Dear parents, teachers and students,

Welcome back to another academic year! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday. It is a real privilege to witness the little children in Prep arriving at school on their first day. I welcome all of our Prep students and their families, particularly those who are new to our school community.

I warmly welcome our new staff member Mrs. Amninder Kaur who will be teaching grade prep/1. Mrs. Shawkat Haider will continue teaching grade 2/3, while Mrs. Turbinder Pandher will be teaching grades 4/5/6. It is fantastic to have new people as a part of our staff team as they bring new ideas, a new level of enthusiasm and a great dynamic to our existing staff group.

With the arrival of a new year, we have made adjustments and changes to our school building and classrooms to enhance and improve student confidence, and expose students to a better school environment.

Some of the changes that have been made are as follows:
- Placed new computers in computer lab.
- Put a computer in each classroom.
- Brought a new school bus.
- Equipped all classrooms with a split system unit to accommodate for both summer and winter.
- Completed landscaping at school entrance.
- Put a sprinkler system to all trees and plants at school entrance.
- Upgraded the library, art room and general purpose room.

There are quite a number of additional things that we need to buy and undertake this year, such as buying sets of reading books for each grade compromising of all reading levels. Hence, we have formed a School Council, as it plays a significant role in fundraising, organising events and in the management of the school.

Working on School Council does give a great insight into complexities of school management. The following parents have a specific role in our School Council:
- Ganime Torun
- Furize Yamanok
- Nilüfer Eren
- Beyhan Sayik
- Unsal Doktoroglu
- Rukiye Yavuzel
- Harika Kasikci
- Sibel Gökern

Attached to the newsletter please find fees and charges for Isik College-Shepparton Campus for 2007. Please make sure that the payments for your child’s textbooks are paid before or on Wednesday 28th February, 2007 so that they can start using them.

Teachers are encouraging students to wash their hands before recess and lunch. Students need to bring a towel to school every Monday, and will bring it back home on Friday afternoons for a wash. Small towel hangers have been placed in classrooms for easy use.

On Out of Uniform Day can you please make sure that your child brings in a gold coin.

Yours Sincerely

Hatice Demirbas
ISIK College - Shepparton Campus Principal