Principal’s Message

The Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (AISV) is the service organisation for independent schools in Victoria. It represents more than 200 Member Schools, promoting the principle of choice in education, championing the values of independent schools and raising awareness of our significant role as education providers.

AISV has been very concerned with the concerted attack on independent schools by those opposing adequate funding for our schools. We have also seen the media unfairly highlighting independent schools when there are claims of bullying, alcohol and drug use and other issues that are common to all schools—government and non-government.

For these reasons, AISV has created the Parents’ Website, which is designed to provide parents of children at independent schools with positive arguments in favour of balanced discussion about funding and other issues.

We believe that this is an initiative that parents will find useful and we recommend that you visit the website www.independentschoolparents.com.au so that you have facts and figures at your fingertips and the latest news and information about the independent school sector.

For your convenience, we have provided a link to the Parents’ Website from our school’s website.

Regards,
Mr. Tuncay TERZI

Youth and Sports Festival

On May 19th, to celebrate the Turkish Sports Youth Festival, we spent the day taking part in a variety of activities. Students had the opportunity to try sports such as rock-climbing, abseiling, yoga, tai boxing, fire twirling, bush walking, orienteering, ten pin bowling and roller-blading. All the girls who took part had a wonderfully active day with many new experiences.

Many thanks to Ms McAloon for her amazing organization of the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Friday, 6 June | 8C and 8B Excursion  
Islamic Cultural Centre                      |
| Monday, 9 June | Enrolment Renewals due                                               |
| Monday, 9 June | Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday                                      |
| Tuesday, 10 June | No classes for Yr 12 students                                       |
| Wed-Fri, 11-13 June | VCE Mid Year Exams  
(no classes for Yr 12 students)                           |
| Friday, 13 June | Yr 11 & 12 GAT EXAMS  
(No scheduled classes )                                    |
| Tuesday, 15 July | First Day of Term 3                                                 |
| Tuesday, 22 July | Parent Teacher Interviews  
Years 7, 8, 9                                                        |
| Thursday, 24 July | Parent Teacher Interviews  
Years 10, 11, 12                                                      |

IMPORTANT

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS Will be mailed out by the 30th of June.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS will take place on the 22nd and 24th of July.

Bushwalking at Jack Roper Park

Rock-climbing on the Isik oval
Year 7 Archaeological Exhibition

On the 23rd of May, 2008 we had an incursion. A man named Gary Stone came to our school and discussed Ancient Rome. To tell you the truth, it was quite a lot of fun.

Firstly, he showed us about 70 slides on Ancient Rome. Then Gary Stone took us to the library to see an exhibition. Our teacher gave us worksheets that we had to answer as we walked around in groups or by ourselves and looked at the exhibits. My favorite thing in the exhibition was the Egyptian mummy, because it moved and it looked real.

Overall, this day was educational and was a good way to introduce us to learning about Ancient Rome.

Safiye Asanova 7A

Also there was a volcano, by the name of Vesuvius in the ancient city of Pompeii. Mt Vesuvius has not erupted for may years, but it did erupt in the times of the ancient Romans. When this happened, drops of toxic acid fell and killed all in its way. Archaeologists excavating the area made plaster casts of the bodies that had been preserved under the volcanic ash, so we can find out a lot of interesting information about the people of that city.

Sibel Tarakci, 7A

Year Sevens had an incursion on Ancient Rome. The archaeologist Gary Stone introduced himself and his work to us, and showed us a slide show which included views from before and after the days of ancient Rome. He showed us the slides and described those days as if he had lived there for a long time. He taught us about the Colosseum in Rome, its people, the Roman forts and villas and the Imperial period.

After he had shown us the slides, Gary Stone and our lovely Humanities teacher Mrs Asanova showed us an exhibition downstairs in the library. The models taught us about the way people looked in the olden days. The model that I liked best was the embalmed mummy. I got frightened.

The models were boxed into a glass window so no one could touch them. Each model had a small amount of information with it. Most also had questions to be answered which made the day a bit more exciting.

This incursion taught me a lot. I now know that the ancient Romans had money made out of electrum, which is a naturally occurring alloy of gold. I learnt that the Colosseum in Rome could seat 45,000 people. I learnt that they raised chicken and geese at the rear of their houses, and that servants pressed oil in the courtyards. I heard that the Ancient Romans had a big volcanic eruption, which blew ashes all over the town of Pompeii. Some people knew it was going to happen and were able to run away and escape, but the other people didn’t believe it and sadly died.

Sena Arpaci, 7A

Book Fair

The Primary Literacy Department organised a Book Fair in the secondary library from 13th – 16th May. Secondary girls and teachers also participated and bought many books from the fair. Thank you to all parents, students and teachers who have made our book fair a success!

Newsletter Contributions

All students are invited to contribute to the newsletter. Writing does not need to be typed, but photos or art work do need to be digital. Please give Ms Les copies of work you would like to share, especially if you have written about class excursions or other school activities. Thank you
Year 8 Excursion - Kryal Castle

On Friday the 9th of May, for Humanities, the year 8 students went to Kryal Castle. The drive there was long, but it was fun in the bus. When we arrived at the castle, we listened to Sir John Michael. Then he took all of us around the castle and told us about what was used for what and why. Then we had a five minute break.

As soon as we arrived at Kryal Castle Sir John Michael greeted us with a warm smile. Then he began explaining how the castle’s defence system worked. We were told to imagine that we were attacking the castle. We realised the difficulty of the situation in which medieval knights fought.

After the break, Sonay was chosen to try the chain mail and armour. To prove how the armour protected the wearer, they tried cutting Sonay’s arm, but the sword couldn’t cut through the chain mail.

Then we had lunch and we were allowed to walk around the castle. Afterwards, we were called to the courtyard. There was a demonstration of someone being whipped! Then it was time to go back to school.

My favourite part of the excursion was the demonstration of the whipping. I would love to go back to Kryal Castle again.

Zehra Mercanoglu, 8B

Year Book Cover Competition

The 2008 Isik College Yearbook Cover Competition is now open. The preferred format is digital. All work must be your own, and represent Isik College. Get creative and start designing!

Submissions to Ms Kishwar or Ms D’Angelo.

Olympic Gymnasts Trip

Year 7 students travelled to the Vodafone Arena to watch the best female gymnasts competing to go to the Beijing Olympics this summer.

The girls were amazed by the high levels of skill in all four events—the floor, uneven barts, beam and vault. I’m sure they will use this experience to inspire them in their own gymnastic lessons.

Ms McAlloon

By the end of the day, we really felt we knew how it was in a medieval castle. Sir John Michael did a great job as a tour guide around the castle. We would love to go again and we encourage next year’s year eights to go as well. Thank you Ms Janev and Ms Asanova for organising this educational entertainment for us.

Rabia
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Student Writing

Excitement is bright yellow. It smells like the scent of a tulip. It tastes like lemon lollies. It sounds like the voice of the sea. It feels like the silk on a dress. It lives inside of me.

Busra Celbe

Friendship is every color in the rainbow. It smells like sugar sprinkled on honey. It tastes like Easter chocolate bunnies. It sounds like laughter, with an echo. At the end of the day it feels like a good friend’s shoulder. It lives in my heart, most of the time.

Hatice Orman

Anger is red. It smells like a burnt forest. It tastes like cold soup. It sounds like a late night party next door. It feels like pricking your finger on a thorn. It’s always there on busy roads.

Sonay Saykan

Friendship is purple. It smells like a bunch of lilies. It tastes like vanilla ice cream. It sounds like your favorite music, at the end of the day. It feels like water, running down my fingers. It lives in my tent, most of the time.

Hulya Yuksel

Sadness is black. It smells like rotten fruit. It tastes like sour lemon. It sounds like the screams of people in pain. At the end of the day, it feels like a stabbing knife. And it always lives in me.

Hanife Tasgin

Friendship is very bright. It smells like a mixture of beautiful flowers. It tastes like everything sweet in the world. It sounds like people having fun, laughing, having a great time. It feels like they’re always there, always beside me.

Zeynep Uzumcu

Jealousy is red. It stinks like a dirty nappy. It tastes like broccoli. It sounds like everything is theirs and not mine. It feels like nails on my feet. It lives in my heart next to people.

Kevser Koyu

Love is red. It smells like a field of roses. It tastes like rose jam. It sounds like a slow, romantic song. It feels as soft as rose petals. It lives in my house most of the time.

Turkan Sumbul