We extend our thanks to Mr Ilker Temizkan for his excellent leadership as Deputy Principal and we will also be very pleased to welcome back Ms Nazan Polat in Term 4.

We also thank the Pastoral Care Department, students, staff and, most especially, the Isik Parents and Friends Association for organising the series of iftar dinners shared by the school community.

We wish everyone the best for Ramazan Bayrami.

Friday, 19 September
Last day of Term 3

Ramazan Bayrami
Tuesday 30 September, Wednesday, 1 October
School closed completely

Tuesday, 7 October
First day of Term 4 for students

The students of Isik College girl’s campus have been busy fundraising for the Royal Children’s Hospital in loving memory of their friend Mukaddes Yildirim, who passed away in July of this year. It was a sudden death and a great loss to the school. She will be remembered always by the tree we have planted in our school garden. The students and staff have made generous donations, held a talent show, sold cakes and donuts and sold the Royal Children’s Hospital bags to raise the amazing total of $1500.00.

We currently have students who are regular visitors to the children’s hospital, one of whom is Beyza Dilcan, pictured in the centre of the photo above, who has undergone two major back surgeries. At anytime, any one of our students or family members could require the services of the hospital, so we felt it was right to support them in this way.

Ms Helena McAloon,

Our data base is vital in providing information to teachers and administrators. Most importantly, the contact details, addresses and emergency contact details, addresses and emergency contact details are needed whenever a student is unwell or injured. We need to have accurate parental contact data on this database to avoid delays in contacting a guardian/parent who could care for the student. Recently, we have encountered numbers that are no longer active or have changed due to a range of reasons. We ask that whenever your contact details are altered that you notify the school immediately.

Please contact the receptionist at the office to verify this information.

ISIK College is an asthma friendly school. Our school policy has clear guidelines for Parents and Guardians of students with asthma.

As school nurse, it is my responsibility to ensure that all students who have been diagnosed with asthma have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan signed by a doctor authorising the use of ventolin.

It has come to my attention that many students do not have their asthma medication on them, even though they regularly experience asthma attacks. Each student needs their own spacer and puffer, to be kept with them, or in the sick bay.

We need all parents to make sure their child has their own puffer and spacer, as this is more effective than using the puffer alone. When they experience shortness of breath, they should come to see the school nurse.

Nurdan Ors, School Nurse
**ISIK COLLEGE NEWS**

**MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE**

**Q 1: A Mathematical Boxing Match**

The rectangular box shown here has total surface area (all six sides together) of 22 square feet. The total length of all its twelve sides is 24 feet. Your challenge is to go twelve rounds (so to speak) with this diagram and determine the length of the box's interior diagonal (the pink line). (You can't tell the box's dimensions from the given information, but remarkably enough you **CAN** tell this diagonal length.)

To your corners. . . . DING

**Q 2: Bug in a Box!**

Pretend you are a bug crawling on the inside of an odd-shaped box.

The box is a triangular prism: the top and bottom are equilateral triangles with sides of length 6 inches, and the three sides are squares with sides of length 6 inches. We'll call the three corners of the top A, B, and C, and the three corners of the bottom A', B', and C' (with A' below A, B' below B, and C' below C). The center of the top side we'll call P and the center of the bottom we'll call P'.

You are currently sitting at point D on the top side midway between A and P. Your uncanny sense of smell detects a smudge of chocolate at the point E on the bottom side midway between B' and P'. Assuming you have to crawl on the sides of the box (you're a disgusting bug, but at least you're not a spider) what is the length of the shortest path you can take from D to E?

Give an exact answer! And watch out for those roach traps.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**New Library Website**

The Library now has its own place on the ISIK College Website with a lot of interesting and useful information.

**Library Catalogue**

You can now search the Library Catalogue from home to see if the Library has a book on a topic you need. You can also locate that book, because the catalogue will tell you on which campus the book is located and whether the book is on the shelf or on loan. If you wish to borrow a book, you can contact the Librarian to reserve it for you.

**Book Reviews**

**Library News**

We also have a page of Book Reviews, to help you search for an interesting book to read and a Library News section, which tells you the latest books that the Library has purchased.

**Library Contact Details**

Should you wish to contact the Library by email, the email addresses for the three campus libraries are available under the Library Contact Details.

**Library Useful Links**

Finally, we have a Library Useful Links section, which gives you the A-Z of useful search engines you may wish to use in your research. These search engines take you directly to the search site on the World Wide Web.

**Year 7 Roller-Blading**

Year 7 have been exploring new and exciting ways to get fit in their PE lessons. We spent our last fitness lesson of the term roller-blading in Sunshine. Some of us were learning for the first time, but all having a great time. Keep up the exercise over the holiday girls.

**Term 3, 2008**

*Warm Regards*

*Library Staff*
As it was Father’s Day on the 7th of September, the Parents and Friends Association organised a Ramadan dinner for the fathers of the students attending our Upfield and Eastmeadows campuses. During this event, Father of the Year from each campus was chosen to be:

İlhan Yıldırım - Eastmeadows
İshak Deniz Mülayım - Upfield

Congratulations to both of them and we wish them a long and happy life!!

Also, students participated in a quiz about the Love of a Father. Winners were awarded a cheque.

Congratulations to the following students:
Year 7 – Beyza Dilcan
Year 8 – Rabia Yiğit
Year 9 – Elif Doktoroğlu
Year 10 – Buşra Çelebi

The Parents and Friends Association would like to warmly thank our Turkish teacher, Nevin Susoy, for her tremendous help in organizing these events.

In the month of Ramadan, Muslims all around the world stop eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset. It is obligatory for each one who is able to do so. We fast for various reasons, such as to stop our body from all desires - the main ones being eating and drinking, but that is not all.

Ordinary fasting is what most people perform, which is refraining from eating and drinking to see how people with no food feel. Many people in this world cannot afford everyday basics, even daily meals, while there are people who eat more than their body needs to sustain itself. In Ramadan though, at the time of fasting, all people are equal. Their stomachs are empty and their hearts should be empty of sins as well.

To improve your fasting to a higher level, you should fast from sinning. That is to keep all your body and your mind away from the desires of this life. On the day of judgement, your body parts will be speaking to god, revealing your secrets and the bad you have done. This should be the real Muslim’s moral duty, not only in Ramadan, although it is much better in Ramadan.

The type of fasting that I think would be the best in Allah’s evaluation is the highest level of fasting. It is where you devote yourself to worshipping Allah and forget about the satisfactions and desires of the dunya (world). This is the holiest month of the year and every Muslim should be on their best behaviour showing their actions to the merciful Allah.

Fadak A 10B

As many scientists and doctors have discovered recently, fasting is a process that cleanses the body of external toxins that enter the body from the surrounding environment. But there is more to fasting than cleansing our bodies from the inside; we can also cleanse our souls. Fasting is an excellent way to purify our spiritual self and become closer to Allah by controlling not only our ability for physical abstinence, but also our mental and spiritual abstinence in displaying our strength in controlling our hearts and minds. This is known as fasting of the heart from unworthy concerns and worldly thoughts, in total disregard of everything but God.

As we all know, our beloved prophet (PBUH) was a wise speaker with words of love and wisdom always influencing his listeners. The prophet (PBUH) has been said to have said many worthy words in regards to fasting, such as that there are three levels that classify fasting. These three levels are ordinary fasting, a slightly higher level and the final level is the highest level; each according to their value with Allah brings us closer to Allah and gains us rewards.

Ordinary fasting is fasting of the body, the most basic explanation being abstinence from any external substance entering the body, such as food, water or gases (smoke). This fasting ends as soon as the sun sets behind the hills. Ordinary fasting is expected of all Muslims who are able, and gains us minimal rewards with Allah, as we have only just fulfilled our duty. But what about our other duties? Because in my opinion, fasting without prayers is not satisfactory.

The fasting that Allah would love to see from all of his worshippers is the second level. This involves a higher complexity of abstinence that involves the heart, mind and organs. This fasting is where you abstain from all kinds of sinning; for example, you wouldn’t let your eyes look at something that they shouldn’t, or your tongue say something that it shouldn’t.

The highest level of fasting takes a lot of love for God and his prophet to achieve. It is when all you allow for your body, mind and soul to feed on is the love of Allah and his Mercy. It is when you are fasting from anything that has to do with the world and all useless and materialistic thoughts. This fasting will take you on a winged horse to the highest parts of heaven where you can be closest to Allah; where he will remember you everyday.

Term 3, 2008
The SRC Talent Show showcased students amazing talents, which included drumming, singing, dancing and a comic routine. The audience was delighted.