Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

As we are approaching the end of Term 3, we have been very busy with various activities and projects that our staff and students have been working on.

Recently, our campus hosted a VCE English Media Issues revision day for Year 11 and Year 12 students. Organised by the Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE), the day was filled with sessions and seminars to enhance the learning of students. Students were able to receive advice from VCE examination assessors and experts in VCE English. I would like to congratulate our students for making such wonderful hosts and representing our campus in a very positive manner.

Last weekend, we held the Entrance Exams for 2008. We were very pleased with the turnout on the day, as prospective students worked hard to gain entry to our school.

As you are aware, this week is Literacy and Numeracy Week. As part of the activities for this week, we hosted a Family Games Night. This was a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the school’s events and share an enjoyable learning experience with their children. Thursday’s Media Madness night was yet another program that we held to celebrate this week.

Furthermore, included in our Values Education Guest Speakers Programme was the visit of Professor Gabrielle McMullen, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) of the Australian Catholic University. Talking to Year 9-10 students about the importance of values, she elaborated on the various ways in which key values can be implemented in one’s life. Our students have been very fortunate in the diverse range of distinguished speakers that have come in to talk to them. Next in our program is the very special visit of the Governor of Victoria.

Finally, I would like to make a few points regarding parking. Please be aware that if you need to drop your children off to school or pick them up, you need to adhere to specific regulations. It is advised that you pick your child up from the reserve across the school, while at the same time showing care not to block the entrance to the community centre. Following these important instructions will help keep all our students and all other members of the public safe.

Best wishes,

Mr. M. Koca

Values Education

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, visited ISIK College Eastmeadows Campus on Monday 20 August, 2007.

His visit was organised as part of the school’s 2007 Values Education Guest Speakers Programme. Addressing Year 9 and Year 10 students, he spoke on the topic of respect.

Defining respect as treating others with regard and placing value upon their point of view, Dr Freier discussed the indispensable nature of this value.

“Values are about how we act in the world and how we act towards each other,” he said.

“In Australia we have a multicultural and multifaith society, so it is important to respect each other.”

Having worked with Indigenous Australians as a teacher with the Queensland Education Department, Dr Freier saw, from the beginning of his working life, the importance of dialogue.

“I learned there the real importance of talking to people and having the attitude that there’s something I can learn from this situation. When you talk to people and listen to their story and their aspirations, you understand that we have similar things that make us human.

“When we dialogue, we can talk about really meaningful things. If people’s hearts are closed to each other, I don’t know if their minds can be open.”

In reference to the way social relations are ‘capitalised’ in our modern world, the Reverend Archbishop highlighted the significance of relationships.

“Once we turn everything into a deal, we stop being of value to each other. Relationships are very important.”

Discussing the relationship between faith and values, Dr Freier is convinced of the role that faith communities can play in Australia.

“If we do not have something deeper than just ourselves, we would have a very shallow life. Religion is something that takes us deeper into tradition and helps us consider others as being of value.

“Someone who has need is our neighbour. Without belief in something that is beyond themselves, it’s no surprise to me that people lack respect.”

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“This is a journey of the heart. Taking the trouble to listen is most important. Your listening to me is act of this respect. I thank you for that generous disposition.”

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Each term, ISIK Eastmeadows students focus on one essential value. Having covered Responsibility and Honesty in Semester 1, students will be concentrating on Respect and Care in Semester 2.
On Saturday 25 August, ISIK College Eastmeadows Campus hosted the Media Issues in Focus Day conducted by the Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE).

Year 11 and Year 12 English students participated in six practical workshops focusing on persuasive writing and analysis. They also participated in Exam tactics seminars geared towards preparing them for writing exam essays and received detailed assessor feedback and ‘how-to’ advice.

Each student who participated on the day received a Revision Package with an interactive DVD full of a wealth of information and resources for English issues, including practice exams, exam advice, mind maps, sample student essays and a media cuttings archive.

Overall, students who attended learned a lot and were given an invaluable opportunity to speak to very experienced teachers and assessors of VCE English.

Jim Murphy Presents one of the workshops

The Psychology excursion to the Cunningham Dax Collection was interesting. The Cunningham Dax Collection is a gallery of works from both patients who are diagnosed with a mental illness and artists who have captured the thoughts and feelings of sufferers. The benefits of the excursion will not only improve our understanding of the topic we are focusing on, but will make us appreciate the thought and effort of the artists.

Burcu Sumertas

The books can include: Text books, Novels, Picture books, Coloring books for any age group.

All books collected must be given to your SRC representative.

SRC News

SRC is collecting books to donate to Philippines, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.

In Focus: Analysis takes a lot of work!

VCE Psychology Excursion

For our Psychology class assessment, we went to visit the Cunningham Dax Art Collection. It was quite an unusual experience for us girls, the paintings were quite ironic and meaningful. When we were examining the artwork, it was very different, because none of us would have ever thought that these people can draw such portraits. The paintings were full of messages that I realized once I concentrated for ten minutes, the colours they used were sometimes dull and slightly light. Overall, the Cunningham Dax Collection experience was a great day. It made me realize how grateful I should be for my life. I would like to thank Ms. Chau for taking us to such an unforgettable experience which I will be revisiting!!

Seda Kiroglu

After the interview, however, one becomes exposed to the extent of emotional torment these individuals experience, and learn the value of every moment spent with loved ones.

Iman Zayegh 12B

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This lecture allowed us to expand our thoughts, and also provided us with the opportunity to ask questions regarding the text which we developed through our studies. Personally, I was amazed by the strength in Gaita that allowed him to discuss his past, which was full of hardship.

His ability to be open to criticism about family members who have passed away is admirable. Romulus, My Father is a biography based on character and morals which really touched our hearts. I truly encourage future Year 12 students to study Romulus, My Father. It’s amazing!

Hasret Ozturk 12A

Reading Romulus

On the evening of Wednesday 29 August, Year 12 students attended a live interview with Professor of Philosophy and author of their Year 12 text, Raimond Gaita.

As part of The Age Writers’ Festival and discussing his memoir, Romulus, My Father, Gaita’s graphic accounts of his childhood were both heart-wrenching and inspiring. His references to the characters as his ‘mother’ or ‘father’ established a realisation of the reality of the adversities they endured.

Rather than perceiving the memoir as a mere ‘story’, Gaita’s delivery brought perspective and insight to audience understanding of the conditions under which he was raised. An irrefutably, emotionally intense account of his childhood, much of the spiritual intimacy was lost when Gaita’s story was placed on paper.

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Isik College celebrated National Science Week between Monday 20th – Friday 24th of August.

The theme of this year’s science week was Antarctic Ice, where the focus was on climate change and how human actions are affecting the ice caps in Antarctica, resulting in rising sea levels and an increase in global temperatures. The week boasted a number of activities for students from years 7 to 12. The science department had organised two incursions during the week titled “Bad Science” and “Hot Ice”. Both were educational and entertaining means of enlightening our students in the area of science and its importance in everyday society.

Lunchtimes were entertaining with interactive experiments in the science laboratory, where ice cream and slime making were a hit with the students! Non-science staff also participated in the science week celebrations with a ‘Brain Break’ breakfast that included a 10 question quiz with yummy prizes. Thanks to all the teachers and students who helped make the week a success.

Winning the race was great! It was an unexpected win. We worked hard to put it together and it was difficult at times but hard work paid off!

Elif Le Son & Hayrunnisa Balcilar

Our girls enjoying the ice cream making side of science week.

Students admiring the amazing structures in the buildings of Federation Square.
### Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 4th - Friday 6th September**
Mental Health Week

**Thursday 6th September**
Media Madness Family Fun Night
6:30-8:30 in the Conference room. All Welcome.

**Friday 7th September**
10A Maths Incursion
9:45-11:15am IT Lab
10B Maths Incursion
11:40-1:10pm IT Lab

Year 11 Excursion Melbourne Theatre Company 11:45-3:15pm

**Tuesday 11th September**
7A Maths Incursion
9:45-11:15am IT Lab

7B Maths Incursion
11:40-1:10pm IT Lab

7C Maths Incursion
2pm-3:30pm IT Lab

**Monday 17th September**
9B Maths Incursion
11:40-1:10pm IT Lab

**Tuesday 18th September**
10 Specialist Maths Incursion
9-10:30pm IT Lab

9A Maths Incursion
11:40-1:10pm IT Lab

**Friday 21st September**
Last Day of term three.

### 2007 Interschool Reading Challenge

On Saturday the 11th of August, Isik College Eastmeadows Campus held the first Annual Interschool Reading Challenge. Three students from Isik College competed with three students from Sule College in answering questions from the book "The Messenger of God". The aim of the competition is to encourage students to read books and to increase their knowledge. The students from Sule College won the 2007 competition and have been awarded with an all expenses paid trip to the Pacific. Let’s see who will win the 2008 reading challenge....

### Tips for Good Mental Health from The Mental Health Foundation of Australia.

#### Give your brain a breather.
We all relax in different ways. Work out how you relax and do it regularly, not just when you need it. Remember that good sleep in very important.

#### Spend time with people you enjoy.

#### Spend time regularly with yourself, away from all demands.
Give yourself a reward for all your hard work; have a long bath, read a book, take a walk, listen to some music, take the phone off the hook.

#### Do something different.
Change your breakfast menu, begin a new sport, meet some new people, visit some new places, wear a new colour.

#### If you are worrying about something, try to stop worrying by writing the problem down or talking to someone about it
Set some new simple goals for yourself that you know you can achieve within a short time. Then set some new ones.