Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to another exciting and productive term at ISIK College. We have had a busy start to the term with numerous incursions and excursions as well as students competing in the ICAS competitions.

Parent Teacher Interviews in week 2 gave parents a great opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child’s progress. Parents who could not attend are more than welcome to contact the secondary office to make an appointment with their child’s teachers.

ISIK Eastmeadows Girls campus welcomes Mr Ilker Temizkan as Deputy Principal while Mrs Nazan Polat is on maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Ms Hulya Arpaci who has replaced Ms Seher Er as the Secondary Secretary and Ms Zena Haidar who has replaced Ms Peggy Chau as the VCE Psychology teacher.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Polat and family and the

The school community has been greatly saddened by the sudden death of Mukaddes Yildirim. We extend our sympathies to Mukaddes’ family and close friends.

As parents, you may notice that this has been an especially difficult time for your daughter. It is very common, in fact quite normal, for people to experience emotional aftershocks when they have passed through a distressing time. It may also be that this loss has triggered emotional responses relating to past events.

The signs and symptoms of a stress reaction may last a few days, weeks or much longer. With understanding and the support of loved ones, the stress reactions usually pass. Occasionally though, the event is too traumatic for the person to cope with alone.

Some common reactions to a stressful event include anger at unfairness, being self-judgmental, perceiving a symbolic meaning in what has happened, feeling a heightened fear of mortality and / or physical symptoms such as eating or sleeping difficulties.

Some strategies to assist young people with grieving are, naturally, to support and reassure them of your loving care. Some may need a good listener to hear their stories and dreams; others may respond to an intellectual approach which challenges irrational fears and helps to replace these with rational and helpful thoughts. The students have talked, remembered and grieved together. Those in Mukaddes’ year level have also been able to discuss their feelings and worries within a group counselling session.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information.

On the 26th and 27th of July teachers from all six ISIK College campuses converged on the Upfield Campus to attend 2 days of extensive professional development as a part of the Australian Government Quality Teachers Program (AGQTP).

The seminars conducted by renowned literacy consultant, Lesley Wang Jan equipped our teachers with numerous reading comprehension strategies that could be used by all teachers regardless of the subject they teach. As a part of the project teachers are continuing to implement these strategies as they are introduced to a new strategy each week which has a corresponding poster displayed in each classroom.
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Richard & Famous, Richard Simpkin
The Arctic World, Jen Green
The Movies, Don Shiac
Human Anatomy
Great Composers, Wendy Thomsan
Great Inventions
Eye Tricks, Gianni A. Sarcone

YEAR BOOK COVER

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.

SCIENCE EDUCATION

Here at ISIK College we aim to be innovative in our approach to science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students. On Friday, 22nd August 2008 we will be having CSIRO Education’s ‘Lab on Legs’ visit our school. While here, they will be presenting an interactive science program with the theme:

Gene Technology

We are very excited about this event! CSIRO Education creates a dynamic interactive forum within which our students can take a hands-on role. Its program engages students in eye-opening interactive science theater and hands on experiments which have been developed around real-life CSIRO research. Our students will become the scientists, rather than just reading about them.

CSIRO, as well as being the largest employer of scientists in Australia, is one of the most respected science organizations in the world. CSIRO Education is able to draw on the benefits of this, and provide quality science programs for students, teachers, and public audiences throughout Victoria. The CSIRO presenters have experience in teaching and performing. Their amusing and lively approach to science is both engaging and educational.

Don’t miss this opportunity to witness one of the most innovative and entertaining science programs available to schools in Victoria, linking with our school.

To arrange to be at school on this day, please contact:
Arshad Mahmood on 9309 0388.

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

PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Ms Monique Toohey an Educational Psychologist will be presenting a 90 minute parent education seminar this Wednesday, August 13th at 7pm in the Conference room, Building C. All parents are encouraged to attend this informative session.

You don’t have to be tall to see the moon.
African proverb

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