Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Friday was the last day for our Year 12 students, which was celebrated with a whole school assembly. I would like to congratulate our students for their hard work in preparing for the exams and in particular for finishing their secondary education on such a high note. They have set a very positive model for all other students to follow. A big thank you is also due to all our Year 12 teachers who have worked tirelessly and have given their time both after school and on weekends for the academic success of our students.

Last week, we hosted the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser, who spoke to our students about the two major issues confronting us today: climate change and obesity. He addressed the question of contributions that individuals, in particular students, can make to helping deal with these concerns. The visit was a great success.

Finally, I would like to invite all of our parents to our 10th Year Celebration. The program will be held at Melbourne Convention Centre on Monday 5 November. All ISIK College campuses will be attending this celebration as it marks an important milestone in the history of our colleges.

Best wishes,
Mr. M. Koca

Governor of Victoria Visits ISIK College

Victorian Governor, Professor David de Kretser AC visited ISIK College on Monday 22 October as part of our continuing Values Education Guest Speakers Program.

The Governor addressed two key issues which are of great importance for our day: climate change and obesity.

“Both of these issues call for us as humans to use our intelligence to recognise the importance of the issues and their long term implications, but more importantly, to demonstrate the many new career directions that will emerge from our approach to these issues,” he said.

Speaking about the way in which young people can make a contribution to the broader Australian community, the Governor encouraged students to think about themselves at different levels: locally and nationally as well as internationally.

“You need to feel comfortable with where you need to make a difference. This differs from one person to the next,” he said.

He referred to his guiding principle as displaying such behaviour to others as you would expect others to behave towards you and making the most of the abilities given to you.

“If I am talking to somebody and they have a different point of view, I try to put myself in their place and ask myself how I could come up with arguments to advocate their point of view.”

Starting with a pilot program for Year 7 students last year, our College commenced a Values Education focus for our 7-12 curriculum. In doing so, we have allocated a specific focus for each term, being Responsibility, Honesty, Respect and Caring, respectively.

Meet and talk to Years 10-12 students about current issues and the role that young people can play in their society.

Jon has been the popular presenter of the 774 ABC Melbourne Morning program. Whether it be politics, law, arts or sport, Jon investigates the issues and stories affecting Melbourne now with energy and vigour and guests from many fields.

From 11am, Jon is heard across the state with The Conversation Hour - a celebration of the richness of life that so distinguishes Victoria; its culture, its sport, and its people.

Known for his witticisms and tough questioning style, Jon knows how to keep an audience listening and immediately attracted students’ attention.

Students responded very positively to his lively manner of presentation and his eagerness to get students involved and talking.

He addressed several key issues, including the significance of keeping ourselves informed about the world around us and not being engulfed with things that have little importance.

He spoke of the fascination that people, especially young people, have with celebrities and highlighted the fact that such interest deflects attention from issues that really matter in the world.

Although he started off his talk by jokingly saying that many students may not be aware of him because he is on the AM dial, one thing is for certain - all students are now aware and have even started listening to 774 ABC!
The year 9/10 drama students of Eastmeadows campus held two evening performances of the play, Untold Stories/Gelibolu, at Melba Hall, The University of Melbourne, on Thursday, 25 October and Friday, 26 October, 2007. The students had spent most of the year’s drama classes preparing themselves for the play and were very excited and nervous in the days leading up to the event.

Long hours of rehearsals and intense preparation of props and costumes were finally put to the test. Knowing that your parents, friends and teachers were in the audience, all watching your every move, gave the girls a very good reason to give their best performances. Their performances were exceptional on both nights and despite a few minor problems, everything went smoothly.

The comments from the audience following the play were very positive and the students feel inspired to take their show on the road. They will be performing in Sydney at Sule College on Friday, November 9, 2007, before packing up their props and costumes and putting them aside until the next production.

Many thanks to all the people who supported the students. Particular thanks to Mrs. Jenion and her art students, Ms. McAlloon and Mrs. Asanova for their hard work and dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

Mrs. Jean Garcia & Ms. Emel Sener-Esen
Drama Teachers

Sun Smart

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In recent weeks year 8 students have been developing their high jump skills

Isik College and MGGS Joint project

On Friday 19 October, Melbourne Girls Grammar and ISIK College Year 9 and 10 students presented unique works as part of a jointly organised year-long project, entitled Multiculturalism: Creating Harmony or Fostering Division.

The relationship between these two schools, began in 2006 through the coordination and commitment of the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) which promotes unity through interfaith dialogue and understanding.

Building upon this relationship, this year the presented work which they jointly developed based on the theme of multiculturalism. With an emphasis on peer education, the students were given the freedom to respond to the topic without any formal structure imposed upon them by the teachers, as such, the work produced is student driven.

Students had the opportunity to have their voice heard as young leaders of tomorrow.

They presented their final projects at ISIK College, Eastmeadows Campus to an audience of parents, teachers and fellow students.

Formats for projects were wideranging including short films, collages, poems and multimedia presentations.

As part of this novel project, students from both schools came together to discuss what multiculturalism means to them as young Australians and developed ideas about how to present these to a wider audience.

This project was the product of the ISIK College's Interfaith Dialogue elective and the Body, Mind and Spirit programme at Melbourne Girls Grammar.

Dates to Remember

Monday 5th November
Curriculum day, no classes for students.

10th Anniversary of Isik College Celebration, Exhibition Centre, City. 7:30 pm

Friday 9th November
Sovereign Hill Excursion, Ballarat, Year 10 History

Monday 19th November,
Year 10-11 Exams begin.

Wednesday 21st November,
Year 12 Girls Graduation.

Exhibition of artwork from Upfield and Eastmeadows Campus continues at Hume Global Learning Centre until 22nd November.