Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have had a very eventful and remarkable short week. In previous issues of newsletter we had informed you many activities will be taking place and already we have had many that have taken place and many more yet to come.

Two very important events took place on Wednesday. The first, our Primary students hosted and performed on the very special day, the 23rd of April Children's Day. I would like to wish all our students a Happy Children's Day. My congratulations to all our Primary students for performing exceptionally well, and the LOTE Turkish teachers who helped put this very special event together. Secondly our Mothers’ Support Group had a special breakfast and shared positive ideas about bettering our school by helping our children. Other ladies that would like to join such a great group are welcome to do so and should contact Mrs. Almila Koca who is in charge of this network.

On Thursday, our Secondary students from Years 7 & 8 took part in the Gallipoli Youth Tennis Cup Finals. I have been informed that our students had an unforgettable time at Melbourne Park and they were very fortunate to take part in this memorable event. These students have also represented our college in a very positive way and have set a fine example for all which we are very proud of.

The new building is almost ready for use and awaiting our new classes of students who will be occupying these brand new rooms soon. Day by day as you would all agree our school is moving towards bigger and better developments. Most who have been with our school from the beginning would be able to see the great developments. We have been able to achieve this with all your valued support and prayers. The school community is strengthened by this positive partnership and we all acknowledge that what we want for our own child/ren we want for our neighbors as well. I would like to acknowledge the super hard work of all who have achieved the great work behind the scenes.

Another important event that we would like you all to put in your personal calendars is the Isik College Award Presentation Night that will be held on the 7th of May at Clocktower Centre. In the previous issue of newsletter you were informed about this very important evening that will help acknowledge all our Secondary school students who were deserving of the awards. In the very near future invitations will be issued to all parents whose children are recipients of these awards. It is also expected that students receiving these awards come to the ceremony in full school uniform.

We anticipate that all parents and friends will take part in this Presentation Night and look forward to seeing all our students congratulated for their achievements.

Wishing you all a pleasant, safe and restful long weekend.

Regards,

Erdal Kocak
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th May-Isik College Award Presentation Night
17th May-International Children’s Festival

“QUOTATION”

Mankind is a single body and each nation a part of that body. Mustafa Kemal ATATURK
There have been a number of clubs set up involving year 7 to 12. These clubs are to get the students involved in activities outside of the classroom and form stronger and new relationships and skills. Some of the clubs available for the students include: Photography, Drama and French Culture.
MOTHERS’ SUPPORT GROUP

MOTHERS’ DAY NIGHT

ISIK College has organized a Mothers’ Day Night. The night is going to be full of exciting items from guest speakers, songs, poems, video clips to quiz competitions, role plays as well as unlimited music from DJ Kafiye. The details of the program are as follows:

Date: 2nd May, Friday
Time: 7.00-12.00 pm
Venue: Menzies Hall Avenue, Dandenong North
Ticket price: $10

Note: There will be food and book stalls.
The tickets can be purchased from the school secretary or MSG members.
Tea, coffee and drinks will be provided for free. (Extra drinks can be purchased.)

MOTHERS’ BREAKFAST

As Mothers’ Support Group, we have started organizing breakfasts for mothers as they are the ones who deserve the best of everything. We believe these programs will give opportunities to the mothers to come together with the other mothers and share their ideas about the issues they are having difficulty to sort out or anything worth to share. MSG will also take this opportunity to talk about the aims and activities that they would like to accomplish this year, especially, this term. Breakfasts will be in between 9.30-11.00 am.

The dates of the breakfasts are as follows:

Year 7, 8 & 9 Students’ Mothers: 23 April Wednesday
Year 10, 11 & 12 Students’ Mothers: 30 April Wednesday
Primary Students’ Mothers: 7 May Wednesday

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

MSG is organizing a “Sausage Sizzle” day as fundraising activity. The details of the activity are as follows:

Date: 28 April 2008, Monday
Pricing: Sausage in roll bread: $2.50
Sausage in slice bread: $1.50
Drink: $1.00
The Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) describe what is essential for all students to achieve from Prep to 10 and are to be used as a framework in curriculum planning in Victorian schools from 2005.

In its advice to schools the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) suggests that schools need to consider educational purposes, principles and underlying social values when implementing VELS. The set of 10 values (drawn from the Draft National Framework on Values Education in Australian Schools) – respect, tolerance and understanding, responsibility, care, excellence, social justice, freedom, honesty, inclusion and trust and being ethical – are not proposed to be the subject of specific, stand alone teaching or the focus of assessment of individual students. Instead they help frame five educational principles that underpin VELS: learning for all, pursuit of excellence, engagement and effort, respect for evidence and openness of mind.

As a result, Isik College will be implementing a values education program that will enable students to become better citizens within our school and the greater community. In Term 2, the value we will be focusing on is **RESPECT**.