19 May, Youth and Sports Day

As part of the celebrations for the 19th May Youth and Sports Day at Isik College, teachers and students from Years 7 to 10 gathered at Edwards Lake, Reservoir to enjoy the wonderful athletics events organised by the P.E Department. Students followed a program in which home-groups circulated between events until the champions of each class were determined. Those champions then competed against each other to determine the ultimate champion for that year level. Some of the events included: 100m sprint, hurdles, high jump and shot put.

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Open Day 2008

It gets better every year.
From The Principal

Dear Parents & Students,

We are in the middle of Term 2, in the middle of a very dynamic period of time. The month of May has its own reputation as the month of Open Day in Melbourne. Our school has had its Open Day on 18th May with great success. Many thanks and appreciation to our departments. Especially the science department which definitely drew the most attention with its live reptiles! The Humanities department might like to plan on bringing a live lion to the 2009 Open Day. (Just joking!)

Isik Colleges held their first ever Award Ceremony earlier this month. Students received awards in recognition of their behavioural and or academic excellence during the 2007 school year. The event was a joint celebration which included the Eastmeadows, Upfield and Dandenong campuses. A variety of awards (sport, performing arts, best behaviour, leadership, the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), Pastoral Care, Academic and VCE awards) were presented to our valuable students. The highlight of the evening was Premier John Brumby’s statement that “Isik College contributed a lot in our community’s educational services”.

Isik College continues to encourage high academic and behavioural standards. One way in which the college has demonstrated its sincere belief in this regard is through the awarding of prizes to its high-achieving VCE students. Those with ENTER scores of 95 and above each received a laptop computer and those with scores of 90 and above each received an Ipod Touch. The brightest success belonged to two of our 2007 Year 11 students. They were Yusuf Doger who attained a perfect score of 50 in Further Mathematics and Mert Berdilek who scored 49 in the same subject. With these results Yusuf was declared one of the top 60 students and Mert one of the top 100 students amongst more than 25,000 Further Mathematics students in Victoria. Congratulations boys and best wishes for this year’s VCE results.

The Parents and Friends Association election was held on 12th May. A new committee (including two members from the previous committee) has taken over and seems to be very enthusiastic. I would like to thank members of the previous committee for their great efforts and, more importantly, for initiating the association. I am glad to announce that the new president of the PnF is Ms Ozlem Susler. I also extend my best wishes to the new committee members.

Isik College Upfield Campus celebrated the 19th May Youth & Sport Festival Day with a sports carnival full of energy, fun and laughter. And what laughter! Yes, even teachers competed in a race against each other. Our first intention was to run 400m but it was decided, unanimously, to reduce the distance to just 100m! After the running of the race, I was declared the winner due to the assistance of my Deputy, Mr Emniyet, who (unbeknownst to me) had instructed everyone else to let me win! Thanks, Kadir bey. I felt good, actually. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to our PE Department, Mr Ahmed Rajab and Mr Wesley Hall for organising the event and to Mr Ashley Clayton for organising the sausage sizzle with the help of his 9B home-group. The proceeds from the sale of food will be forwarded to our sister school, PNG Paradise High School.

Enjoy your newsletter.

Year 9 Art Excursion

The Year 7, 8, and 9 Art students were treated to a viewing of artworks voted to have been “the best works of Year 12 students from 2007”. The excursion included a viewing of the general galleries at Federation Square and the Arts Precinct on St.Kilda Road. Of particular note were the super-real-looking miniature senior citizens, the never-ending ladder and the video art which included the Latin American scooter exhaust-trumpeter.

As well as the general viewing, we were treated to a PowerPoint presentation and lecture in which we discussed all the themes that students had explored. We saw how Kai Allison from Mallacoota showed his life of surfing by rocking the camera in the waves. David Biro from Bentone had used charcoal to express modern day smog and pollution with a machine-man drawing. Anastasia MacNamara from Toorak made costumes from natural objects and beautifully photographed this. Ruby Pilven from Ballarat expressed her feeling on the drought and global warming with a boat sculpture made from materials from the dried up Lake Wendouree. Also Danel Stojkovich from Essendon showed beauty in Industrial work sites.

Isik College boys really got to see the perspectives and lives of the different students from around Victoria. Also by seeing the many fields of Art and Design, I hope it opened up their eyes to possible careers and how one can bring artistic thinking and planning into almost any occupation. When you consider it, everything made by a human being, past and present, had to be thought up, sketched out, trialed and made.

Mr. Rohan Morrison, Art Department.
NEW BOOKS

NON – FICTION
The Dangerous Book for Boys – Iggulden, Gonn (80923)
The Australian Vegetable Garden – Blazey, Clive (81148)
The Complete Book of the Olympics – Wallechinsky, David (80579)

REFERENCE
Australian Sport Through Time 2007 (80944)
Chronicle of the 20th Century (81193)
Encyclopedia of World Football (80946)
Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and Proverbs (83498)
The New Fowler’s Modern English Usage (83494)
Cambridge International Dictionary of English (80111)
Cambridge Advanced Learner’s Dictionary (80107)
Oxford Language Reference (83492)
The Oxford Dictionary of Word Histories (83491)
Oxford Dictionary & Thesaurus (83490)
The New Oxford Dictionary of English (83489)

FICTION
A Tale of Two Cities – Dickens, Charles (83786)
The Kite Runner – Hosseini, Khaled (80891)
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix – Rowling, J.K. (81071)
The Outsiders – Hinton, S.E. (80418)
A Thousand Splendid Suns – Hosseini, Khaled (83477)
Forbidden – Hill, Anthony (77345)

BOOK AND MAGAZINE SUGGESTIONS

Cut out and put your suggestions in the Library Recommendations Box

Name: ____________________
Grade: __________
Title: ____________________
Topic: ____________________
Author: ____________________
Stepping up to the starting line, the competitor knows that only those who have what it takes can survive. His whole life has been leading up to what is to come next. Beads of sweat seeping from his back and neck... heart beating hard against his chest... a single moment makes all the difference between victory and defeat. Then without warning, a shot is fired piercing the air with the same booming cheer as the encircling crowd eagerly watching. Time seems to slow and somehow he is able to focus on his goal and nothing else. Men around him fall behind overwhelmed with strain, others fall to the ground in sheer agony. Only the strongest make it to the finish line to victory and glory. This is but a taste of what the atmosphere was like for those participating on the 19th of May Youth and Sports Day.

Teachers also had the pleasure of taking part in the 100m sprint for which Mr Kazim Haksever (from the story above...) was crowned winner. The relay events saw the students compete against the teachers with victory being tasted by the Year 10s. Overall, the teachers and students enjoyed themselves on the day and showed good sportsmanship. Congratulations to those who achieved well. Thank you to all those who helped make the event a success and a special thanks to Mr Ashley Clayton and his 9B boys for the superb sausage sizzle lunch.

By Ahmed Rajab

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VCAA Plain English Speaking Awards

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Year 12 students Saif Al Fitlawi and Moustafa Moustafa represented Isik College in a regional heat of the VCAA Plain English Speaking Award, held at Lakeside Secondary College on Friday, May 16. Eight students presented their speeches and the winner was a boy from Greensborough Secondary College.

Saif, whose topic was the death penalty, and Moustafa, whose speech was on the situation in Iraq, spoke sincerely and confidently. The judges were especially impressed with Moustafa's speech and gave him a special commendation. Congratulations to both boys.

Miss A. Mitchell
Sausage Sizzle for our Sister School

Thank you to the following individuals for their invaluable assistance during the sausage sizzle on 19 May: Ercument bey, Meryem hanin, Hulya hanim, Mehmet bey and Saban bey. Also a note of thanks to management for their support.

However, let’s not forget the efforts of the following students of 9B: Abdulhai Abdu, Samir Al-Helou, Mustafa Binici, Mustafa Cicek, Onur Deger, Aydin Demir, Emre Guclu, Issa Kassab, Samet Kolay, Can Kural, Ibrahim Metanios, Nouredin Omer, Hayri Ontemel, Muhammed Orman, Bedirhan Ozdemir, Abdulrahman Tahan, Selehattin Ustalar and Okan Yilmazer.

Thank you,
Mr. Clayton
On Monday the 19th of May, three students from Upfield Campus flew to Istanbul to take part in the 6th International Turkish Olympiad which will be held between the 22nd of May and 2nd of June. Adem Caksak (Yr 11), Anil Yasar Zirek (Yr 10) and Mohamad Haydar (Yr 8) are members of a group of five students who will be representing Australia at the Olympiad this year. We wish them the best of luck and hope to see them in the finals on Samanyolu TV in the coming weeks.

Good Luck to our competitors in Turkey.

Our garden guru Saban bey with cap on, has been a great help. Without his help we could not have reached our harvesting stage. I would like to thank him and the boys in year 7 and 8 for their efforts.

Mr. Okan Alkin
This year the Isik College debating teams have worked hard to produce successful results in rounds two and three. After a shaky start in round one the boys have fought hard to win their debates in subsequent rounds. In round two both teams won on the topic ‘That we should tax video games to fund programs that fight childhood obesity’, with best speaker mentions going to Selahattin Ustalar(9B) and Baturay Ozcelik(9A).

Round three was another good result with the boys successfully debating the topic ‘That celebrities have too much influence on young people’. The best speaker mentions for round three were given to Baturay Ozcelik(9A) and Onur Deger (9B). So far this year the Isik College debating teams have impressed adjudicators with their well thought out arguments and the natural delivery of their rebuttals. Both teams have presented themselves in a mature and professional manner.

All team members should be congratulated for making earnest effort that have reaped excellent rewards. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Ms Anne Mitchell for assisting the boys in their preparations. Congratulations Isik College debaters and best wishes on your next debate.

Mr Norman Capapas
Debating Coordinator

Growing out of Asthma

Many people think that children can grow out of asthma, however this is not entirely correct.

Even though your child might not have asthma symptoms for hours, days or years, this does not mean they do not have asthma. Asthma may improve with age and attacks may become less frequent and/or severe, but the tendency is always there.

Some children can experience long periods of time without symptoms, typically during the teenage years. Nevertheless, it is not uncommon for children with asthma to not show symptoms for years and then have a recurrence of symptoms later in life. For very young children with asthma, improvement is generally due to increases in body size, overall improvement in health and fitness, muscle development etc. However, asthma can return at any time including later in life. Even though they might not display recent asthma symptoms, a person who has had asthma should always carry their blue reliever medication. Although there is currently no cure for asthma, it can be controlled and managed.

If you would like more information or would like to speak to an Asthma Advisor, please call 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, 2005, ‘Information Sheet: Asthma Myths’