Dear Parents,

We have come to the middle of another busy term. In five weeks time semester one reports will be issued. This term our school has witnessed a significant increase in student numbers. We've had an influx of enrolments from students from suburbs including Deer Park, Sunshine, St. Albans, Hoppers Crossing and Werribee. As there is no room on the school bus the students are on a waiting list and once the second bus is purchased the new students will commence.

Our recent Open day was very successful with a high attendance rate. The day also provided the existing parents a chance to meet with the new parents. The children enjoyed the activities that were organised for the day and had a lot of fun.

Student’s have completed their swimming program, certificates will be given out soon. I would like to ask two requests of parents.

Please make sure you label your child’s uniform with their name as this will inevitably reduce the number of lost property items.

Secondly, for those parents with children travelling on the bus in the morning, I would like to ask that the children wait in the car with parents and not play outside. The noises are disturbing to the nearby residents. Also please ensure your child is not running when they see the school bus as this is very dangerous for the child, but rather assist your child onto the bus by holding their hand. If the children board the bus in an orderly fashion it will not only save time but teach our children discipline and respect. We appreciate your understanding.

Regards,
Ali Guru
Principal

Key Dates

Monday 11th June—Queens Birthday
Friday 22nd June —Last Day of Term 2
Dear Parents/Guardians;

We have had a great start to term 2. The students have adapted to my routines real quick. There is homework given out each night plus a reader to read with parents. If your child had trouble reading the reader the first night they can re-borrow the reader for the next night. However you must state this in the reader so I will know not to change the reader. Once you have completed the reader and the homework with your child, please sign the diary as an indication that you have checked your child’s work. The grade one students have a spelling list given to them on Friday to learn for their spelling test during the following week. The prep students only have their reader as their weekend study. For those students who do not complete their homework there will be a reflection of this in their reports. For prep parents, please practise your ABC’s and numbers at home as this is very crucial to our learning at this stage. Also parents can help their child practise writing their name and surname.

Students uniforms must be clearly labelled as if it is miss-placed we can identify who it belongs to. Uniforms must be clean at all times. Students are required to wear black school shoes under their uniform. No runners are permitted unless it is sports day. If your child is wearing a different uniform please write in the diary the reason, as there are school rules, which we must all follow. Girl’s hair must be plaited at all times. Lunches seem to be a problem for the prep/1 Grade. Students require solid food for lunch for example a sandwich, a salad, meat, vegetables, pasta, toast etc... snack food is not lunch. Students do get hungry if they only have snacks to eat.

For integrated studies our topic is “Food, Glorious Food” and “Our needs and wants”. So far we have identified different food groups, where food comes from, how is food transported, what are our needs? What are our wants? And Where do I buy food? Students have enjoyed the topic and are always willing to complete their work. In maths we are looking at counting and patterns. Students enjoy using the counters in the room. For maths students are also engaged in hands on solving and presenting. There will be various tasks set out in the room and the students have a go at each task. The tasks can be from threading pegs in a pattern to making a picture using various shapes. There are at least 4 tasks during these sessions. The students really enjoy this activity and they call it “fun maths”. At home I would like to encourage parents to count and skip count with their child. In English we complete our handwriting task every day, students focus on letter formations. The prep students trace the letters and focus on the sounds.

Finally I would like to mention hygiene and health. We have a slight hygiene problem in the grade. Students need to have regular showers: they must brush their teeth everyday and come to school with clean clothes. All students need to get their eyes checked from an optometrist please, as there has been some complaints in the classroom from the students that they have difficulty seeing the board. OPSM appointments can be made with your Medicare card. Please let me know in the diary, once you have had your child’s eyes checked. Thank-you, for your understanding. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Regards

Ms Nesrin GOCMEN.
Grade Three / Four

Hello to all, we are now well into term two and working progressively. In some ways the start of this term was like the beginning of the year with a large number of student’s starting, establishing routines, school requirements and so on.

We have five new student’s in grade 3 / 4, and am pleased to say each and every one have settled in. I would especially like to thank the ‘existing’ student’s for their friendship and understanding as they made their new friends feel welcome at our school.

This term we are looking at Space– and the planets for our integrated studies. We are also continuing to work and improve our literacy and numeracy skills. Student’s have been working extensively on poetry and will write a poem to enter a poetry competition later this term. All school teacher’s and the Principal will judge the entries from our school.

With the Winter chills setting in tissues are of great demand in the classrooms. As with all our student’s, now student’s are also required to bring a box of tissues each. Furthermore now student’s need two floppy disks each for Information Technology and an Oxford Integrated School dictionary/Thesaurus.

Swimming program has now finished and we’ll be working on athletics skills.

At this stage there are still some parents who do not sign diaries or use it to communicate about school matters. It is a school requirement for diaries to be signed daily.

Bye for now,

Mrs. K

Grade Five / Six

We have commenced another term, and we welcome some new students into our classroom. We welcome the Ismail, Mukarram, Tawafi, Qalib, Wardere and Baraki families and we hope that they have an enjoyable year at Isik College. Both new and existing students are finally settling into a routine.

This term we are looking at “Democracy” for our SOSE topic. We are studying the meaning of true democracy such as the freedom of speech, the right to equal opportunity and the right to belong to a community. We have read a couple of articles about this topic. We also discussed Martin Luther King’s famous speech “I have a dream” and how important these speech was for the African American people at that time in history, as well as how it related to the Aboriginal people of Australia at almost the same time, as in 1967 there was a referendum to allow Aboriginal people to vote.

In science we are looking at the brain. So far we have learnt about the different parts of the brain and what they responsible for. Also if there is damage to each of these different parts, what are the consequences for the individual. Students have also learnt that we have different brain waves and at what stages each of these brainwaves are predominant. They have also learnt about the difference between left and right brain people; how in some cases one side of the brain is more predominant that the other.

In literacy we have been reading many different articles in regards to democracy. We also have completed our first novel study, and this has given the students, especially those in grade 6, what it will be like in year 7. Next week we will start once again with our literature circles, and students will be taking their novels home to read. We have been doing poetry in writing and students have learnt a bit more in depth about similies, metaphors, alliterations and onomatopoeia. We have also read some poems containing all of these and interpret them.

Just a reminder that all students need to complete all homework every night and on the weekend as this is part of the school policy. Once again I will encourage all students to watch documentaries to broaden their knowledge, as I have noticed that there a quite a large number of students that have no knowledge of history or of current affairs issues, such as environmental issues, which are playing such an important role at this point in time. Also your child might come and ask questions about a topic that has been discussed in class, please take some time to have a conversation with them and perhaps answer any further questions they might have.

If there any issues that you would like to discuss with me, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Sandra Presa
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