Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Developing the qualities and skills required in leadership is a very important part of the education offered at our school. Another new initiative we believe will help our students develop such skills is our new mentoring program, in which we are assigning the year 9s as mentors to prep, grade 1 and grade 2 students. During these meetings, the year 9s meet with their younger counterparts, help them with their school work and practice Values Education principles. Our aim is to improve our girls' leadership skills and self confidence. We have already witnessed very pleasing results.

As part of our Values Education Program, on Monday 7 May, 2007, we welcomed the Executive Director of the Australian Multicultural Foundation, Dr. Bulent Dellal. Dr. Dellal gave a seminar to our VCE students on values education and leadership. Attending students showed keen interest during the talk, going on to pose pertinent questions to the speaker.

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Best wishes,
Mr. M. Koca

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers, I would like to welcome our new crossing attendant to Isik College. I am sure all our students, parents and teachers will make her feel welcome.

Congratulations to Ebru Efem for coming first in the singing and poetry section of the National Dilseti Competition, held in Sydney at the end of last month. Ebru will now go to Turkey to compete at an international level later in the year.

This week’s assembly also saw Ebru deliver a repeat performance of the song Degmen benim gamli, yasli gonlume before teachers and peers. We were all very impressed with her performance, and would like to wish her all the best in the forthcoming competition.

Ms. E. Boz

FIRST IN TURKISH COMPETITION

On 28th of April 2007, close to forty students of Isik College participated in the 1st Turkish Competition which was held in Sule College, Sydney. The journey was very tiring but also fun and exciting. When we arrived, we were welcomed by our previous principal Mr. Erdal Kocak, who was very pleased to see us.

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On competition day, everyone was very nervous; however, thanks to caring teachers, we were able to overcome our nervousness. The competition went for about four hours. Proudly, Isik College students were in the top three schools across all 3 categories. We were all happy to come back having experienced such success. I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to my success and made me feel so confident. Special thanks to my sister, Emel Efem, who was always there for me when I needed her...

Ebru Efem 10A
Isik College Pays Tribute on Anzac Day

On the 24th of April, Isik’s Australian History girls and SRC representatives attended the 75th Anzac Legacy Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. Built between 1928 and 1934, the Shrine was erected in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918.

ANZAC Day commemorates the 1915 landing of Australian and New Zealand forces in Gallipoli. During this anniversary day, we acknowledge all those who fought in the war.

Over 3,000 students throughout Victoria attended the commemoration (remembrance) ceremony, which included an inspirational address by the Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser. Isik students lay wreaths, and last but not least, there was the moving march of the Guard of Honour.

Isik College’s involvement on the day was significant, seeing our SRC students hand out programme brochures and rosemary sprigs, and act as official bearers of the Legacy Banner on the steps of the Shrine.

We reflected, remembered, honoured and paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of so many young Australian men and women. We also better understood the true meaning of ANZAC Day, and the importance of upholding such universal virtues as selfless sacrifice, national pride, justice, peace and goodwill.

Mrs. Nazan POLAT
Head Teacher of Humanities
Ms. Tulay Et
History Teacher

Australia History Students’ Experience:

The 75th Legacy Ceremony was a happy experience because many schools came to honour the fallen soldiers. However, it was also sad, as we remembered all the soldiers who lost their lives at Gallipoli.

I learnt interesting things as well; for example, the left side of the soldiers’ hats were folded inwards so that the hats remain steady when they salute the Guard with their rifles over their left shoulder.

I hope others had the same opportunity to visit the Shrine.

Hajir Hussein Yr10

Our visit to the Shrine was an exhilarating experience. It was amazing to see so many schools, all so enthusiastic about the whole experience.

I was one of the four students who held the Legacy banner, as we stood on the steps of the Shrine. From where I was standing, I could see the involved expression on people’s faces.

Going to the Shrine made me think about what these soldiers went through, both the ANZACs and the Turkish soldiers. It also made me feel honoured to be a Turkish Australian. I would love to go to the Shrine again, and experience the meaningful events. I recommend it to anyone interested in doing the same.

Derman Mat Yr10

Our visit to the Shrine gave me the opportunity to experience this ceremony. There were poems and speeches read. There were a lot of students from different schools who had also come to visit the Shrine.

Our Australian History teacher, Ms Et, took us to see the Shrine, which gave us the chance to be a part of the ceremony and see what the Shrine looks like inside.

Sedva Altunbaş Yr 10

Our visit to the Shrine was overwhelming, with many other schools also attending. It was exciting seeing other schools attending the Shrine because it shows us that they have not forgotten the soldiers who fought for their country.

It also gave my friends and I a chance to see the Shrine. Inside, there was a display of the many medals the soldiers had received. These medals were very important to the troops. It was a very enjoyable day and I recommend everybody attend next years’ commemoration.

Buşra Koroğlu Yr10

Mihrisah and I were lucky enough to have the honour to lay the wreaths for our school. I felt this reverence for all the soldiers who had lost their lives.

I would urge anyone and everyone to go and visit the Shrine themselves - it was too involving an occasion to depict fully here.

Ecehan.B.Gülbayrak Yr10

ISIK COLLEGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Drawing of an eye by Merve Akgoz 8A
**Year 9 students in a Forensic Frenzy**

On Monday 23rd April, the CSIRO came to our school to help us get started on our Forensic Topic for Term 2. CSIRO representatives gave us a murder scenario, setting up activities that helped us figure out who the murderer was. I really enjoyed my time in this excursion—it’s something I think I’ll remember for a long time. I would like to thank Mrs. Mehmet and Mrs. Derya for organizing it for us.

Gamze 9A

I really enjoyed this activity because I would really like to have a career in forensic science, and this gave me an idea of what I might be doing in the future. I really understood things, and had fun while I was learning.

Hanife 9A

Forensic Frenzy is a workshop for students in Years 5 - 10, in which students assume the role of forensic scientists to solve a crime. Students undertake a number of practical investigations and use a variety of strategies to solve the crime. The scenario for the crime is introduced and the students are shown the experiments. Students are issued with a logbook in which they record their findings. There are 13 activities. Students work in groups of two or three. Students groups are not expected to complete all of the experiments, but all activities are covered in the class. The data from the groups is collated by the class and students use the evidence to try to solve the problem.

**Year 11 Camp Experience**

On the morning of March 26, I, along with fellow Year 11 class mates gathered in the canteen, excitedly waiting for the bus to take us to camp. When we arrived at the camp site, we eagerly rushed off to find our cabins. My group was rostered to cook that night. Everyone enjoyed their meal, of course, and Eda’s rice was a big hit!

As Biology students, we were taken on an adventure with our new found friend, a ranger by the name of Ryan. Ryan was very friendly and taught us a lot about different ecosystems and species. He was especially eager to show us endangered grassland. He made sure we all had our cameras out to take photos of a small fenced off grass area that he spoke so fondly of. However, we were more excited to see the kangaroos and emus on our “safari” ride in the Isik College school bus.

Lights out at 11pm or else you’d be preparing the meals the next day, while everyone else was off to Squeaky Beach. Once more, we got to cook a great dinner!

All in all, the camp was a beneficial learning experience, and we had heaps of fun along the way. We’ve taken away memories that will last forever!

Yasemin Pelevan 11C

**COMPETITIONTIME**

Win…….

Prizes and Glory!

Your aim is to GIVE THE NEWSLETTER A NEW NAME!

Entries Close: Monday 4th June 2007

1st Prize a Nikon camera

Create something relevant, imaginative, catchy.
You could remodel the font and colour, too - it’s up to you!
How about A MASCOT to go with it?
You’re free to come up with one of those, also…

DROP ENTRIES IN THE NEWSLETTER COMPETITION BOX* LOCATED AT THE SECRETARY’S OFFICE
Any questions, speak to Miss. Nectaria

SOOO, GO TO IT……
2007 Parents & Friends Association committee

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We welcome all our parents to contribute to give a better future to our children. Every parent can volunteer with school work or become a member at any time.

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