Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to term 3. We have certainly had some very cold days recently in Melbourne. As can be expected we will no doubt have more cold weather. Please ensure your child is adequately dressed and ensure the uniform is worn as per the dress code.

During the holidays we had substantial work done to our web page. We would strongly recommend our college community to take part of our online services as well, for your convenience.

There has also been some positive feedback regarding Parent Teacher Interviews and student reports. If, however, you were unable to attend your interview or did not receive your child’s report, please visit the office to collect the report and make an appointment with your teachers.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new office staff member, Ms Hulya Arpaci.

Regards,
Mr. Omer Ayvaz

Hello, my name is Hulya Arpaci and I have been employed by Isik College to perform office duties on a fulltime basis. At present I am still learning and very much enjoying my new role. As with anyone who is new to a job I am faced with many challenges, however with the help of my colleagues I am sure that I will be successful and in due time be able to assist everyone a lot more than current.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank management for giving me the opportunity to experience a new path in life which so far has been a pleasure.

Ms. Hulya Z. Arpaci
Primary Secretary

The Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM) state-wide tests for year 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 31st July, 2007 and Wednesday 1st August, 2007. The AIM tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in English and mathematics. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

Early next term, you will receive your child’s personal report. This report tells you how your child is achieving compared to other students in Victoria, describes the overall achievement in English and mathematics and explains how this compares with the expected level of achievement. It will also describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

Mrs. Safak Goker
Curriculum Coordinator

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AIMS Testing

Important Dates -
- 25 July—Westpac Maths Competition
- 31 July—Gr 3 & 5 AIMS Testing begins
- 2 Aug—Gr 4 Historical Museum Excursion
- 3 August—EMA forms due
- 9 August—Athletics Carnival
- 10 Aug—Gr 3/4 ‘Sticks & Stones’ Incursion
- 15 Aug—Gr 3/4 Jump Rope for Heart
- 18 August—OPEN day
- 20 August—Science Week
- 28 August—Literacy & Numeracy Week
- 30 August—Turkish Victory Day
- 31 August—Character Parade
New Enrolment Information

The College is now taking new enrolments. Children must be five years of age or older by 30 April of the year they start school.

To enrol your child, we will need:

- evidence of your child's date of birth
- names and addresses of the child and parents, guardians and carers
- parents' phone numbers (home, work, mobile) and email addresses
- names and contact details of emergency contacts
- doctor's and dentist's names and phone numbers
- Immunisation Status Certificate
- health and welfare information (for example, does your child have asthma, diabetes, allergies, poor eyesight or hearing, specific custody arrangements)

Please visit the College office for further information and to obtain your enrolment forms soon.

Winter Carnival

The last day of term 2 was a treat for all the primary students! The Eastmeadows secondary girls campus organized and hosted a Winter Carnival. There were many activities on the day and glorious food. All the proceeds went to improving services and facilities at our College.

We would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents who helped make the day a success. Who knows what summer will bring? :)

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2007 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories OR poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

This year - there is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be given to your class teacher in by August 31st, 2007.
Gr. 4 Charity Fundraiser

As part of Religious Studies, grade 4A, 4B and 4C students organized a fundraiser, which took place during term 3 on Monday 18th June, Tuesday 19th June and Wednesday 20th June, 2007.

The purpose of the fundraiser was for all children to learn that Muslims are giving, generous and as part of our faith we like to help the poor and needy. The students donated many goodies; books, toys, jewellery, CD's, DVD games and more. An outstanding effort was made by all the grade 4’s. Now all the students need to do is decide on a Muslim humanitarian organisation to donate their funds. This will be done shortly, in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to all the staff, in particular Mrs. Emine Demet, Mrs. Rumeysa Emniyet and Ms. Ayse Yazici and to all the parents who supported the children.

A total of $806 was raised. Congratulations on all your efforts grade 4!

Mrs. Emra Han
Gr 3/4 Scripture Teacher

School Absenteeism

Statistics suggest that almost one million school days are lost to asthma each year indicating that asthma is a major health issue for young people in Australia today. Asthma continues to be the most common reason for admission to hospital for those under the age of 12 and can often be the cause of lethargy and disruption in the classroom. When asthma is well managed, quality of life improves and students can participate fully in all school activities.

Tips for good asthma management - help your child to achieve good asthma control:

- It is recommended that in consultation with their GP all students with asthma have an Asthma Action Plan. A copy should be given to the school.

- Asthma Action Plans should be updated regularly.

- If a student is experiencing asthma symptoms and taking their reliever medication excessively they should consult their GP.

- Students should know and avoid their triggers.

- Students should take additional reliever medication before and after exercise. Warming up prior to exercise and a cooling down period is also recommended.

- All students with asthma should be encouraged to recognise their own asthma symptoms and take their blue reliever medication as soon as symptoms develop.

- Parents should ensure that their children have an adequate supply of appropriate medication at school.

- It is recommended that students use a spacer when taking medication.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss asthma further, please call the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s website www.asthma.org.au
Pastoral Care

Holiday Program

During the term holidays, grade five students had a fantastic time at a day program conducted for pastoral care.

Grade five A, B, C students met and spent an entire day together. Students were taught how to cook delectable sweets, how to make friendship bands and most of all, as a part of pastoral care program, students spend quality time reading and discussing newly founded information.

Towards the end of a fabulous program, students enjoyed a large screening of a movie.

Whilst watching the selection of movies, students indulged on the sweets they prepared themselves.

All students commented positively with the experience, but were extremely tired at the end of the program and relieved to be heading home for a well earned sleep!!

Ms. Meleknur Yilmaz—Gr 5 Teacher

Read Rap

Join the Read Rap Club with other primary school-aged children and have a great time chatting about books and being among the first to check out any books, videos and CDs

Each session lasts for approximately 45 minutes and snacks and drinks are available. All sessions start at 4 pm at the following libraries:

- Last Thursday of the month at the Campbell Turnbull Library
- Last Wednesday of the month at the Coburg Library
- Second Tuesday of the month at the Fawkner Library
- Second last Wednesday of the month at the Glenroy Library

During Read Rap the children take part in any or all of the following activities:

- Looking at books relating to a particular theme of interest to the group such as humour and fantasy
- Talking about books they have recently enjoyed reading
- Borrowing new books and audio-visual materials relevant to their age and interests
- Enjoying fun book-related activities
- Learning about forthcoming book related events and activities at the Moreland City Library service

For further information, place phone Caz at the Glenroy Library on 8311 4105 or 9300 1592.

This Month's Inspirational Quote:

"The clearest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness."

- Michel de Montaigne, Essayist