



# ISC Newsletter

## Islamic School of Canberra

'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

*"To Him belongs all that dwell (or lurks) in the night and the day. For He is the One Who hears and knows all things"*

*(Chpt 6: v. 13)*

I would like to thank our families for the support you have provided our staff as we commence the new school year. The changing of school times, the expectations around arrival to school, uniform and attendance at assembly has all required increase organisation and efficiency getting children ready for school and on time. This has been enormously appreciated!



### ENRICHMENT

This is due to commence in week three and ALL families will be provided with a print out of the courses offered, the cost of the course, where and when it will run. Please look over this information carefully and if further information is required please may contact with the front office. I commend the work our teaching staff have put into these programme and I am excited about the students involvement.

### 'EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!'

Families would have noticed that we have this sign on all our classroom doors as this is our theme for 2018. It reminds everyone in our school community that we need to make use of all available time to ensure that we are learning and making the most of our time at school. Please be aware that if you require an early pick up for your child or they have an appointment, please make contact with the front office so a staff member can get your child. This needs where possible to be pre-arranged as picking up a student without prior notice could be unsettling for the class and the teacher.

### UNIFORMS

I thank our school community for their patience associated with the changes to our school uniform. They are currently in transit and we are waiting for their arrival. When they do families will be contacted and a process put in place for purchase of our new uniforms. This will be a gradual process and the school is very mindful of the cost of uniforms and the pressures of paying school fees along with the day to day costs of looking after a family.





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### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

I thank the YWCA for deciding to commence their AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME at our school as of next week- commencing 19th February, 2018. This is a very important initiative for our school and will be an ongoing service IF it is well used!

**COST** - \$30 per day - CCB subsidised 50% = \$15 (income tested)  
**TIME** - 3.30pm-6.00pm  
**PROVIDED** - Activities and afternoon tea

This will suit families who do not want their children to be on the school bus and who are able to collect after work from school. Families do not need to register for the whole week and can book in for the days that suit.

If this works well, the YWCA is considering a HOLIDAY PROGRAMME for families who may need children looked after during school holiday times.

### COMMUNICATION

The staff have spoken this year about the importance of ongoing communication between the teacher and the parent/carer. This will take the form of emails, social media (CLASS DOJO/EDMODO), SMS, letters and notes in the diary. IF this is not happening or if this could be improved, please make contact with the class teacher or the front office.

### CARPARK

I have noted that as our enrolments increase we are noticing congestion around the car park in the afternoons. I would encourage patience and common sense when picking up your children and please be aware of speed limits and the movement of other children around the car park. I have also been informed that some children are leaving the school grounds unrestrained and this is a significant safety risk. Please ensure that all children are secured safely before leaving school grounds. To assist us with coordinating our traffic around the school I will be consulting with ACT police who will be asked to observe our traffic and offer suggestions around improving traffic flow through the school.

### DET UPDATE

It is pleasing to note that the Board have been in continued communication with DET regarding Approved Authority status and this is making excellent progress. We hope to hear something over the next few weeks.





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### TRANSPORT

The new Board has recently acquired a 14 seater bus to assist with the transport of students. This is now being registered and serviced. It is expected that the bus will be picking up our students as early as next week. The bus is in excellent condition and has seat belts throughout. I thank the Board for the purchase of this vehicle

### IT SUPPORT

I would like to thank Kalam Azad and his IT team who have worked tirelessly in assisting the school with a few software, hardware and network concerns. The problems that they have fixed for our staff and students have enabled continued excellent teaching and learning to continue and for this I am enormously grateful. Kalam and the IT team have spent many hours at the school, after a full day at their own place of employment. I wish them every blessing for their kindness and support for our school.

Blessings to you all for a safe and relaxing weekend - Inshallah

Kind Regards

David Johns- Principal



*"Congratulations again to the students leaders for 2018.*

*The students meet with the Principal every Thursday morning to talk about our school and some of the concerns raised by others students within the school community. The students talk about things like litter on the playground, behaviour during wudu and amount of homework teachers are giving students. The school leaders are also provided with the opportunity to nominate students who are demonstrating excellent behaviour at the school and these students are recognised on Monday assembly. The student leadership team now has the added responsibility of setting up and running weekly assembly. They have to set up the PA system and coordinate with teachers various notices and awards. It is pleasing to see our leadership team handling this responsibility so well."*

