Principal's Message

A very big and warm welcome back to the 2007 educational year. It gives me great pleasure to be working with a highly dedicated team in the primary campus. I am confident all our students will accomplish their personal best in their primary years.

This year we have finally relocated our junior primary department back to our home at Eastmeadows. We anticipate the middle and upper departments will also make the move this year as well. I should like to thank all parents, staff and our school community who have been both supportive and patient. Upon completion of all our projects at Eastmeadows we believe our facilities will be of great benefit to all our students and staff.

Best Wishes,

Mr Omer Ayvaz

2007 Staffing Appointments

We are pleased to have a highly dedicated and committed team of staff at the college. There are some new staff, as well as former staff who have joined us this year. Please note parents are advised to make an appointment to meet with staff.

Prep A—Mrs. Ozlem Bayram / Mrs. O. Oflay  
Prep B—Ms. Nirmal Ranjit  
Prep C—Mrs. Halide Atasay  
1A—Mrs. Gul Hanim Aslan  
1B—Mrs. Kevser Kilic  
1C—Ms. Dunia El-Haouli  
2A—Mrs. Saide Gungor  
2B—Mrs. Lesley Walker  
2C—Mrs Selden Emre  
3A—Mrs. Meryem Yalciner  
3B—Ms. Karyn Walsh  
3C—Mrs. Eser Arman  
4A—Ms. Demet Latioglu  
4B—Mrs. Guldem Gumus  
4C—Mrs. Ayse Unal  
5A—Ms. Medine Cilek  
5B—Ms. Melekunr Yilmaz  
5C—Ms. Sirin Yazar  
6A—Ms. Evla Han / Mrs. N. Sahan  
6B—Mrs. Safak Goker  
6C—Ms. Filiz Cansiz  
Religious Studies—Mrs. E. Dogan, Mrs. E. Han, Mrs. G. Ayvaz  
LOTE—Mrs. R. Emniyet, Mrs. B. Eroglu, Mrs. E. Demet, Mrs. F. Alkan  
Sport—Mr. Mehmet Yilmaz  
Art—Mrs. Gulcan Ayvaz  
Counsellor—Mrs. Nurdan Ayvaz  
Literacy & ESB—Mrs. Huriye Pulic  
Integration—Mrs. S. Turkmen, Ms. M. Seymen, Ms. H. Ozdemir, Mrs. I. Pak, Mrs. S. Caksak  
Library—Mrs. S. Okten, Mr. P. DeSilva  
Speech Therapy—Mrs. Melissa
Welcome back to our first newsletter for 2007. We have had a hard week to start with, at the moment all of our students have settled in well.

Teachers at our school are all dedicated teachers and are happy to answer your questions. They are all excited about the new education year and are ready to take the challenges in front of them. Parents are welcome to talk to class teachers about their concerns however please make an appointment with the teachers so that they can spare their time answering your concerns. This may be organised through our secretary Nazan Bol.

We thank all our parents for their patience and looking forward for the exciting year ahead of us.

Thank you,

Saide Gungor
Infant Grade 1-2 coordinator
**Thinking Strategies in Numeracy**

**A Guide for Families of Young Children**

**What are thinking strategies?**
Many of the calculations adults do everyday are to solve mathematical problems. Mental calculations or thinking strategies rarely follow the same 'rules' as written calculations.

When calculating mentally, people use their own methods and short cuts. These strategies rely heavily on relationships and connections between numbers and number facts.

**Why teach thinking strategies?** Children are capable of making mental estimates for many of the calculations that form part of their daily routine. Practice helps children to make connections between different mathematical ideas.

**Example:**
- Double 5 is 10
- Half of 10 is 5

As children build up a bank of different thinking strategies, their awareness of and confidence in using our number system increases.

**How can parents help?** To help your child develop better thinking strategies:
- Use everyday examples to point out calculations and estimations
- Share different ways to get to a solution
- Discuss why some methods might be better than others
- Encourage using what is known to help solve more difficult problems
- Play games that involve decision making and logical thinking
- Praise efforts and persistence.

**Sharing Ideas** It is important to talk to your child about mathematics being more than finding out a correct answer. Sometimes we 'try out' answers to see if they make sense.

**Example**
A child might add 3 and 9 by starting at 3 and 'counting on' nine extra. Parents could share the idea that beginning from the larger number 9 and 'counting on' 3 more, is an easier way of solving the same question. Another suggestion could be to add 1 more to 9 to make 10 and then add on the remaining 2. Encourage your child to use what they know already to develop strategies for a range of other mathematical challenges.

**Example:** A child who understands the 'counting by 10s pattern' might solve the problem 'twenty-five twelves' in the following manner.

Twenty-five tens are 250 and then add on another 50 because twenty-five twos are 50. So the answer to 'twenty-five twelves' is 250 add on 50. The answer is 300.

Allow your child to take risks and let them think about whether their answer makes sense. As they learn to explain how they arrived at their solutions, children begin to link different ideas in mathematics.

**Ms. Demet Latifoglu - Numeracy Coordinator**

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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

We welcome you all to a new educational year at Isik College. We are looking forward to having an exciting and successful teaching year with your child. Already students have settled down and eager to complete the required tasks.

This year your child will receive homework from us on each night of the week. Homework books will need to be returned to school on the next day so that an efficient follow up of homework can occur.

We are still finding items of clothing that are not labelled. Please label all items including the school bag and lunchbox to ensure that it does not get lost and saves you from purchasing new ones.

Most importantly students need to **have a full breakfast everyday** for them to be able to concentrate during class time. We find students who skip breakfast complain of stomach pain, headache, muscle fatigue, and sleepiness.

Finally, students must bring their hats to school during term 1 and term 4. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincere Regards,

**Meryem Yalciner—Grade 3 & 4 Coordinator**
Welcome to the new educational year. We hope to have a very successful year in 2007 with loads of activities and skill building tasks.

Isik College’s curriculum programs encourage students to participate fully to achieve their own potential. The school is divided into four departments to ensure systematic implementation, these levels are: Prep, Junior years, Middle years and Upper. Each department with a coordinator responsible for student management. Regular team meetings ensure co-operative planning. The curriculum is according to the new VELS – Victorian Essential Learning Standards.

Through the year staff will undertake a variety of professional development programs, to support the implementation of the curriculum and to improve teaching and learning styles.

We consider the development of literacy and numeracy skills as the integral component to each child's success in life. Our literacy program, which is based on the class model, is an early years approach to literacy from P - 2. It involves the teaching of small focused groups, which allows the close monitoring of each child’s progress.

Specialist programs offered are Languages Other Than English, (LOTE), Religious Studies, Reading Recovery. Physical Education – interschool sport (grades 4 - 6 will have the opportunity to compete against other local schools). This year we also offer extra curricular clubs where students choose an area of interest including Performing Arts and Maths Enrichment. Library lessons continue with the classroom teachers. Other programs include English Skill Building (ESB), Integration Support and Speech Pathology. Camping and outdoor education programs are also offered to students in grades 5 and 6.

As always it is going to be a very busy and rewarding year. I would like to thank all staff for a smooth start to the year.

Curriculum coordinator - Mrs. Safak Goker-Kamisci

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, for the first time our students will be attending a national capital tour. Taking part in an educational tour of Canberra and its attractions will complement our curriculum based studies of Civics and Citizenship, assisting students to gain a better understanding of our history, culture, heritage and democracy.

We have made every effort to ensure the best possible facilities and program with the assistance of the Australian Government contribution funding programme (PACER).

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the Information Session held on Thursday 15th March, with Ms. Emma Tabone of G.E.T Educational Tours. I believe she has provided invaluable insight into our program.

We hope that this initiative is a rewarding experience for all students and can’t but feel the excitement already. We will be sure to share some of highlights in the next issue!

Sincerely,
Ms Evla Han
Upper Primary Coordinator

In the interest and well being of our school community it is essential that all students and parents use the school crossing during drop off and pick up times. As traffic is heavily congested, students are not permitted to ‘step out’ of cars on the road. Council now enforces strict fines. Parents are kindly requested to take this matter seriously and help comply with rules.

All visitors must report to the college office during school hours. Thank you.
# ISIK COLLEGE, 2007
## Upfield Campus Canteen

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**Weekly Specials**

- Monday - Spaghetti $1.50
- Tuesday - Lahmacun $2.40 each
- Wednesday - Manti $2.00
- Friday - Pizza $1.50 per slice

Lunch orders now available for all.