Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

I would like to thank all of our parents who joined us for the Welcome BBQ on Sunday 25th February. These types of occasions are very important for our parents to meet teachers in an informal environment.

I would like to encourage our parents to become a member of our Parents and Friends Association; we will be sending membership forms to all of our parents. By the way, our Parent and Friends Association will be starting parent breakfasts from next week onwards. We would like to see our parents attending these breakfasts.

There are just three weeks left for the end of term 1. It is time for students to reflect on their studies and finish this term successfully. We would like to remind parents and students that we are very serious about our expectations of homework being completed. Homework is a vital part of the assessment program and is essential to learning.

One of the aims of our school this year is to increase the number of competitions our students are participating in. Some of the competitions are as follows:

- Westpac Maths Competition
- Science Talent Search
- Maths Talent Quest
- National History Challenge
- Debating Association of Victoria Schools Competition
- My future Student Video Competition
- VITTA 3 in 6 Video Competition

Mr. M. Koca

Pastoral Care Deputy Principal

2007 Welcome BBQ
Pleasant weather, familiar faces and a relaxed atmosphere were some of the things parents, teachers and students enjoyed during this year’s Welcome BBQ on Sunday the 25th of February 2007.

The Welcome BBQ is one of the numerous activities that Isik College organises to promote communication and the culture of teamwork between teachers, parents and students. The event was a success thanks to the Isik College staff that helped in organising the BBQ. The program was concluded by speeches made by the Isik College Secondary Girls Principal Mr Koca and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Selimiye Foundation, Mr Dellal.

Looking forward to seeing all our parents and students during the 2008 Welcome BBQ.

Mrs. A Koca

Dates to Remember

Monday 12th March, Labour Day Holiday.

Tuesday 13th March, 7 Art Excursion, 9:45am to 1pm National Gallery of Victoria

Thursday 15th March
Year 12 Parent Breakfast

School Counsellor

Special Notes For Adolescents #1:
TRY TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL……..

In the time of adolescence, at first glance you can think of your body as a theatrical play in that there is a different act every moment.

One day you realise you have pimples, another day there are changes in your body…

It is very important to understand these changes and to be aware of them as they take place. These are normal things that every person goes through; be patient, these things are a part of the transition to adulthood.

Be sure to learn the facts about adolescence from reliable people such as your parents or teachers and don’t be afraid to ask questions.

Ms. N. Ayvaz,

Year 9 Cadbury Schweppes Excursion
On the 26th of February we went on an excursion to the Cadbury Schweppes Beverage Manufacturing Plant. After the tour we got free drinks and chocolates, and when we were leaving we were given show bags with more drinks, chocolates and lollies in it.

Thank you to Mrs. Mehmet for organising this excursion for us. We had a lot of fun and it was a great experience.

Dilara Arar 9A
We found out how beverage drinks such as Solo, Water, Lemonade, and Gatorade are made. We were very privileged to go on this excursion and see how these products are made, as this factory is not open to the public and we were the only school to go and see the manufacturing process.

Neslihan Sert 9A

I discovered that making beverages was not such an easy process. It was interesting to see how intense and careful they have to be making these drinks. The water they used went through a lot of processes of filtering and purifying. There were so many aspects that they had to be careful of.

Kardelen Kalkan 9A

It was an amazing factory. When we got in it was just like a scene from Charlie and the Chocolate factory. There were conveyor belts with drinks on them everywhere. It was fantastic.

Selin Aydin 9A

The students have recently completed studies in acid and base chemistry, and the venue provided an educational and entertaining insight into the production of soft drinks and the importance of adjusting pH levels in order to maintain quality and flavour.

Ms. S. Mehmet.

On Thursday the 22nd of February, the Isik CSIRO representative visited year 8 science students with a hands-on session in the laboratory. Our students took part in five mini experiments where key scientific principles were addressed. The experiments included the collection of carbon dioxide bubbles from a dissolved antacid, making and testing lemon batteries, and investigating different sized sugar crystals and determining which dissolves faster.

Ms D. Helou

Year 8 students working on a mini experiment.

Elvan and Burcu working on one of the CSIRO activities.

No man was ever endowed with a right without being at the same time saddled with a responsibility.

~Gerald W. Johnson

Drama News

As part of our year 9 and 10 Drama class, students performed very interesting and humorous monologues using the skills and techniques they have acquired so far. Here’s a glimpse of our talented students in action.

Ms. E. Sener-Esen

When are you going to grow up, Kubra?

Elvan and Burcu working on one of the CSIRO activities.

Janelle, the mono-brow queen!

It’s not clean enough!

9B Students outside the Cadbury Schweppes Plant

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him.

~Booker T. Washington