



# ISC Newsletter

Islamic School of Canberra  
'In Knowledge Lies Strength'

Dear Parent/Carer

*"Indeed My Lord is near and Responsive"*

Surah Hud 11:6



It has been a good start to the term for the students and staff at our school and I feel that together we will achieve a great deal across the next few weeks!

On Wednesday, we were visited by Captain Mona Shindy from the Royal Australian Navy. She joined us as we learnt about the importance of ANZAC day and what it means for Australians. She was born in Egypt and has been a member of the Royal Australian Navy since 1989. She is a Muslim, mother and high level Officer within the Australian Navy. She spoke about the ANZAC tradition, what it means for Australians and how the ANZAC values and spirit can empower us all to make a difference in our own lives. Our students were then invited to ask her questions.

I thank our School Captains Sarah and Omar who led the assembly and welcomed Captain Shindy and I appreciate our students who were extremely attentive and well behaved across the presentation.

I remind you all that we are now in the winter uniform and it is expected that students wear the correct clothing. We are focussing on black shoes for both boys and girls and it would be helpful if families supported the school in ensuring that the correct shoes are worn.

We continue to be concerned about the Government decision associated with our funding and the Board is working through this to develop the next course of action. Information is currently being gathered and the Board will again meet next week to make some clear decisions. These will then be communicated to our community and an opportunity will be provided to gather with the Board and answer any questions that you may have. I certainly value the continued support families have demonstrated to our school and would be happy to personally speak with any parent/carers who requires further information.

Our staff are currently busy teaching and assessing students in preparation for the upcoming reporting period and I would invite you to speak with your child/ren about what they will be doing over the coming weeks. Our staff can also provide further information as required through direct contact with the school or via CLASS DOJO or EDMODO.

For families who have children in Year 3,5 and 7 it is important to be aware that NAPLAN is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3). At this time our students will be engaging in a variety of tests to determine level of Literacy and Numeracy as compared to similar students across Australia. It is one of many diagnostic tools that can be used to inform us of student strengths and weaknesses and how we may respond to these in the classroom. Class teachers of Year 3,5 and 7 will be in communication with you about the organisation and structure of this week and I would invite you to contact them as required.



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We now have after school care available which is a wonderful service for families who are required to work later in the day. Unfortunately, we have had limited engagement with this service. We need at least 10 students to sign up to make this service viable. I ask families to consider this and make direct contact with the YWCA for further information.

We continue to prepare for our Islamic School Open Week that is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May and expect it to be a great opportunity to showcase our school. We continue to look for a member of our community who may be interested in running a school 'choir'. This would involve working with our students to prepare several Arabic/Quranic presentations over the Open Week. This would be an excellent experience for an interested and capable community member.

Finally, we have some staff news that we should all be excited about.....

Neha Sultana (Year 2 Teacher) and her husband Mubashir welcomed their new baby boy- Zayn Ahmed into the world! Both mum and baby (and husband) are doing well. Congratulations must also go to Nehmat Nikro who was approved for accreditation as a Fully Registered Teacher. Nehmat is our Year 5 teacher and spent considerable time completing paperwork to apply for this. We are indeed very proud of Nehmat and appreciate all she does for her students.

I wish you all a rich and rewarding week!!

InShallah

David Johns  
Principal  
Islamic School of Canberra



Year 7 on an Excursion at the National Portrait Gallery!!



Captain Mona Shindy's visit to our school from Royal Australian Navy!!



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