



# ISC NEWSLETTER

## Islamic School of Canberra



Salam Alaikum

Our website is updated regularly with upcoming events and news so please log on when looking for extra information ; if your questions are not answered there please do not hesitate to call the school. I thank all those who are mindful of the school reminders concerning school hours and expectations.

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Dear Friends and Families.

The 2015 school year has come to an end and what an amazing year it has been. The students have extended themselves in all areas of their learning, the teachers have worked tirelessly to provide optimal environments for learning, the PFA have met regularly to clean up the school grounds and we now have a beautiful new grass area for student and whole school activities.

Some of the achievements ISC students have accomplished this semester include;

increased participation in the Chief's Ministers Reading Challenge , awards for student entries in the Pens against Poverty writing competition and prizes for outstanding participation in the Jump Rope for Heart competition. Our students showed great enthusiasm for the extra-curricular lunchtime clubs which teachers volunteered to organise and give up their lunchtimes to run, such as; singing, skipping, board games, craft , origami and knitting, to name a few.

This year we introduced an ISC House system and the first ever House Champion was announced at our end of year assembly. Congratulation Al Aqsa!!! A shield will be displayed in the school foyer to acknowledge our championship house.

With your ongoing support ISC will continue to grow and flourish to ensure that every student who passes through its doors will have opportunities to reach their potential.

As the very proud principal of Islamic School of Canberra I thank each and every one of you for entrusting us with the education of your precious children.

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

-Helen Keller

Have safe and healthy holiday break and I look forward to seeing you in 2016!

**Susan Christiansen**

**Principal**

### Important Dates

Last day term 3	16/12/15
First day term 1	2/2/16

**Year 4 Newsletter**

Summer is finally here! We have reached the end of yet another term. It's the end of the year and we all know what Term 4 is like, full of assessments! Still, this term wasn't only about assessments and reports in Year 4. The term started with Learning Journey and students took pride in their work as they displayed their newly learnt skills to their parents/family members. A big thank you to all those who came and engaged in their child's learning journey. An incursion focusing on Aboriginal culture and history allowed the Year 3 and Year 4 students to get a deeper understanding in this area. This was followed by another excursion to Kambah Adventure Park which, needless to say, was every student's favourite part of Term 4.

After all that hustle bustle of Term 4, it is now time to relax and enjoy a well deserved summer break. It has been a delight teaching every single member of Year 4 and I wish all the best to all my students.

Happy holidays everyone!

**Manal Fayazuddin**

**Year 5 Newsletter**

We have had an outstanding final term in grade 5. The children have been enthusiastically learning about living things in Science which saw everyone grow their own plants & create dioramas of sustainable zoo enclosures. Through this students had the opportunity to grow, nurture and maintain a class garden which is thriving. We concluded the term with a trip to the Australian National Botanical Gardens which was wonderful to see the children express their scientific and geographical knowledge and understanding in a practical setting.

We extended our knowledge in numeracy in our mixed math groups which gave students the experience of learning from new teachers and working collaboratively with a variety of students from years 5-7.

The students showcased their initiative, drive & collaboration by hosting a surprise birthday party for me in week 4. This will be something I'll never forget and I'm forever grateful.

It has been a fantastic year and I'm exceptionally proud of the growth from each and everyone of the students. Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support. I wish the owls all the very best for grade 6 in 2016.

**Thank you,  
Miss Pope**

**Year 6 Newsletter**

Well we have made it! And the best part is we are still smiling. This term went super quick, but was a lot of fun. English and Science were integrated this term and allowed us to plan, build and explode our own volcanoes. The paper mache process was tedious and messy, but it was definitely worth it!

This term in Mathematics, we implemented levelled groups across Years 5, 6 and 7. These groups were implemented once a week and the students enjoyed working at their level and getting to know other students and teachers.

Geography gave us the opportunity to explore world events with a focus on the Olympic Games. We all learned that the local, regional and international impacts on the host city, country and world are huge and sometimes permanent.

Within Arts this term, our focus was Music. We learnt about rhythm and pitch and implemented our learning's in an A-Capella version of 'The Best Day of My Life', which we are presenting at the final assembly. Mr Tenkate organised Djembe drum sessions with the Canberra Institute of Music. It was a great experience for all the students.

This year has been such a positive experience. I am so proud of all the students and how much they have progressed over the year. Parents, thank you very much for your ongoing support. I wish all the Year 6 students and parents the best of luck in their new chapter of schooling.

**Warmest regards,**

**Toni Brammall**

**Year 7 Newsletter**

The end of year is closing in fast, and Year 7 is ready to move on to new adventures. This term we have had a lot of fun.

In English, this term, Year 7 have been learning about storytelling, from different cultures, with a particular focus on fantasy genre. Furthermore, we have also spent our time investigating the fun ways English is used through codes, cipher, palindromes and anagrams.

This term, in Maths, we have been learning about money, 3D shapes and problem solving. Likewise, we have been working, in our Maths groups, to improve our basic math facts and operations. This has been done working with different students from year 5 and year 6.

Year 7, has been learning about biological classification in science as well as the animal and plant kingdoms. Students this term have learnt to classify various animals and plants. Students, this term, undertook an investigation; where they observed how Australian Fauna germinate due to high temperatures.

Year 7, has been investigating about the various issues associated with food, in Technology. Students have learnt about: what impacts our access to food in topics such as food security, human impact on sustainable farming and the importance of Fair Trade. This term we have also been lucky enough to practice our cooking skills.

Congratulations to all Year Seven graduating this year. I wish you all best for the new year in a new school.

**Mr. Kyle Tenkate**