Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. We hope that all our students have done extremely well and are going to have a well deserved rest and come back to term two ready and refreshed.

We have a longer term awaiting us with many more interesting and wonderful programs to offer and deliver to students. This term has been fruitful and much has been achieved in a very short time. We urge and encourage all our students to take part in the holiday programs organized by their pastoral care teachers and utilize their holiday break to rest, have a good time and revise and get ready for term two.

Our new and old students have settled in well but again we urge all our students to review their behavior and academic progress and hope that they will all come back with a determined attitude to excel in their studies and display behavior of great excellence and merit. We congratulate their progress to date and wish for better in the very near future.

In undertaking so many of the programs at our school we have had the help and support of all our parents and friends. I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and congratulations to you all who make our school a better one with your wonderful support and prayers. We have so much to look forward to and achieve. We will all benefit from working together with one vision and motive in mind; a fine education for our children.

In previous newsletters we have visited many of the topics that help make our students achieve the very best for themselves and their communities. We will only be very proud and happy to pass on the flame of Isik College to them after having provided for them the tools which will help them in turn serve their communities in a benevolent and caring manner. We will all be very proud and inspired in the very near future.

I wish to extend my gratitude to all my teaching and non-teaching staff who has worked very hard this term in getting our students organized and focused for this year.

This week on Wednesday was the ‘Mawlidin Nabi –Noble Birth of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh). I wish to extend my congratulations to all our school community again and happy Kandil to everyone.

In addition this Friday is Easter Friday and following that will be Easter during the holidays. I also extend my good wishes to all our Christian friends on their religious festival of Easter and wish them and their families a safe and happy Easter.

Finally I take the opportunity to wish all the Isik family, colleagues, parents, friends and dear students a safe and restful term break.

I look forward to seeing all refreshed, ready for a longer and busy term after the holidays.

Regards,

Erdal Kocak
Principal
21st March till 8th April—Term 1 Break

7th April - Curriculum Day

25th April—Anzac Day

9th June—Queen’s Birthday Holiday

16th to 18th June—Grade 5 & 6 Camp

20th June—Term 2 Ends

14th July—Curriculum Day

15th July—Term 3 Starts

19th September—Term 3 Ends

6th October—Curriculum Day

7th October—Term 4 Starts

3rd November—Melbourne Cup

5th December—Term 4 Finishes

30th January 2009—Term 1 Starts
It started with a question: *How can we inspire people to take action on climate change?*

The answer: *Ask the people of Sydney to turn off their lights for one hour.*

On 31 March 2007, 2.2 million people and 2100 Sydney businesses turned off their lights for one hour - Earth Hour. If the greenhouse reduction achieved in the Sydney CBD during Earth Hour was sustained for a year, it would be equivalent to taking 48,616 cars off the road for a year.

With icons like the Harbour Bridge and Opera House turning their lights off, and unique events, the world took notice. Inspired by the collective effort of millions of Sydneysiders, many major cities around the globe are joining Earth Hour in 2008.

It is now our turn to help take action on climate change. On Saturday March 29th 2008 at 8pm Melbourne will turn off its lights for 1 hour to help reduce CO2 emissions.

---

**60 Earth Hour.**

It all started on the 21st of March 2007, the 60 Earth Hours. It was first started in Sydney but eventually it has spread around the whole world.

The 60 Earth Hour is about saving energy and creating less global warming. This year it is on the 29th of March 2008 at 8.00 to 9.00pm. To participate in this we have to try to turn off our electricity for example, turn off everything like your televisions. By ‘everything’ I mean what your not using. Some people say, “I’m just one person, so I don’t have to participate,” but every ‘off switch’ helps.

Anika Khan

**60 Earth Hour**

60 Earth hour is on March 29th, It originated on March 31st 2007 in Sydney. It is a day when people turn off electrical appliances that they are using. This day has spread worldwide, 10.2% of energy was saved last year. Upto 2.2 million people turned off electricity on this day.

Enes Grade 5/6

**60 World Hour**

60 World Hour is an operation set on March 29. It is to help lessen our global warming by saving energy. It was first created in Sydney, Australia on 31st March 2007. This year our goal is to turn off all possible electricity in the house, for example the computer, television, etc.

Talia Koca
Mothers-Daughters Cruise on the Yarra

MSG has organized a Yarra Trip in coordination with Pastoral Care Department especially for the working mothers as they are busy during weekdays and could not attend the previous one. Mothers & daughters can join along the party and have unforgettable memories and brighten up the holidays. The details of the activity are as follows:

Date: 29th March 2008, Saturday

Departure: 11.00am (sharp!) from the school (the actual boat cruise starts at 12.30pm)

Arrival: 5.00 pm to school

Transport: School Bus

Price: $20

Note:
- Tickets can be purchased from the Pastoral Care Teachers.
- You can bring a plate to share with others.

GOZLEME DAY

We had another gozleme day. It was a great success and we have raised $932. We would like to thank our committed MSG members and other parents who came to help out and worked tirelessly on that very hot day.

CRUISE ON THE YARRA

14th March Friday, Isik College parents had cruise on the Yarra River. 35 parents have participated. Group had shopping at MYER and then cruise on Yarra River. It was a great fun. We hope to see other parents in future activities
**Term 2—Parent Teacher Interviews**

Just a reminder to parents, Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the second week of Term 2. Years 7-9 interviews will be on Tuesday 15th of April 4 p.m.– 6 p.m. And, years 10-12 interviews will be held on Wednesday 16th of April from 4 p.m.– 6 p.m. Please note that these interviews will be appointment based, and parents who wish to see a teacher will need to make appointments first week back in term 2. We look forward to seeing you all.

Tuesday 15th April (4 p.m.—6 p.m.) — Years 7-9
Wednesday 16th April (4 p.m.—6 p.m.) - Years 10-12

**Appointments must be made Week 1 of Term 2**

---

**Students of the Week 7**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prep</td>
<td>Marena Aladin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 1</td>
<td>Jamal Safi, Sibel Balcioglu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 2</td>
<td>Ceyda Ergec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 2/3</td>
<td>Sehra Aladin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 4</td>
<td>Brianna Demiri</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 5</td>
<td>Melis Baran</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 5/6</td>
<td>Anika Khan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grade 6</td>
<td>Isil Alcan</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>