Dear Parents and Friends,

We recently had members of the Department of Education visit our Eastmeadows and Upfield campuses. We have made attendance a priority and should like to remind parents about absences and lateness. All staff keep a record of student attendance and our office has now also been transferring details onto a new computerized system. Parents are reminded that when a student is late or absent, a letter of explanation is a requirement upon return. Please note that students must be ready for class before 9am. The intention of this priority is to ensure that students maximize their opportunities for learning and that parents are aware of the importance of school attendance for learning.

Applications for prep and new enrolments for 2008 have now begun. Please contact the office for further information.

Congratulations to all our students who have performed very well in sports competitions and weekly award winners. A special congratulations to the Folkdancing students who competed in Sydney at the Turkish Competitions.

Regards,

Mr. Omer Ayvaz

Principal’s Message

District Cross-Country

Students from Isik College had the opportunity to participate in the annual district cross country on the 27th of April. I’d like to congratulate the following students for the great job they did in representing Isik College on the day.

- Leyla Yuksel
- Hulya Kolpar
- Meliz Ayaz
- Talha Colakoglu
- Yusuf Unal
- Rasit Duman
- Recep Demir
- M. Abidin Koyu
- Salih Sefil
- Emre Tanrikulu
- Abdul-Kadir Colakoglu

Ilhan Altuntas came first in the 12/13 age group and Furkan Turkoz came fifth in the 11 age group for boys. These boys now have the opportunity to participate in the zone cross country run to be held at Brimbank park on Wednesday the 23rd of May. We wish them all the best.

Ms. Medine Cilek—Sport & Extra Curricular Coord.

Mr. Mehmet Yilmaz—PE Teacher
Book Fair & Eastmeadows

With so many titles and authors to choose from our Book Fair was an engaging event for all students from prep to year two. Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for their support in making this a very successful event. In addition to being a fantastic reading event, a percentage of our Book Fair proceeds go right back into our school to help expand our resources at our new school.

Here is a sneak preview of our Book Fair Rewards.

We are sure that these titles will excite our young readers.

Mrs. Huriye Punic

Preschool Story time in Turkish

Stories, songs, rhymes & craft activities for parents, grandparents, carers & children 0-5.

Every Monday
11am—12.30pm
TheAgeLibrary—Broadmeadows
HumeGlobal Learning Centre
1093 PascoeVale Rd

The Student Diary

The school diary is a tool which assists children to better organise and develop time management skills. The diary is also essential and enables communication between families and teachers. The following will help to clarify with what happens with the student diary –

- parents sign each week
- teachers sign each week
- if there is a note by the parent, student hands it to teacher in the morning
- school notices, forms & newsletters to be placed in the diary for safe keeping
- record homework tasks (gr 3-6)
- record homereading records
- students take diary home each night and return to school each morning

Family Week Competition

Vildan Cosgun of grade 1C, received the 2nd prize for The Family Week competition organized by Mrs Maria Vamvakinou, Member for Calwell.

Mrs. Vamvakinou visited Isik College on the 17th May to thank students for their entries and efforts and personally congratulate Vildan.
The Pastoral Care Department is concerned primarily with the emotional, academic and moral well-being of our students. The department works in coordination with the School Counselor, Classroom Teachers and families. For each year level Pastoral Care Teachers and Mentors are assigned for each class. This year the Pastoral Care department consists of the following members:

Pastoral Care Teachers: Esra Dogan (Department Coordinator), Gulcan Ayvaz (Gr 4 ), Meleknur Yilmaz (Gr 5), Burcu Eroglu (Gr 5), Muhsine Seymen (Gr 6), Gulsah Yildirim (Gr 6)
Mentors: Esra Yildirim, Melek Karatas, Nesibe Yuksel, Ayse Oylum

The Pastoral Care department organizes activities throughout the school year and school holidays. Some of these include:

- **Weekly after school activities** held in/outside the school (students' or mentors' houses, school's pastoral care room, etc...) discussing the issues of that week having a small discussion session about cultural, moral and religious issues while having afternoon tea or dinner together.

- **Reading Camps:** For assisting in the development of youth, camps are held during school breaks. The camps have numerous goals ranging from having a good time, improving social skills, learning independence and team work, leadership training, and rehabilitation programs.

- **Music & arts activities** are important parts of student wellbeing. Grade 6 girls have a chance to participate in the Sufi Music Choir with our music teacher and pastoral care volunteer Mrs. Gulsah Yildirim. Grade 4 and 5 students have several arts session every week as part of their pastoral care curriculum.

- **Gr 6 girls rehearsing with Mrs. Gulsah Yildirim**

- **Excursions** provide very good opportunity to establish good friendship among students and develop bonding between teachers and students.

- **Celebrating holy nights** and share the joy of those nights through meaningful programs where the students have a chance to get information about those nights and have fun with their friends and teachers at the same time.

Mrs. Esra Dogan
Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator

This term students in grade 4 have begun an amazing study on The Human Machine. Just take a look at some of the wonderful work they have produced! This unit will later be followed by the Kidz Bodz incursion program coming soon.
Love thy Neighbours

An old adage states: "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand." The last part of this statement is the essence of inquiry-based learning.

Students in grade 6 this term have begun a Unit of Inquiry about Australia’s neighbours in the South-East Asia region. This unit is an exploration into geography, literature and the rich cultures of Asia. Our inquiry is based on the following process.

1. We are curious and ask questions.
2. We are resourceful - we move around, selecting and using a range of resources to increase our skills and knowledge.
3. We collaborate and work cooperatively with peers and teachers.
4. We are risk takers and try our own ideas.
5. We share our new knowledge and reflect on our learning.

My family, My favorite
I love my family so much
They make me feel safe
Nobody can take my love from them
Because I will find my way back
My family is in my heart
They love me so much that I will give them my heart
I know they’re my family because the way they treat me
They make me feel strong when I am alone
Because I will think of them every where I go
I need them so much I won’t survive with out them
They gave me my birth
They gave me my life
They give me a country to explore
They do what I need to give me a family
We will always be family.
By Onur Esgi  5C

The Mystery Family @ Dancing Class

My face was down,
my shoulders were down,
until I heard a familiar voice.
I took a look for who it was,
but they didn’t look familiar.

I was waiting for my family,
but they didn’t come,
there were 6 children,
there were 6 families,
but who was the 6th family?

I wondered, I wondered,
Who could they be?
I couldn’t resist, I had to ask,
"who are you"
They took off their wigs
and replied,
"we are your family."

Behind the News

Students in grade 6 have begun viewing the ABC news program on Tuesdays. Students watch, take notes, discuss and complete activities based on local, national and international news stories. Recently, we had students demonstrate their models of water tanks.