Dear Parents & Friends,

We have come to another critical period in the term. This is the time where many of our students and teachers will be working towards assessments for the reporting period. I hope that all our children will persevere and continue to do their personal best.

It has been terrific to see the growing interest of the wider community with our school. The number of visitors during our Open day certainly was most pleasing. We have been receiving enrolment applications for 2009 Preps and other year levels. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending Isik College please encourage them to contact the school.

At this time of the year, some of our parents and students plan an overseas trip. It is recommended parents advise teachers as soon as possible and ensure necessary forms are returned. I’d like to announce that Mrs. Halide Atasay will be taking her long service leave just before the end of term. She will be away on a family trip overseas and will return teaching Prep B in term 4. We anticipate, Mrs Merzem Yalciner will be returning from maternity leave and joining the Prep team. I am also pleased to reveal the appointment of a new school nurse, Mrs. Nurdan Ors, who commenced her duties as of May 26th.

Quite recently, Isik College held a special program for VCE students at the Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds. On behalf of the primary campus, I’d like to extend congratulations and wish all our graduates every success in their tertiary studies.

Last week we launched the Primary Parents Club. I was pleased with the interest of the mothers and would also encourage any fathers or grandparents to attend. It was an interesting meeting and we did get to formulate some aims and objectives. We aim to build a strong and healthy social network, develop school and community based projects and also provide an avenue for parents to voice concerns. However, it must be clear that we are not a school council. Please remember our next meeting will be held on 11th June at 2pm in the C building rooms.

Finally, it has come to our attention that many children are coming to school with footy and Tazo cards. However, we have experienced that such cards are causing problems in the school yard and are also affecting student learning. Please be aware footy and Tazo cards are no longer permitted at school.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

Working with Children Checks

In 2006 the Victorian government introduced a new system to help protect minors. At Isik College any parent volunteer who assists staff on a regular basis will need to apply for a check as soon as possible & inform the office. Applications are available at any post office.

Uniform Passes

Isik College is a uniformed school. Students in uniform represent our college and its values. Parents are reminded to provide their children with a written note to the teacher, so that teachers may provide Uniform Passes.

Family Matters

In the best interest of our children, we advise separated families to provide up to date information to help us provide care and continuity for their children.
Students’ from Isik College participated in the annual cross country run held at West Meadows Heights Primary School. The weather was not the best on the day but our students tried their best. Well done to all the students who participated in the run and congratulations to Furkan Turkoz who came third in the 3000m run. He will represent the school on the 28th of May at Brimbank Park for the zone competition.
Once again we’ve had a highly successful Book fair in 2008. We would like to thank all our students, parents and staff for their interest and support of this event which has become an annual highlight of the school calendar. A special thanks to Mrs Pulic and Mrs Halise for all their time and organisation.

Above: Grade 1’s thrilled to see so many books!

Left: Mrs. Guneysu is finding it difficult to make up her mind! What would her students be interested in listening to?

Below: Emine, Salih and a few other boys seem to be very interested in the flashy critter pens

Do you have Eftpos?
My daughter would love this!

I wonder what mum would say to this??

Do these students appear to be more interested in stationary than books?
Dear Community,

It was fantastic to observe the positive energy within our college during Education Week. Our students participated in a number of fun activities, celebrating their learning and achievements. The Grade 1s and 2s particularly enjoyed the special sports day and the hands-on activities in their classrooms. The performances by the Grade 5s were absolutely wonderful to watch. It highlighted the creativity of our students and displayed fantastic teamwork and respect amongst students in our college. These students are ought to be congratulated for their fine talents and efforts. Well done!

As a College we value parent involvement in your child’s education and within our school community. We have many forums where parents may do this and encourage you to take the opportunities available for this to occur. The College believes home-school partnerships are vital to our students’ learning and this partnership facilitates the development of each child. We value the wonderful efforts of our parent community in assisting their children with their home studies and with following through on other issues. At this point, I'd like to stress the importance of daily reading as this plays a pivotal role in the development of children, especially in the early years when children are learning to read. I have included a number of helpful strategies for you to use when reading with your child.

**Reading Strategies:**

1. **Sounding out** the word. eg - bat, can, stop, went (Remember not all words can be sounded out).

2. Look at the **pictures** to help.

3. Say the **first sound or letter blend** (eg st, pl, tr, sc, etc)

4. Look for **smaller words/sounds** in the word. eg – twist, plant, camping, fishing, teeth, etc.

5. Break the word into **chunks/syllables**. eg – hos/pit/al, im/por/tant.

Use one or more of the above, then **read on to the end of the sentence**. Use the words in the rest of the sentence to help.

Please remember to celebrate **what your child has achieved and encourage them to be confident**, rather than focusing on what they haven’t got right. Also, ensure that reading time is an enjoyable time, away from distractions. Enjoy your reading.

In education,

*Mrs. Kevser Kilic*

Grade 1-2 Coordinator.
The Zoo that comes to You!

As part of the grade 4 Endangered Species unit of work Wild Action Zoo came to Isik College. The students had the opportunity to meet and touch some slippery, slimy and scary creatures.

The grade 4 Pastoral Care girls had a special Mother's Day program. We gave our Mums a rose each for their endless love and all their efforts.

Mrs. Nurdan Ayvaz

The Epilepsy Trivia Challenge runs every second year at Isik College. Students in grades 3-6 earlier this month took the opportunity to take the Epilepsy Foundation Trivia Challenge. Students worked in teams to complete 100 questions in less than an hour. The aims of the Challenge is to increase students' understanding of epilepsy and also do a bit of brain gym. Students were also encouraged to make a gold coin donation for further research at the Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria. Thank you to the children and families for their support, we collected just over $200.

Mrs. Ozlem Bayram
Trivia Coordinator

Have a go at some sample Trivia Questions:

1. How many queen bees are there in a hive?
2. Smog is a blended word of which two words?
3. If today is June 29th, what day is the day after tomorrow?
Parents and members of the community were welcome to visit the College. There were lots of families pleased with the new facilities and the classrooms. Isik College staff members had the opportunity to talk with parents and answer any questions they may have regarding our school. There were lots of families pleased with the new facilities and the classrooms.
Inside Interviews

During Education Week some students in grade 6 had the opportunity to interview other professionals who are not always at the front scene, but always providing their services in our school. Staff we just couldn’t do without! Students initially had to carefully think about their interview questions and also make an appointment to conduct meetings. Sevcan and Ayse in grade 6A, both took the job very serious and dressed up as journalists interviewing Mrs. Sonmez Okten, our librarian. Yakup and Ayse in 6B took the opportunity to interview Mrs. Nurdan Ayvaz, the Welfare Counsellor. We trust the students gained an insight into other school based careers. Keep your eye out on the display boards in the corridors for more details about our interviews :)

A rhyming poem by Revan & Bilal—Gr 6A

Thanks to her nose, I fell on my toes,
and said ‘hi’ to my bros that were using
the hose to water the rose. And then she
goes, “Thanks to your brain, I fell on the
train and swallowed the drain in a street
called kain, when I was in the main lain in
the rain I got a stain and
I was in a little pain”.
I also had to bend the string, and say
“The End”

The Lie of the Ugly Guys
Tie - By Safiye 5A

That was a lie,
When she rolled the die.
And said ‘Hey ugly guy!”
Should I fix your tie?

Behind the News

Students in gr 6 have begun viewing the ABC news program for upper primary & junior secondary students on Tuesdays. Students watch, take notes, discuss and complete activities based on local, national and international news stories. It is also recommended they watch the short takes at 5.55pm weekdays and www.abc.net.au/btn
During the week beginning 19th May we celebrated National Education Week. Students were involved in many fun and off-course educational activities such as making paper crafts, fruit salad, maths tangrams. Mrs. Gulcan Ayvaz & Ms. Medine Cilek also organised a special junior Art and Sport program. The grade 5B students entertained us with a brilliant drama performance. A big thank you Mrs. Pulic for programming all the events.
PACK ZINI'S BACKPACK!
Draw a circle around the things you think Zini might need to bring to school!

MATCHING FUN!
Draw a line connecting the numbers with the sets that are the same!
You can even color them when you're done!

FIND THE SHAPES!
Help Zini find the following hidden shapes:
Circle  Triangle  Square

Connect the dots to find out where Zini is sleeping!