



# ISC NEWSLETTER

## Islamic School of Canberra



Dear Parents,  
Salam Alikum,

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We started this term with many challenges but with new hope for the schools' future. Due to Schools tight financial situation, the Board took the decision to reinstitute straight year classes as opposed to composite classes. I congratulate the teachers and students for their agility and for the smooth transition to these arrangements.

By week five uncertainty about the future of Commonwealth funding remained which prompted the Board to resort to speaking to the press to express the Boards concern about the inordinate delay in a response from the government. Alhamdulillah by the start of week 7 this uncertainty was over. ASAL Board received formal notification advising the school that the Board was now confirmed as the 'Approved Authority' and that Commonwealth funding would be reinstated.

With this great news, the Board is now able to finalise the appointment of a new Principal who we expect will start at the commencement of Term 4. The Board is also pushing ahead on a range of very critical operational matters including working with the ACT Directorate of Education and Training to fast track work on the Schools 2017 registration application. I am pleased to say that with the assistance of a small working group of teaching staff this work is now well underway.

Given the work load associated with school registration and tight timelines and other capability, resource and cost issues, the Board took the decision to defer the school Year 8 registration process with a view to reapply for 2018 Year 8 commencement. This is unfortunate for our current year 7 students however the school could not reasonably have undertaken and completed the Year 8 registration for 2107 under the current difficult circumstances.

The School was invited to participate in the of the NAPLAN Online Trial held in weeks 5 and 6. It was a very worthwhile process and the School has benefited from participating. It has and will help to build the Schools technical skills and resources to ensure it will be ready for when NAPLAN moves to an online platform in 2017.

A recruitment process for new teachers and teacher aid positions has also started in anticipation of the expected departure on maternity leave of a number of teaching staff.

With all the turmoil the school has faced since late last year we must acknowledge the ongoing commitment and support the school has received from across Canberra. It is equally worth acknowledging how well students, teachers and parents have kept their spirits up and this is what has made all the difference. ISC students are an amazing bunch who continue to show their tenacity and their application of new skills, knowledge and critical thinking.

The Parents and Friends Association along with the School Board held a meeting last Saturday to celebrate the reinstatement of Commonwealth funding and to celebrate the ongoing extraordinary teaching and learning community that we are developing at the school. The Board's effort to date was well received and parents where extremely happy and excited about the future of the school. It was very gratifying to see the enthusiasm as they came forward with so many new ideas and suggestions for the School going forward. A new suggestion box will be placed at the front office for further suggestions.

This year Eidul Adha will be celebrated on Monday 12 September 2016 and as per the current school practice this Eid is celebrated over three days and hence school will resume on Thursday 15 September 2016. The Board and new Principal will revisit the current Eid holiday arrangements and gain feedback from parents and students to see if these arrangements require change.

On behalf of the Board I wish you a very happy Eidul Adha.

Azra Khan  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors

EID MUBARAK!!!!

### Important Dates

End Term 3	23/9/16
First day Term 4	10/10/16
Eid break	12,13,14 Sept 2016

Year K Newsletter

The Kindy Koalas have started Term 3 off with a bang!

In Term 3 we have been learning about the Olympics and have been lucky enough to watch some of our favourite athletes compete in the 2016 Rio games. In PDHPE we are learning lots of Olympic events like: Cross Country running, Relay Races and Hurdles. We are looking forward to having our own Mini Olympics in week 10!

In Literacy we have been learning about sound blends and are doing a super job!

In Maths we have been learning how to do addition and are now exploring patterns in the world around us. For science we have been exploring different types of materials and researching how they are made and what different items are made out of!

In History we are learning about how past stories and memories are passed down and in Art we are exploring different methods to create unique pieces of art!

Madeleine Barnett,  
Kindy Koalas Teacher.

Year 1 Newsletter

Year One have made it to week 5!

It has a busy term so far with class changes and settling back in. We have welcomed Miss Marwa into our classroom full-time. She is a wonderful asset to us!

We have also done some exciting things this term, including an incursion to Fetherston Gardens for Geography and creating rainbows in Science.

It has been wonderful to meet some new parents this term, with many booking a time to come in and meet with me and check up on their child's progress. Parent teacher interviews are coming up in week 8.

We have been, and still are, very busy getting ready for Cross Country in week 8 and Jump Rope for Heart (skipping) in week 2 next term.



I would like to take this opportunity to ask that **students need to be at school by 8:45 every morning** as important announcements are made at assembly at this time. Most mornings there are still several students arriving late. It interrupts my teaching and distracts the students that have arrived on time. It is also not fair to those students arriving late as they have missed out on the instructions previous to their arrival.

I look forward to working with you all for another semester!

Kind regards,

Miss James



Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 5! We have had a very busy start to the term with the new changes to class composition. Students have been adapting well to their new class environment and have settled in nicely. Thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support and cooperation throughout this transitioning time.

In year 2, we have been engaged in new units of work and tackling challenging concepts. Our focus for writing this term is poetry. Students have been exploring the structure and devices of different types of poems. Our class has had the opportunity to participate in a number of science experiments to explore different forces in action. We have also been learning about the geographical divisions of the world and how it can be described at different scales.

(Noor Fatima, Year 2)



In our sport lessons, we have been developing our skipping skills and warming up for our Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Friday 9th September. Our focus in mathematics this week is learning how to tell the time half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour.

Just a few friendly reminders, please make sure that students return their library and homework books every Friday. Toys and cards are not permitted at school, please be aware that they will be confiscated from students if they are seen. Please ensure that your child is arriving to school promptly at 8:45am, as they may be missing out on vital learning opportunities.

I look forward to meeting with all the parents towards the end of the term for parent teacher interviews. Please make an appointment through our online school booking system if you wish to discuss your child's progress.

Kind Regards,  
Talyn Young  
Year 2 Class Teacher

Year 3 Newsletter

Asslam Alaykum

This term is entirely different from the last terms, as our Year3/4 classes have been split into Year 3 class and Year 4 class. In Year 3 classroom, we have now 32 students from different cultural backgrounds. 18 Boys and 14 girls who are all enthusiastic to learn and improve their academic skills effectively. In this term, Year 3 students are working hard to grasp new English and Mathematical concepts. In other Essential Learning Areas, Year3 students are having fun lessons in science to understand the earth rotation and shapes and shadows notions which both have been fun and beneficial. Nevertheless, Year3 students are exploring continents, countries, cities, towns, villages and districts and global and local landmarks in Geography to create a digital project as an integrated assignment with their Technologies subject. Moreover, our Year 3 students are excited now to understand the main component of music such as beat, rhythm, dynamics, pitches and other sound effects that they are required to know about. As a classroom teacher, I do encourage my students to make good choices to gain more class dojo points plus house points in terms of complying with appropriate behaviours, school uniforms and healthy food habits.

I look forward to seeing our students in Year 3 improving their learning abilities and their behaviours which can vividly reflect their real Islamic values in this community of learning.

Kayis Ablahd

Year 3 Teacher