Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

During the last few weeks Management at the College have spent a considerable amount of time interviewing current and new staff for the positions next year. This has been a very difficult and exhausting task due to our growth and various other changes. Congratulations to Mrs Nazan Zengin and Mrs Sevde Serbetci, as each of their contracts have been extended for 2009. Mrs. Nuray Tasci will also be returning from maternity leave. The College has appointed new staff members in the LOTE and RE departments too, with the addition of Mrs. Sinik and Mrs. Polat. We can assure parents they will be very pleased with the staff we have chosen for next year.

As we come to the conclusion of another year, I’d like to take the opportunity to say a few goodbyes and thanks. We wish Mrs. Esra Dogan all the best in her new position at the Secondary school and thank her for the many years she has contributed in the LOTE and RE department. A big thankyou to Ms. Ilkay Yagcioglu for her efforts with the grade 2’s this year. Best wishes to Ms. Meleknur Yilmaz on her matrimony and good luck at Sule College. Finally, a warm and special farewell to Mr and Mrs Ayvaz who will take up a great opportunity at Burc College, in Adelaide. We hope that they will all keep ties with Isik College and wish them every success in their new journey. On this note, I wish to announce and welcome our new principal Mr. Ali Goru. We look forward to working collaboratively and building the profile of our College.

Also, many thanks to our pioneer Parents’ Club this year. The small but friendly group of mums have contributed to school events on a few events. They have demonstrated a huge commitment and excitement as we gear up for our huge ‘End of Year Carnival’. I am confident we will grow into a more productive and vibrant network in the future. I take this opportunity to inform our families as of next year we will also be developing a PR program - Parent Representative per class. The PR will work together with the class teacher to improve home and school support, special events and communication. Further details will be provided early next year.

2009 CAMPS
I wish to announce that as of next year the College will be extending Outdoor Education programs. This means we will be providing camping experiences for grade 3-6. At present we require all current grade 5 students to finalise their Canberra camp deposits before the end of term. This is an important camp which is integrated into our Civics and Citizenship unit in term 1. All students are highly recommended to attend camps. Experience tells us that many students develop a wide range of skills during camps, such as social, emotional and resiliency.

UNIFORMS
A reminder to all families, that if you have lost or require second hand uniform items please visit the office before the end of term, as we will be recycling/donating any items left uncollected. For new purchases, visit Fountain Bookshop or place an order if stock is unavailable in your size. We should like to see all our students wearing the summer uniform in term 1, 2009.

The holidays are a great time for unwinding and for families to engage in different learning strategies outdoors and at home. Young learners will require reinforcements of basic skills learnt at school. With older children, the newspaper is a great resource. There are many fun and educational family activities to keep the learning alive such as cooking, reading, shopping and playing board games. We expect our students to return to school more excited and mature for the new year.

Finally, I should like to wish all our grade 6 graduates every success and happiness in secondary school. We are looking forward to the graduation ceremony on Thursday night.

Eid-Mubarak and happy new year.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han
On Friday the 21st of November students in the Volleyball Open, Volleyball Girls and Rounders Open team played their finals match at Gladstone Views Primary School.

Rounders Isik Open team played against Aitken College and lost 14 - 2.
Volleyball Girls Isik team won against Gladstone Views 2 sets to 1.
Volleyball Open Isik team won against Westmeadows 2 sets to 0.

We are very proud of our students achievements and the great sportsmanship they showed on the day.

I’d like to thank Mrs Arzu Bardiz for all her effort with the Volleyball teams and thankyou to Mr Yilmaz and Mrs Nuray Tasci who helped out on the day.

Ms. Medine Cilek, Sports Coordinator

Above : Hazel Guler accepting the award on behalf of the girls team.

Above : The girls in action!

The boys volleyball team celebrating their
The Grade 5 students had an exciting time at CERES, an environmental and educational park located in Brunswick. This term the grade 5's have been studying issues related to the environment such as pollution and recycling. The excursion provided students the opportunity to test water pollution at Merri Creek, explore a compost bin and recycle paper. Here are some snap shots from our day!

Students took part in many interactive and hands on experiments. They participated in a paper making session, testing the water quality of the local creek, finding worms and many more. The activities definitely captured the interest of all students. By the end of the day all of the students and teachers were tired. The grade 5 teachers were exceptionally pleased about the behaviour and team work of the children. They made us proud and what a fantastic way it was to end the year!
The Grade 4 Pastoral Care Department organized a mother-daughter picnic on Tuesday 25th of November at Jack Roper Reserve, straight after school.

Grade 4 parents had the opportunity to meet and socialise with their daughter’s friends and other parents. We all enjoyed the picnic very much and had a wonderful time together.

Mrs. Nurdan Ayvaz & Mrs. Sevgi Turkmen

Above : Egg and sack races.
Left : Lots of yummy food & good company.

Library Reminders

All library books must now be returned to the library as soon as possible for our annual stocktake. If there are any outstanding library books you will not be able to collect your child’s report unless the book is returned or the cost for the book is paid to the Librarians.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

Mrs. Sonmez Okten & Mr. Phillippe Dezilwa
On Tuesday the 25th of November the Grade 5 students went on not one but, two excursions! We went to the Botanical Gardens and Science works. First we went to the Botanical Gardens and we saw different types of trees, for example palm trees and bamboo plants. It was interesting to discover that some plants were originally from another country. I really liked the New Zealand house plants because they were beautiful.

After recess we left the Botanical Gardens and went to ScienceWorks. I always like going to ScienceWorks because I enjoy playing and experimenting in the games. They are really fun and educational too! We watched a movie about stars and planets in the Planetarium. After the movie finished we got the chance to make pictures from the stars. I enjoyed making pictures from the stars. I had a great day out!
The grade 6 soccer team just recently went to Queensland to take part in the Vikings Futsal Soccer Tournament. The boys had a fantastic time taking part in the tournament and we wish to extend a big thankyou Mr Yilmaz, Mr Tekin, Mr Avci and Mr Gultekin for all their help and effort with the team.

Ms. Medine Cilek, Sports Coordinator

On Thursday the 13th of November we departed to Queensland. The next day we had two matches, the first match we played was Launceston and we won 11 - 1. Our next game we played Mountain Creek and we lost 5 - 2. Then we went back to our lodges. On Saturday we played three games, the first match we played Jindalee and we lost 8 - 3. Our next games we played Woloongbar and we won 10 - 1. Our third match we played Scotthead and we won 19 - 2, then we went back to our lodges. On Sunday we played Bli Bli and we lost 4 - 3 and then we made it to the semi finals. We played Jindalee and we lost 4 - 1. On the 17th of November we arrived in Melbourne at 6.30 pm.

Thankyou to coach Mr. Mehmet Yilmaz, Mr. Metin, Mr. Secgin, Mr. Omer and Miss Cilek for arranging it and encouraging all of us.

Emre Onur, 6C

Above : 1. Our proud soccer team. 2. The boys in red and white ready for action. 3. All work and no play—no way!