Dear Parents & Friends,

A warm welcome back to all our students and families. I hope everyone had a great break and Eid-ul Fitr. The school calendar is a busy one this term as we complete 2008 programs and plan for 2009. This year the College has decided to celebrate our achievements in the style of an end of year carnival replacing our traditional end of year concerts.

Congratulations to Mrs Fatma Alkan and family on the birth of their son Aydin. Mrs. Meruyem Yalciner will now be replacing Mrs Alkan on maternity leave. Without a doubt, Mrs Yalciner will carry her wonderful talents in the LOTE department. A special welcome back to Mrs. Halide Atasay who has reunited with Prep C. Also, on behalf of the College I’d like to extend our deepest condolences to Ms Saide Guncaldi’s family on the death of her sister. Now that the Grand Finals are gone congratulations to the Hawks and their fans this year. Although I’m not really a footy fan, I can honestly say that it’s great to have two Victorian teams play the big game. At least now our weekend’s TV wont be controlled by the AFL:)

Summer Uniform & SunSmart

As you are aware the College is now reviewing student uniform. Thank you to all the parents who completed the Uniform Survey sent last term. Your suggestions are important to us and we will aim to make the best decisions for our students. A reminder to all parents and students that during term 4 our girls are expected to wear summer dresses. Please be advised that white knee high socks for girls are required, not tights. Our junior boys are advised to wear white polo-shirts and older boys should now be wearing short sleeve shirts. Furthermore, it is school policy at Isik College the hats are to be worn during recess, lunch and Sport classes. Could parents please support us in ensuring their child adheres to all uniform requirements.

2009 Planning

Within the next staff will begin the process of allocating students to their grades for 2009. We expect only minimal changes to occur where extremely necessary. As you may well understand this is a complex process where staff use their knowledge of the students to ensure the best interests of children for continued success. Parents are advised to put in requests by writing by 3rd November, as verbal requests will not be considered. Finally, please be aware that not all requests may necessarily be met and parents are recommended not to make a certain teacher request. This is a separate and equally complex process will only be finalised at a later date.

Prep Transition Program

To help ensure a smoother beginning for the infants this year we will commence a transition program for our incoming grade Preps. The aim of the program is to provide a taste of school life at Isik College. Our Prep team are currently in the process of organising and planning for the sessions. Our first session will occur on the 4th December, followed by another session on 11th December. All parents will receive further details regarding the program.

World Teacher’s Day – 31st October, 2008

World wide we acknowledge the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multifaceted and technological society. Thank you to all our dedicated teachers and support staff who make a difference!

You Can Do It ! Education

I am excited to announce we are in the process of applying the You Can Do It! Program for 2009. This is a special well-being and student achievement program. Our teachers will soon be trained to develop a practical approach teaching personal development and resiliency in our curriculum next year. We will be sharing more details with parents in future. Look out for the fantastic 10 You Can Do It ! thinking tips for some introductory ideas.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han
This term Prep's have been learning about Fire Safety and Community Helpers. We have had the Metropolitan Fire Services From Broadmeadows Station visit our school. Fireman Nick and John taught us a lot about fire safety. Our grade prep's will like to remind the school to Get Down Low and Go Go Go and Stop, Drop and Roll, in case there is a fire. We have had a lot of fun!

Prep Team

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**Super Stories from 3C**

**The Cave -** I was standing in front of the cave's entrance. Around the cave, there were seven different signs warning people to keep out. I wondered what could be in there. I had a flash light so I went in the cave. But there were signs; the first sign said "Keep Out!" but I still continued walking. I walked a little bit the second sign it said "Danger!" I walked and walked. I saw the third sign it was "Stay Away!" I saw spiders and beetles but I never gave up. I saw another sign it was "Beware!" but I was tired of signs but I still continued walking. I saw a sign it was "Are you crazy?" I thought that sign was the last sign but I saw another sign. It was "I warned you", that was right a ghost jumped on me, but it was an old man without it's head so I ran to my house and slept.

*By Muhammed Balkaya*

**The Cave and Me -** I was standing in front of the cave's entrance. Around the cave, there were seven different signs warning people to keep out. I wondered what could be in there. I had a flash light I decided to walk inside the cave. Then I saw a sign saying "Keep Out!" but I still went on and on. I saw another sign and it said "Danger!" I didn't care I still continued. I thought I was going to see signs forever! I think I am. I saw a sign that said "Stay Away!" and I put a sign saying "IGNORE the signs" and I went on. I saw a sign that got me mad so I built a sign saying "Break the signs!" I had one more piece of wood. And another sign saying "Are you crazy?" this sign got me hot and angry! So I built a sign saying "I will show you and please say the opposite" I saw a sign which didn't get me mad then I saw a bear sleeping, I quietly ran away from the cave. And before the bear woke up I forgot my bag and I had to go again in the cave.

*By Suheyl Polat*
Speech Pathology News

We have had a very busy year in speech pathology this year. Our Speech Pathologist Melissa Roussou has gone on maternity leave and has had a beautiful baby boy called James.

As usual - Term 3 was very busy as this is the term that we take time out from therapy and focus on identifying students who are in need of additional support for the following year. We would like to thank parents who were very supportive with the program in Term 3 and cooperated with the process.

Things are back to normal this term with most students receiving weekly or fortnightly therapy. As well as providing therapy we also aim to complete reports and contact the parents of students who have been assessed or reassessed this year.

Speech pathology always looks forward to meeting with parents. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss your child’s results, progress or even any concerns you may have. We are here to help!

As we are usually in sessions seeing students it is important to make an appointment. Speech pathology can be contacted through reception. If we are busy, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Mrs Nihal Altintas
Speech Pathologist

A Library Reminder

Students need to return all library books that they have borrowed. End of Year Reports will not be issued to those that do not return their books to our Library.

You Can Do It!

Thinking
1. If you want to, you can.
2. Find out what motivates & inspires others.
3. Aim for excellence, not perfection.
4. THINK BIG!
5. Recognise & take up every opportunity.
6. Don’t’ be a quitter of hard work.
7. School success doesn’t just happen—it takes confidence, persistence and hard work.
8. See change as an opportunity.
10. Be optimistic about the future.

By Patricia C. Bernard
In Term 4, Grade 3 children have been studying the wonderful theme of ‘mini-beasts’. These species have existed on the earth for millions of years and have definitely captured the interest and imaginations of our children. Recently, we were lucky enough to have an incursion called ‘Wild Action, the zoo that comes to you.’ This was truly a unique experience where the children were offered the opportunity to touch and feel some mini-beasts. By the end of the day, children enjoyed themselves greatly and had found out some fascinating facts. All Grade 3 classes have also purchased a mini-beast to take care of in our classrooms. Now, we are very much looking forward to our excursion to IMAX Cinemas and the Melbourne Museum.

Mrs. Eser Arman
Minibeasts Fun Facts

About 80% of the Earth’s animals are insects!
A cockroach can live for about nine days without its head.
Dragonflies can fly at speeds up to 30 miles per hour.
Slugs have 4 noses.
A dragonfly has a lifespan of exactly 24 hours.
The longest insect is a walking stick that can reach a length of 33 centimeters.
The average mosquito has 47 teeth and only the female mosquito bites, the male does not.
The original name for the butterfly was “flutterby”.
The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.
The common garden worm has five pairs of hearts.

For more great facts visit:
http://www.factsnfacts.com/living_beings_facts/insects_facts/general_facts/

Our Wrestling Hero’s

The Australian Wrestling Championships were held on the 4th October with 125 wrestlers participating in the great event. Isik College primary students put forward a spectacular achievement being first in Victoria, winning 2 gold medals, 3 silver, 1 bronze and 2 special medals for under 6’s. We congratulate the mighty success of our students and support them in their future challenges.

Gold Medalists
1. Omer Turkmen
2. Aydin Sonmez

Silver Medalists
1. Melih Haktan
2. Fatih Haktan
3. Gorkem Tanrikulu

Bronze Medalist
1. Suheyl Polat

Special Medals
1. Imran Turkmen
2. Fethullah Yilmaz
Towards the end of term 3 students from Isik College took part in the District Athletic Sports Carnival held at the Meadowglen Athletics Track. Our students took part in a variety of events and we are very pleased with their effort and achievements. Results from the day is as follows. The first place getters of each event now have the opportunity to take part in the Regional Athletics Tournament which will be held in October. Congratulations to Abidin Koyu who will take part in the 12 year old boys 800 m run and Altan Ozenc will represent the school in high jump due to a forfeit from the 1st place getter.

Results from the day is as follows:

Abidin Koyu : 800 m - 1st place

Furkan Turkoz: 100m - 2nd place
Altan Ozence: High Jump - 2nd place
Oner Kucuk: 100m - 2nd place
Timur Kuyruk: Discus 2nd place
Abidin Koyu: 1500 m - 2nd place

Dilara Saka: Discus - 3rd place
Revan Naim: Shotput - 3rd place
Salih Bol: 1500 m - 3rd place