



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WEEK 10, TERM 4, 2019

19th December, 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

"That is as far as knowledge will reach them. Verily your Lord knows best those who stray from His Path, and He knows best those who receive guidance."
(Al Najm: v. 30)

It has been an excellent Professional Development week for our staff at the Islamic School of Canberra. On Monday we had a full day workshop on Child Protection, delivered by Ms Isabel MUNOZ from ACT Government - Community Services Directorate. It was very informative and staff gained a lot of very useful information. On Tuesday we had a Curriculum, Programming and Reporting workshop delivered by Ms Susan Johnson. An excellent presentation delivered by a quality presenter. On Wednesday (today) we had our last day of term and classes and staff for 2019 were released. We also had our final luncheon and farewells for 2018. I again acknowledge the great work of our staff and the wonderful members of our community who make this school, the great school it is!

I would like to acknowledge the appointment of several new staff for the 2018 Academic Year!

Ms Stephanie BAKER joins us as a Year 2 teacher. She is a graduate from Flinders University with a dual degree in Primary Education and Disability Studies and has a particular interest in Inclusion Support and is currently working for the Disability Trust in the Sport and Recreation field.

Ms Yueni YANG joins us a Year 3 teacher. She is a graduate from Monash University with a Masters of Education (TESOL) and a Graduate Diploma of Education (Primary). She has worked in a variety of educational settings including Metropolitan and Regional Victoria as in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is also an accomplished athlete, taking part in a number of half and full Marathons.

Ms Rawya El MASRI joins us in the Secondary School space and will be assisting us in the delivery of curriculum to Year 7/8. Rawya has a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching through the University of Canberra. She is a previous teacher at the Islamic School of Canberra and we are excited to have her join us once again.

Ms Eleza ALAM is a new graduate from the University of Canberra with a Bachelor of Primary Education. Eleza worked with Ms Nazmeen Rahman in her final practicum with our Year 2 students and she performed extremely well. Eleza will be taking Year 4 for the first term of 2019 as we expect Ms Chabina Hussanee to return from Maternity leave at this time.

We have been gifted with these outstanding educators and I am looking forward to the great contribution they will make at our school in 2019.



BELOW ARE THE CLASS AND TEACHERS FOR 2019

Kindergarten	Br Chris	Sr Sameeha
Year 1	Sr Shahreen	Sr Neha
Year 2	Sr Nazmeen	Sr Stephanie
Year 3	Br Kayis	Sr Yueni
Year 4	Sr Eleza	Sr Nazia/ Sr Mariam
Year 5	Br Syed	
Year 6	Sr Madeleine	
Year 7	Sr Nehmat and Sr Rawya	
Year 8	Sr Nehmat and Sr Rawya	

It is a very strong teaching group and is further supported by an equally strong and very experienced Arabic unit as stated below:

- IMAM Adama KONDA
- Sr MAI - 3 Days Per week
- Sr GHADA
- Br IMAD
- Sr NEHAD- Arabic Support (Extension/Remediation)

As you can see from the list of quality educators we have on staff, we are well positioned to take our ACADEMIC PROGRAMME to another level- not only in terms of delivery of the NATIONAL CURRICULUM but also our teaching of ARABIC/ISLAMIC STUDIES AND QURAN.

As a further support to our school we have committed to:

- a. Counsellor (THREE HOURS A WEEK)
- b. INCLUSION/EASLD Coordinator (12 HOURS A WEEK)

We are also looking into the provision of an additional bus to cater for our families that require this service and live on the South side of Canberra. I thank the Board for considering this service.

A reminder of dates into the 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR-

20th December, 2018	THURSDAY	School Closed for Holidays
14th January, 2019	MONDAY	School Re-OPENS for community related enquiries
30th January, 2019	WEDNESDAY	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
31st January, 2019	THURSDAY	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1st February, 2019	FRIDAY	STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
4th February, 2019	MONDAY	KINDY and ALL NEWS STUDENTS (9.00-12.00pm)
5th February, 2019	TUESDAY	ALL STUDENTS RETURN

Across this holiday period from 7th January, 2019 families will be able to make contact with the school to sort out administrative issues and NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM (compulsory from this year) via email at reception@isc.act.edu.au

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday break with family and friends

Kind Regards



Mr David Johns- Principal



School community farewells our beloved
outgoing Principal Mr David Johns