Dear Parents,

We have successfully started 2008 educational year. The school is fast growing and this has lead to the opening of a new class. We have three new teachers this year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Umit Ozturk; the Vice Principal and Turkish teacher, Mr. Tony Whitmore; ESL teacher (English as a Second Language) and Counselor and Mrs. Catherine Dickens appointed the new grade 1 / 2 classroom teacher. We wish them success.

The school has set up a new computer lab with the latest technology for our student's. No expense has been spared in providing our students with the best resources which includes teachers and equipment. As usual our newsletters will be published this year. Newsletters are a medium for parents to find out about what's happening at school. Our Swimming program has started and is running every Wednesday for 10 executive weeks. Please ensure your child's name is written on uniforms and children are wearing correct uniform. This means that if it is not a sports day, children are not permitted to wear sports shoes.

Student's have been supplied with books and stationary. School fee payments can be made to the school office at your earliest convenience.

A reminder also with Speech Pathology services, they are continuing as per usual and parents who wish to see the speech pathologist can arrange a meeting on Friday afternoons.

Regards,
Ali Goru
Principal

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**KEY DATES**

**Wednesday's 20th Feb – 19th March**—Swimming Program

**Monday, March 10th**—Labour Day—No school

**Thursday, 20th March**—Last day of Term 1

**Monday 28th April**—School Photo Day
Grade Prep

A Big hello! And welcome to all our existing and new families.
The grade preps have had a great start to their formal educational lives, and it’s great to see that they are all very happy.
It is a long day for them, considering what it was like at kinder and at home. However, each and everyone are doing a fantastic job.
We are getting better at our daily routines like hanging bags, sorting out our homework bags and remembering days of the week. Homework has been 100% with all preps doing the requirements each night.
This term we are focussing on literacy skills—recognition of letters/sounds, reading beginning numeracy skills and, our integrated topic is ‘All about me’.
Thank you to all the families who sent in a bottle of liquid handwash and a box of tissues. The prep grade will use these supplies throughout the year, I will send a note home for when the supplies get low again.
All preps need (waterproof) art smock our art lessons are on Wednesday’s (fortnightly).
Just a reminder, please check and sign diaries, reading log books each day. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to communicate via the diaries or, if you need to see me Wednesday’s are a good day as I do not go on the bus. If so please let me know in advance as this is our staff meeting day.

Bye for now,

Mrs. K

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the year and I would like to thank everyone for making me feel very welcome at ISIK College. After teaching at a Primary school with 750 students, I am enjoying being part of a small school community.

The grade one and two children have take-home readers that they should be reading with a parent every night. One page from their homework book is to be completed each night as well as spelling words. This children will have a spelling test on Mondays. This term we are studying ‘Australia’ as part of our integrated unit. We are looking at the map of Australia, the flag, songs and native Australian animals. The children will be producing a variety of Australian themed artworks this term.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and they have a school hat. We are a sun smart school and have a ‘no hat, no play’ policy.

I am looking forward to meeting more families over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,
Catherine Dickens.
Grade Two / Three

Dear Parents/Guardians;
Welcome to all new and existing parents. We have started the year with enthusiasms. I have started to write small notes in the diary. Please read the notes and sign the diary every night after you have checked the homework and listened to your child read. If you have any questions please write in the diary. All students are required to bring a box of tissues each term and liquid soap if you wish. The students wash their hands before recess and lunch. All students will need to bring a photo to complete an activity. There are too many students in the grade complaining of not being able to see the writing on the board even though some of them are sitting at the front of the room. Please have your child’s eyes checked ASAP.

The swimming program has started on the 20th of February. The program will last for ten weeks. Students will come to school wearing their swimming gear underneath their uniform. In a spare bag they will need to have their spare clothes, brush and towel. The swimming lesson is for one hour. The students who do not attend swimming lessons will be kept at school with another grade. Students are required to be in full uniform at all times. Uniforms should be clean and ironed. If a student is out of uniform, the student will need to bring in a note stating the reason and signed by the parent. Female students who have long hair should have their hair plaited to prevent head lice. I hope hygiene will not be an issue in the grade 2/3. Students should have regular showers/bath and brush their teeth every morning before coming to school. Please check your child’s hair regularly and if a student does happen to have head lice he/she should not come to school until it is thoroughly cleaned. I have noticed that majority of the students have too much junk food in their lunch boxes. Please try to alternate the student’s snacks and lunches.

This term we will be looking at the topic Australia and Australian animals. If you visit your local library, it would be great if you could borrow books on the topic. Students could bring these books to the grade to share with their peers. We will look at marsupials. Students may bring in a USB stick to use in the computer lab. They will save their work onto it. This is not a compulsory item. Students also need to have a dictionary at school, as some of the classroom work requires students to use a dictionary. I do recommend Oxford The Australian Students Colour Dictionary. It comes in hard and soft cover. You can purchase it from Angus and Robertson, Office works, K-mart and Target.

Regards
Ms Nesrin Gocmen.

Grade Four

Dear Parents:
Welcome to the 2008 school year. Welcome back to previous students and to the new students and their families.

This term students are attending swimming as part of the Health and PE program. Students that are not attending will be staying back at school and completing work given by the classroom teacher. On swimming days (Wednesday) students will need to wear their sports uniform.

DIARIES: Information is written in students diary daily, please read and sign the diary daily. Please also use your child’s diary to communicate to myself about any concern or information that you wish to inform me about.

HOMEWORK: Students are required to complete homework nightly. Information on what needs to be completed will be written in the school diary.

SPELLING: Each night four words need to be put into sentences. Up till now I have accepted short sentences but feel that because students are now in grade 4 they need to expand them and add more meaning. One student is currently words into a short story each night. It makes for an interesting read and I am sure it is more exciting than simply writing sentences.

This term students are learning about communication and how it has changed over time. They have currently looked at previous and current tools, a time line of their creation along with designing their own alphabet. This is being looked at in ICT, Science and SOSE.

In other subjects, Maths and English, students have recently completed a variety of assessment tasks which helps identify their strengths and weaknesses, Since the completion of these assessment the students have been working very hard trying to get back into the school routine.

Well Done Grade 4
Have a great year,
Ms. Natalie Todeschini
Dear Parents:

Welcome back to a new scholastic year. I would like to extend a special welcome to the new families to our school.

The children are starting to settle into a routine and are beginning to become acquainted with the requirements for this year level. This term we are looking at Australian migration and the contribution that migrants have made to Australia. I have borrowed some books from the local library, and have been reading short stories about different people who have migrated to Australia from 1900 till now. I have also personally spoken about my experiences in regards to my family’s journey and how we coped those first few years being away from all our extended family; and the difficulties to coming to a country where we did not know the language. If you yourself have migrated from another country, please talk to your child about your experiences, as I have noticed they really enjoy listening about it, especially they find it fascinating how different things were in Melbourne in the past, as compare to now. At the end of the unit, I would like them to write a migration biography of one of their family members.

Please ensure that diaries are signed every day, as this indicates to me that parents have been reading the notes in the diary. I am getting a few children whose diaries are not being signed on a constant basis. Also please check that your child’s homework is completed, as I am getting some homework which has not been fully completed, especially the Momentum sheets that students take home for weekend homework.

On the 20th of February, students are starting swimming lessons. This is part of their physical education program for this term and part of term 2, therefore students will not be having PE on Fridays for the duration of swimming. They need to wear their sport uniform on Wednesday not on Friday during this time. Students who are not going swimming they will be doing a project on water safety.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Sandra Presa

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