



ISC NEWSLETTER

Islamic School of Canberra



From my Desk

There has also been a lot of work done to improve the safety and upkeep of our extensive school property. This work is a result of planning and collaboration with our overarching organisation the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) and the on-site management of Mohammed Berjaoui.

We welcome Ghada Wadeisa to our Arabic/Islamic team and thank the whole Islamic department for its ongoing contribution to our school life.

The excellence in our teaching and learning can be seen throughout the school and I would like to extend my thanks to the amazing team of teachers and support staff that we have at ISC. I would also like to thank the PFA for its ongoing support and assistance and open communication.

ISC will be having an end of semester assembly Friday week 10, and we invite all parents and extended family. Details of the assembly will be provided later in the term.

With Ramadan to begin mid June we would like to be respectful of our Islamic community and shorten our school day slightly, to allow time for reflection and prayer, and preparation of the Iftar meal.

RAMADAN SCHOOL HOURS:

- **MORNING ASSEMBLY-9AM**
- **LESSONS START-9.10AM**
- **LESSONS FINISH -2.50PM**
- **SCHOOL DOORS CLOSED AT 3.20PM**

Please make the necessary arrangements for your children to be picked up from ISC before 3.30pm. There will be no supervision after this time as all teachers will be in meetings, planning reports and assessments, and the school office and doors will be locked.

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ASSALAMU ALAIKUM

Dear Parents,
Newsletter Week 5 Term 2, 2015

Term two is flying by and there has been a lot of activity in and around the school. Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 sat their NAPLAN tests and students from Year 2 to 7 have begun sitting their International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) exams.

Students are working hard in the classroom in all learning areas and their efforts will be reported in our Mid Year report at the end of this term.

Healthy Harold visited us early in the term and the students were engaged and educated about areas of health and wellbeing that are included in the Australian Curriculum.

The lunchtime clubs this term have been a huge success and our runners are getting fitter and more confident every week. The book clubs are booming with students meeting to read and discuss their favourite books and authors.

The Rostrum speaking has been a very tight competition and congratulations to the runner up Mishal Kamran and to the winner Doonya Hamze who will be competing in the semi final on the 9th June at Forrest Primary School.

Important Dates

Last day Term 2	3/7/15
First day Term 2	22/7/15

- **FIRST DAY TERM 2, 2015 Monday 27th April !**
- **Term 2 fees are now due along with the \$50 subscription for the Athletics and Reading Eggs online program.**

Kindy Koalas

The students in the Kindy Koalas class are shining brightly in all areas. In English, they have progressed from learning sounds and letters to being able to read and write a variety of different words, as well as make meaning of simple texts. In maths, students have been exploring many different concepts, and are now able to perform some addition and subtraction problems. The kindergarten students' knowledge and skills base is greatly expanding as they engage in history, health and science learning, and work on their problem solving and teamwork skills to overcome the challenges they face in every day life. We are very lucky to have our own year five buddy class this year; the students very much enjoy their buddy time in the library where they share books and experience reading in a different environment. Our class takes great pride in our healthy eating; a big thank you to parents for supporting our fruit break and healthy eating initiative! I am looking forward to the rest of the term as these wonderful students continue to shine.

Tessa Bailey (Kindy Koalas teacher)

Kookaburras blurb

The Kindy Kookaburras are now well practiced with the routines of both the classroom and the wider school. Through our 'buddy' partnership with year 6 we are learning to interact with older students and becoming more confident members of the school community. Our English skills have begun to really 'take off' this Term as we begin to break words into letter sounds to read and put these sounds together to write. In History we are looking at celebrations: personal, national and cultural. We touch on why events are important to people and how we show this together. Science this term is about movement; both of objects and animals. We look at how the shape of objects influences how they move, and how an animal's body shows the way they move. In Health we will be learning about our bodies; the names of body parts, how we change as we get older and what we can do to keep our body healthy. We will continue to be exercising our bodies with plenty of games as well! As the winter months approach, please make sure that your children have all their appropriate clothing. Our day starts at 8:45AM which can often be quite chilly, even on a sunny day!

Christopher Nairn (Kookaburras teacher)

Year 1 Leopards

The Year One class is in the middle of another busy term!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Ghada. Mrs Ghada is our new Arabic and Islamic Studies teacher. We are enjoying having her in our classroom each week.

It has been a pleasure seeing a lot of the year one students advancing in their English reading abilities this term. Please make sure that your children are bringing their readers back to change them at least once a week. Ideally they should be changed at least twice each week. Please make sure that they are reading to you every night.

I have seen some super healthy lunch boxes this term. This has been fantastic! Keep it up!

One last thing, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the coming cold months. We will still be heading outside each day. Every day I am finding clothing left behind by students with no name on them. Please label all clothing!

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Peta James Year One Teacher

Year 2 Tigers

This term Year 2 have been working very hard in all their learning areas. We have started many exciting units of work that have been engaging and challenging.

In English and Science, we have been focusing on information reports. Students have been working collaboratively as well as independently to research and locate relevant information on animals they have chosen. In Technology, students have been learning how to design and create a PowerPoint presentation. They are working towards making a PowerPoint presentation about the animal they have been researching in Science. Year 2 are continuing to develop their numeracy skills as we build upon concepts covered in Term 1. The students have been very eager to learn all about how toys, games, communication and transport have changed over time as we continue comparing the past and the present in History. Our Healthy Harold visit was a success, all the students were thrilled to meet Healthy Harold and learn about how they can stay healthy and safe.

Just a few reminders, all students need to change their readers once a week. They have a particular day they need to return and borrow a new reader for the following week. Students should be reading to an adult every night to assist them with developing fluency when they read. Homework is handed out every Monday and is due back on Friday. Please make sure students are completing all of the homework tasks that are mentioned in the homework grid. As reports and assessments are underway please make sure students are attending school on time. School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:10pm.

Thank you for your support.

Talyn Young

Year 2 Class Teacher

Year 2 Lions

It's been an awesome start to the term getting to know the Year 2 Lions, and they have had a busy few weeks as the routines have changed slightly. One of these new routines has been reading Matilda by Roald Dahl during fruit break in the morning.

After an exciting visit from Healthy Harold, the Year 2 Lions have been hard at work learning about the importance of healthy foods. We started off sorting the foods into their food groups. This activity was followed by learning how to design a healthy lunch box, and a healthy dinner plate. We are hoping to extend our knowledge and learn about hydration, as well as other non-food related ways to stay healthy.

Another exciting addition to this term has been the opportunity to show off our computer skills in the computer lab, as we've been learning how to use Microsoft PowerPoint. We've been practicing our typing, editing, changing colours, and inserting pictures. We are hoping to be able to utilise these skills when we create an information report to present to the class.

The children have a busy few weeks ahead while they continue to research egg laying creatures for Science and English. This research will be used in an information report, and a poster about the animal's life cycle.

I am looking forward to seeing the quality work that is produced, and look forward to more learning opportunities with the Year 2 Lions!!

Kat Stevenson

Year 2 Class Teacher

Year 3 Caterpillars

Dear Parents/ Carers of Year 3R Students

Assalam Alikum

We are half way through Term 2 and the students have really worked hard to come this far. Overall I am happy with the academic performance and the behaviour of my students. I am enjoying teaching them and I hope to maintain a very good teaching and learning experience in the class throughout the year. It is necessary to talk to your children about the importance of maintaining positive behaviours when at school. Please emphasise the classroom rules that students are already aware of. Also emphasise that following the classroom rules gives everyone a fair chance to learn and enjoy their day at school.

On a different note, I am very pleased to find most of my students eating healthy food at school during recess and lunch. However, I would really appreciate if parents tried to stick to 'healthy food only' in their children's lunch boxes and avoid packing 'not so healthy' food items as much as possible.

Last but not least, please help your child finish their homework on time. Also please make sure that your child gets the opportunity to use the 'Mathletics' and 'reading eggs' websites at home as much as possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child at school.

Thank You.

Nazmeen Rahman

(Year 3R Class Teacher)

Year 3 Dragonflies

In Year 3 Dragonflies, we are continuing our exciting learning journey. We are building our skills and confidence in producing engaging texts for different audiences. We are also appreciating literature through the works of various authors. A class favourite is The Tashi Series by Anna and Barbara Fienberg, we cannot get enough of Tashi's unforgettable adventures! In Maths, subtraction strategies are being explored further. We are also learning about fractions and money and are so excited to use coins and notes in classroom transactions! In Music lessons, we have been experimenting with the elements of music and appreciating Nasheeds. We will be making our own musical instrument in Design & Technology and using it in Music classes. We are studying Earth and Space Sciences and inquiring into the movement of the Earth. Through investigations, we are seeking to understand the Earth, Sun and Moon. In Health lessons, we are discussing friendship and the importance of making friends and being a good friend. We are also addressing the different forms of bullying and developing various coping strategies. We are having fun exploring the overhand throw and running movement skills in our P.E classes. Our History inquiry is about the days and weeks commemorated or celebrated in Australia, and the importance of symbols and emblems. We are happy to say that our class recycled 8.5 kilograms of materials in Term 1. We all make a conscious effort to be kind to the environment and this term, one of our goals is to conserve energy. We are working hard towards demonstrating our class, school and Islamic values at all times. We are learning from our mistakes and becoming better learners, communicators and collaborators.

Kind regards

Chabina Hussanee