Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to remind you that we have the class iftars this month, and invite you to share the mother and daughter iftar in the conference room - as detailed in the ‘Important Dates’ column—and the Father’s Day iftar at Serenity Cultural Center on the 6th of September. We would like to share iftar with all our families.

On Monday 4th August, 2008 the Year 9s went to the Victorian State Parliament House. They have been studying “Our Political and Legal Systems” and they got to see both houses of the Victorian Parliament, which (like the Federal House of Representatives and Senate) are modelled on the British House of Lords and House of Commons. Students also participated in mock sittings of parliament.

Students learnt a lot of things about parliament and how laws are made. All in all it was a good day and students were very well behaved. I hope to have many more of these types of excursions for Humanities next year.

Iliya Asanova
Humanities Department

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.

The upper House of Parliament is green like the House of Commons, because originally the people who were not titled met outside on the common land.
Isik College science department celebrated National Science Week by organizing both incursions and excursion. All these activities were educational and entertaining.

After the very enjoyable visit by Professor Bunsen featured in the last newsletter, CSIRO visited our science lab on the 22 August.

Year 10 and Year 11 Biology students performed gel electrophoresis and DNA extraction experiments and discussed the application of gene technologies in forensic science and medicine.

On 21 August, Year 11 Biology Students visited Werribee Open Range Zoo and investigated the Grassland Ecosystem. They had a guided safari tour which allowed them to make observations and gain knowledge about the interrelationships between various species within the Grassland Ecosystem, and the action being taken for those threatened by habitat destruction.

Year 7 –10 science classes visited Scienceworks and enjoyed fun and interactive activities.

A presentation on the condition Thalassaaemia was held on 3 September for Year 11 and 12 students.

Dr Arshad Mahmood
(Science Head of Department)
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AT ISIK COLLEGE

SCIENCEWORKS YEAR 7

SCIENCEWORKS YEAR 9

THALASSAEMIA INCURSION

Term 3, 2008
**SHORT STORY OF THE WEEK:**

*The Mist*

He stepped out into the mist. The wind was cold and the air was damp. The silence was broken by the pounding of his heart. Patrick closed his eyes as the breeze swept across his face. His body trembled with fear as he gazed upon the stationary object standing before him, looking like it was miles away from view.

Patrick sighed heavily, and took his first step. He looked around. The trees hung low like they were ready to lunge at him. Was his mind already playing games? He turned around and looked back. He couldn’t turn back now. He had made it this far. Even though he was surrounded by the freezing cold air, Patrick had sweat running down his forehead. He felt the ground move like it was going to swallow him up whole. Breathing heavily, he hesitantly took another step. The darkness grew with every step until eventually, he could no longer see ahead of him.

The fog was like a barrier, trapping Patrick inside. His heartbeats continued to take over the silence. He was now as scared as ever. The trees surrounding him seemed to be breathing in unison.

Patrick looked above at the grey sky. The dark clouds had been watching his every move. His breathing grew louder as he looked back down. The sweat on his face turned into a running tap. This was just too much for Patrick.

It was at this point that he realised he was all alone. The only one; the only movement; the only life. This should not have been too hard, considering he was halfway there. But, the tall trees looking down at him, made it seem like a long way to go. Patrick, slowly, and cautiously, continued to take one step at a time. The cold breeze constantly hit him like sharp nails.

Still walking, Patrick squinted his eyes as the fog began to clear away, but it was still very dark out. With his sleeve, he wiped the sweat off his face. There was no time to stop now because the tall standing object was in sight. The letterbox was now within his grasp. He grabbed his mail; No bills! Thank goodness, he thought. Patrick turned around and went back inside the house.

*Asli Yilmaz, 9C*

**NEW LIBRARY BOOKS**

*New Series:*

**The Twilight Saga**

- Twilight
- Breaking Down
- Eclipse
- New Moon

All books are now available at the Secondary Girls Library.

**2008/9 SPORTS AIDS GRANTS**

Hume City recognises the personal and financial sacrifices involved in participating in sport at an elite level. In recognition of this, Hume City Council allocates money annually to assist local junior athletes in the pursuit of their dreams on the sporting field. There are 2 rounds of funding in each financial year.

The aim of the Sports Aids Grants is to assist individual participants with competitive expenses and to encourage achievement and excellence in sport. Intending applicants must be Hume residents and under the age of 21 years at the time the application is made.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2008, 5 PM

Guidelines and application forms now available.

Contact Leisure Services at Hume City Council on 9205 2200 for further information or visit www.hume.vic.gov.au.

**Did You Know?**

The word ‘alphabet’ comes from the original Phoenician words that became the letters ‘a’ and ‘b’.

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