Dear Parents & Friends,

A warm welcome back to everyone. Term 2 has begun with students settling in well. It is for us a very busy and exciting term with activities such as the Grade 5 camp, Education Week, LOTE Week, National Assessments for Gr 3 and 5’s and Open Day—just to name a few. The weeks will no doubt fly by.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to a newly appointed Teacher’s Aide—Mrs. Serife Le Son. She will be working closely with the Prep team. On this note, I must state our Aide’s always display a great sense of purpose and enthusiasm in their role within the College. Thank you!

The feedback from some of the staff and parents regarding the Interim Parent-Teacher Interviews were mostly positive. It is always essential to keep parent and teacher communications regular and productive. Should you require any further meetings to discuss issues or concerns, I would advise an appointment be made.

It is also quite alarming to see the number of children being dropped off to school so early and picked up rather later (sometimes after 5pm!). I wish to inform all parents to genuinely consider the well being of their children, as teaching staff only supervise children during school hours. I would strongly recommend you to enroll your child/ren to Before & After-school Care.

Student Safety Reminder

In the interest of the children’s safety, students are only permitted to play on the playground during recess and lunchtimes where teacher supervision is present.

Students do not access play equipment before or after school hours.

Before & Afterschool Care Program

We are pleased to inform families that the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is now available. Beforeschool Care operates between 7.30-8.45am and Afterschool Care between 3.30-6pm on the college premises. Please enrol your child as numbers are limited.

Canteen & Cafeteria Arrangements

At the end of term 1 we announced students in Prep, Grade 1 and 2 will have restricted access to the canteen. This term students are not permitted to go to the canteen. Students must make a lunch order only. Icecreams will not be available as of May until the end of term 3. Other foods are to be provided from home. Elder siblings are strongly advised not to make purchases on behalf of their younger brothers and sisters.

Winter Uniform

The cold weather is creeping up and therefore it is now time students wear the winter uniform. On very cold days students are permitted to wear their own coats. However, scarves & beanies must be College colours—navy, burgundy, white. Please remember boots are not permitted.

Mobile Phones

A reminder to all parents and students that mobile phones are not permitted at school. If there is ever a need, a parent letter must be provided to the classroom teacher, whereby s/he will safe keep it until the end of the day.

Regards,

Ms Evla Han
School Canteen

Price changes have been made to the following canteen items:

• Chicken Burger $3.00
• Yoghurt Drink (Ayran) $1.50
• Juiceman Orange $1.20
  • Juiceman Apple $1.20
  • Juiceman Apple & Blackcurrant $1.20

Lunch

It’s soul-destroying if you discover your beautifully prepared lunch is going straight in the bin each day. The solution is to make lunches as interesting as possible and try a different approach if a problem arises.

Quick tips

• Choose a variety of bread, such as rolls, Lebanese bread, pita, bagels etc, preferably wholegrain, wholemeal or high fibre.
• Choose low-fat meats and fillings.
• Include a frozen bottle of water. It will still be cold at lunchtime, and keep the food cool too.
• Try to include at least one piece of fruit and one dairy product every day.

Harmony Week

We all enjoyed celebrating and promoting the diversity and happiness during Harmony Week activities. The students & teachers brightened up the college with their lovely orange clothing last term.

- Mother’s Day -
Surprise Mum with a beautiful gift that you can purchase from our Mother’s Day stall. Our stall is held in the Primary Art Room daily during recess and Lunch during 5th—9th May.
Why not Donate!

As the rainy, cold days near so too does the wet day timetable where students stay indoors during recess and lunchtimes. During such times, students need to be occupied with games and art activities so they experience meaningful play and experimentation of creativity.

To ensure that students are exposed to more activities relies on donations that come from unused items around the home.

Please donate materials that are no longer in use to our school so that we can utilize them in this meaningful way.

NB: Please drop items off into the Art Room to Mrs G. Ayvaz.

Items that can be donated include:
- Games & gameboards
- Toys & figurines
- Wool & Plastic string
- Egg cartons & cardboard boxes
- Foil & glad wrap rolls
- Icy pole sticks
- Beads & buttons
- Foam
- Decorative paper
- Paper plates & paper bags
- Ribbons & lace

We look forward to your valuable contributions. Thank you.

In our Integrated Studies subject the Grade fours studied various places of Melbourne. Students were required to construct a 3D model of one of the Attractions that they studied. The students put a lot of effort into their projects as the outcome was fabulous. Melbourne has come alive with the miniature sites of this wonderful city.

Old Melbourne Jail  By Cem

The Eureka Tower  By Salih

Royal Melbourne Zoo  By Gizem

New Library Books

Leaders  (994.04 FER)
Storms Of the Sea Hurricanes  (551.55 ROT)
Faces Of The Sky Clouds  (551.57 MAR)
Microscopic Life  (579 WAL)
Inside A Telephone  (621.385 BAS)
Heros & Adventurers  (910.92FER)
Sport Stars  (796.0994 LLE)
Chemicals & Change  (541.3 PAR)
Forces & Motion  (531 PAR)
Heat & Energy  (536 PAR)
Light  (535 PAR)
I want to be an Olympian  (CAR)
Grade 5 Camp
Phillip Island
This term the Grade 6 students are inquiring on a unit based on Indonesia. We will be looking closely at the geography, environment & people and cultures. Our camp excursion to the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra already gave us a taste of things that we will ponder into later on. So far we have learnt the major islands—Sumatra, Kalimantan, Java, Sulawesi, Bali and a little bit of the Bahasa Indonesia—the official language of Indonesia.

**Imax and Melbourne Museum**

In Term 1 students’ in Year 5 investigated Antarctica as a part of the Integrated studies Curriculum. They enjoyed studying the wildlife, the different explorers that have visited Antarctica and the natural habitat. On the date students went to Imax to view two films based on Antarctica. They really enjoyed watching ‘Antarctica’ and ‘Ernest Shackleton’ who is a famous Australian explorer of Antarctica.

The students also had the opportunity to visit the museum on the day. They enjoyed looking at the insects and dinosaur fossils.

As a part of the assessment for this topic students had to create a 3D game board for other students to play with. We were very impressed with the outstanding effort shown by the students.

Grade 5 Teachers.
For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa.

This year students from grade 3 to 6 will participate in the International Competitions and Assessments.

ICAS is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). EAA is a not for profit organisation owned by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score as well as their average compared with the rest of the students in the state/region. The student report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes in the ICAS they participate in.

Test dates are as follows:

- **Writing Test** - 12 June 2008
- **Spelling Test** - 12 June 2008
- **Mathematics** - 29 July 2008
- **English Test** - 12 August

Good luck to our students!  

Mrs. Safak Goker-Kamisci

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In Turkey, Children’s Day has been celebrated on April 23rd since 1935. It originated from the first gathering of Grand National Assembly on April 23rd, 1920, during the Turkish Independence War.

On April 23rd children from around the world come to Turkey. They’re hosted by families who have children of a similar age. Festivities last over a week and the visiting and Turkish children spend a lot of time together. Many children, often not even speaking the same language, create lifelong friendships. Several of the events are broadcast on television, showing the children in their traditional national outfits, dancing, singing and exchanging gifts.

Every year on April 23rd, the seats of Parliament are held by children, and a child becomes President for a day. The child President delivers a speech on national television.

At Isik College we too celebrated the 23rd of April with a yummy treat of fairy floss and entertained by a funny clown called Cindy. Our students entertained each other marking the event with poems, songs and folklore dancing.

The Isik College family would like to thank our Turkish and Lote Teachers who made the day a success for all.