alhamdulillah.

Arabic and Islamic Studies at our college have witnessed remarkable and steady progress in this semester. This is because, under the auspicious leadership of principal Mrs Banwa, the college offers a number of programs and activities for the diverse progress of our students.

For example, more students in the primary classes feel confident in coming up after Dhuhr Salah and sharing some powerful and timely relevant Ahaadees. Anyone who listens to the Hadees reading of very young prep children will truly get impressed with their confidence and ability.

We also witness AIIC students in high school showing their enthusiasm in delivering Jumuah Khutubah and leading the congregations for Salah. This will Insha Allah enable them to become future leaders in the community and help them to grow as responsible citizens.

Our annual Qur’an recitation competition was another example of our progress at the college. We also believe that the upcoming Jalsa program will help to promote their different abilities and skills such as public speeches and Anaasheed.

Department of Islamic studies, with the assistance of other teachers, have decided to take lower primary children for Masjid excursion. This will allow them to gain some important knowledge and experiences about the houses of Allah.

We also would like to assist our students on managing the days of Ramadan for exerting the maximum benefits while not compromising on the quality of other subject areas. We ask Allah, The Almighty for His help in exerting maximum blessings in the month of Ramadan.

Imam Yousaf Thaqafi

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**Important Dates to Remember - June**

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Calling on all writers!

If you are a budding writer of poetry, short stories or even essays, then listen up!

There are two upcoming writing competitions which are open and free to all Queensland students to enter.

The first is the 14th Annual Ipswich Poetry Feast – which is an annual poetry writing competition open for all ages. This competition is sponsored by the city of Ipswich to encourage budding poets to express their creativity. Entries close on **Friday, 24 July 2015 at 5:00PM**.

The second is the Literary Writing Competition – which is an annual writing competition run by the Independent Education Union and the English Teachers Association of Queensland. This competition encourages writers of all ages to submit either a short story or a poem. Writers in Year 11 and 12 may also enter a piece of non-fiction writing. Entries close on **Friday, 22 July 2016**.

With the school holidays coming up, Insha Allah, you’ll have plenty of time to practice your writing and submit your entries. It’s also a good idea to show your work to your teacher, family and friends to polish up your work before submission.

Good luck and happy writing!

For more information, please see your English teacher or follow the links below:


Ms. Fathima Azhari
English Teacher

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**Youth Program**

**AIIC Durack Campus**

On Saturday the 28th of May, the Australian International Islamic College organised a youth program for students of Years 10, 11 and 12. The turnout consisted of 20 students which included 15 boys and 5 girls. Students were allocated into groups that rotated around themed tables in the Multi-purpose Hall. The following themes were presented; Team-Building, Career Options, Essay Writing Techniques, Study Techniques and After-School Options.

“Study Techniques” presented by Year 6 teacher Mr Fahizul included a hands on memory test in which students were to recall items whilst being distracted by technology. The presentation for this theme also included 10 Habits of Highly Effective Students.

“Essay Writing Techniques” was presented by Imam Ahmed Azhari. The topic covered effective steps for writing a brilliant essay. IT teacher Mr Chris Crane presented “Career Options” in which he enlightened students on school subjects and jobs that they can lead to.

The “After-School Options” was presented by Brighter Future Collective’s youth worker, Lamisse Hamouda. Lamisse gave students the opportunity to explore pathways to University and general life tips. Lamisse commented that she was impressed with the participated students and found them very inspiring.

Overall students appreciated the program and showed their enthusiasm to learn life skills that will assist them in their education and to achieve their future goals. At the end of the program students enjoyed a Barbeque provided by the school.

Imam Ahmed Azhari – Youth Program Coordinator.
Apart from the usual Maths lesson, the students from 6A investigated what the area and perimeter of their names were using cm-grid paper.

To consolidate their learning in the topic, the 6A students also embarked on a mini-inquiry assignment to find out ‘How Many Chairs Best Fit into the School Hall?’

Using their knowledge of measurements, area and perimeter, they devised, developed and defended their solutions. They had to figure out, among other things, how much area a chair occupies plus the legroom of an average person not to mention the dimensions of un-useable areas like the aisles and spaces in front of exits and entrances. Then their finalised plans were put up to scrutiny by their peers.

For art, students allowed their creative juices to flow and tried their hands at traditional Aboriginal dot painting. Given free rein, their results were not short of impressive.

Year 6 Class
Teacher Fahizul Bin Abdullah
5A Breaking News

Harmony Day
5A enjoyed sharing cultural food and expressing their different, yet beautiful cultures through wearing their cultural outfits on Harmony Day.

5A Student Council Bushra and Reaz giving their speeches to the whole class.

We can all agree that everyone looked remarkable, and the food was delicious too.

In Visual Art students have been engaged in creating a number of different art pieces. One of the artwork that students created was a cardboard painting of the Australian wildflowers. Another one was a Roy Fox Lichtenstein inspired Onomatopoeia artwork. See below for pictures.

Miss Fatima Kurtic – Year 5A Class Teacher
Friday the 6th of May marked the first ever school camping excursion for this year. This camping experience was organised for girls in years 9, 10 and 11. The camp was supervised by Mrs Saha, Mrs Harris, Miss Harris and was coordinated by Mr Crane. The camp was designed for the students to gain new life experiences in navigation skills and teamwork building. All students had a wonderful time learning these new skills and embracing new friendships. The camping excursion taught the girls about working together to build tents and set up a camp site. They learnt how to undertake challenges as well as gain knowledge about stars and navigation using a compass. The students even assessed that the schools’ multi-purpose hall faced towards Mecca and the direction of Kiblah. One of the navigation challenges that the students had, was to find bearings at certain points on a compass and head towards that point in a straight line. Another challenge was to navigate using a compass and map. The students also had a few team challenges which relied on the girl’s ability to work together. Our camp was lucky enough to have a fire-pit where we told jokes, riddles and stories around it. Even marshmallows were cooked for desert. During the camp the Islamic prayers were performed by Imam Sharif who led Isha prayer and Imam Awil for Fajr prayer. Sadly, all good things come to an end. The girls excelled themselves with packing up their temporary home and everyone all left feeling satisfied and a little tired.

Mr Chris Crane – IPT Teacher.