Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have already completed the second week of Term 3. Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews were conducted on Monday 23rd July, and all parents that attended were informed about their child’s progress at school.

Parent/Teacher interviews are organised to formally invite parents to report on student’s progress, however parents can make appointments during the term if they wish to discuss their child’s progress continuously.

We have received the Yr 9 AIM test results and they have performed relatively well and congratulations are extended to these students. AIM Tests for Yr 3, 5 and 7 will be conducted on the 31st July and 1st August. We wish all our Yr 3, 5 and 7 students the best of luck on these very important tests.

As you all know 2007 has been declared the Year of Mevlana by UNESCO. Many activities and programs are being organised to acknowledge this Great Man.

We would like to inform you that Monash University will be holding a program on ’Rumi and Mystics of East and West’ on Sunday 29th July 2007 at 2:00 p.m., the details of which are provided in this issue of the newsletter.

In addition ‘The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi’ organised by UNESCO, will also be performing on the 6th August at Dallas Brooks Hall and those details are also provided with this issue of the newsletter.

Our school will have an Open Day on the 25th of August and we would like you to inform your friends and neighbours from now about this upcoming date.

Wishing you all a safe and pleasant weekend.

Regards

Mr Erdal Kocak
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

AIM Tests for Yr 3,5&7- 31st July and 1st August
Rumi and Mystics of East and West-29th July
EMA forms handed in before 3rd August
The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi-6th August
Open Day-25th August
Entrance Exam for Prep and Year 7-1st September

“QUOTATION”

Don’t look so sour.
Thousands of happy souls have made it to the ocean of honey.
MEVLANA
Welcome to Term Three at ISIK College! Music instrumental lessons are once again underway. Violin and Guitar lessons are likely to begin in week three of this term. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Junior Choir rehearsals have commenced already for this term. If you would like your child to improve his/her vocal range or vocal control you are most welcome to attend rehearsal next week from 3:30pm to 4:30pm to get an idea of what is involved. Parents of children already involved in the choir please be reminded that choir rehearsal now runs from 3:30pm to 4:30pm instead of 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Involvement is free but a high level of commitment to this ensemble is expected of the children.

If you would like your child to commence instrumental music lessons please collect a form from Mrs Levy at the staff room after school or leave a message at the office for a form to be left at front office for you. Lessons at beginner level are currently being conducted in group sessions. Tuition fees are listed on this form.

Instrumental tuition fees are now due. You may pay those fees directly to Mrs Levy in an envelope with your child’s name on the envelope.

Please find enclosed today some invigorating information about the benefits of music education. If you are contemplating giving your child instrumental music lessons bear the following research projects in mind!


A research team exploring the link between music and intelligence reported that music training is far superior to computer instruction in dramatically enhancing children's abstract reasoning skills, the skills necessary for learning math and science. — Shaw, Rauscher, Levine, Wright, Dennis and Newcomb, "Music training causes long-term enhancement of preschool children’s spatial-temporal reasoning," Neurological Research, Vol. 19, February 1997

A McGill University study found that pattern recognition and mental representation scores improved significantly for students given piano