**Deputy Principal's Message**

Dear Parents & Friends,

The weeks are rolling by and I am very excited about all the great things coming ahead. In my short time in this position, I have been extremely impressed with the support of our parent community. Last Thursday we had the Annual Athletics Carnival at Meadowglen. We had a few parents face painting and serving oranges. Mrs Jale Cekuc our resident volunteer nurse was there to provide first aid. The weather was stunning and some other parents joined a fan club supporting lots of little athletes. I even noticed Mr Suleyman Kor drop by at lunchtime to cheer twins, Dilara & Zeynep. As Ramadan approaches us fast, I am aware the Primary Parents Club will be involved in organising class iftars. In fact, we have just about nominated all our CPR’s - Class Parent Representatives that is. You will find out more about who they are in the next edition, but will note roles at the back. I am amazed at some of the interesting and intriguing learning journeys taking place in our school. Have you heard about the clothes line project in the grade 1 classes? The grade 3’s have become experts about the process of recycling and how to make paper. The grade 2’s have gone totally spaced-out! The grade 4’s don’t think we could have a cyclone in Melbourne. The grade 5’s and 6’s are junior scientists geared up for our Science Fair.

**Support Staff Officers**

As main campus, we are extremely fortunate to have a team of support staff, including teacher aids, speech therapists & language specialists. Mrs Le Son, Mrs Ulukan, Mrs Seymen, Mrs Ozc, Mrs Turkmen, Mrs Pulic, Ms Ingrid, Mrs Akgun & Ms Erdurul offer the staff and students outstanding support in a wide range of ways. They not only assist those with special needs but also take on numerous additional tasks for the benefit of us all. You will find them in every facet of our lives at school - from the classroom, to yard duty & pastoral care. They are not only worth their weight in gold but we also believe they have hearts of gold. On this note, I wish Mrs Le Son the best on the arrival of junior. The staff have also recognised their colleagues by providing a delicious morning tea.

**Year 7 - 2010**

Most of the grade 6 students have now received results from the Secondary Entrance Examinations/Scholarships. If you have any concerns regarding the placement of your child in year 7 next year, it is advised that you contact the secondary campuses.

**Brain Gym & Brain Food**

We all know the fact that a balanced diet, exercise and sleep help bring the best in us. As I visit some classes it’s wonderful to see a little bit of fruit and vegetables combined with some movements to enhance focus, coordination & attention make an impact. I love the smell of fresh fruit! Ramadan kareem,

Ms Evla Han

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**Isik College Primary Newsletter**

**From the Counselor**

A child's feeling of guilt is an opportunity for the child to learn about responsibility and the consequences of his or her actions. Parental response to guilt can have a tremendous impact on the development (or lack) of a child’s conscience, the ability to learn right from wrong, and their level of social interest and responsibility. Children who are allowed to feel their feelings, and helped by their parents to identify their feelings and learn from them, are learning the skills to deal with life in a responsible way. Feelings in children that are suppressed, express themselves in a wide variety of misbehaviours. Once you have acknowledged the child’s feeling, you will see visible relief in the child and will feel very close in your relationship. This is a wonderful window of opportunity for you to share in communication with your child, a time of feeling close and connected with your child. It is these times when you will feel you and your child are really listening to each other and hearing each other. When you build closeness in your relationship this way, you will find that you have much greater influence in your child's thoughts and decisions, they will begin to ask you what you think! - Ms Seda Erdurul
INFANT & JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: Prep—2

Prep’s at ScienceWorks

On Monday the 10th of August, the grade Prep students, their teachers and parent helpers attended an excursion to Scienceworks and the Planetarium. The students were well behaved and excited during our visit and found the museum to be a very adventurous and fun place to explore and learn about new concepts. The students were given the opportunity to explore hands-on activities in the Nitty Gritty Super City, Sports world and the House of Secrets. In the Planetarium, we had an adventure with “Tycho to the Moon”. We found ourselves in the solar system and looked for constellations in the night sky. The Grade Prep Team would like to thank all of our parent helpers (Mrs Haddad, Mrs Ilhan, Mrs Caldir, Mrs Cekic and Mrs Aksu), specialist teachers (Mrs Emine Demet and Mrs Bahar) and Ms Ozge (Prep B—Student teacher) for their hard work and support throughout the day. From the photos we can see the excitement and the learning displayed by our students and parents.

Infant Department

This term we have been busy learning about Space. This is what the children recall about their busy term. We all did projects about Space. We chose our topic and researched it using books and websites. We are going to present them to the class when we are finished. We wrote a space story. Then we drew pictures to go with our story. We recorded our narration and made music to play over the top of the story. We have been watching them as we finish. We have also published a space story each. They are on our bookshelf. We had an excursion to Scienceworks. At Science work we saw a movie called “Tokyo on the Moon” then we saw the constellations. We saw the Southern Cross. Some of us felt scared and dizzy (when they spun the sky around) but it was extremely fun and exciting. We went into a dome place and Simon showed us around the solar system. When we went into Star Wars thought it was going to be very dark but it was really fun.

By Zeliha Altun 2C

Author of the Month: Pamela Allan

Grandpa and Thomas

Unfolds the special relationship between grandchild and grandfather.

Ordinary Albert

Albert an ordinary boy. Everyday he works in his ordinary garden and has tea with ordinary friends. Then one day he goes for an ordinary meets something extraordinary!

Who Sank the Boat? Pamela Allen

One warm sunny morning, a donkey, a cow, a pig, a sheep, and a tiny little mouse, decide to go for a row in a boat.

You Can Do It! Club

The You Can Do It! Anti-bullying Club has commenced with a lot of enthusiasm! The club will focus on students to gain awareness and knowledge about bullying and friendship, develop positive attitudes about themselves and take action for change. We have come up with many fun and exciting projects for this year that will aim to develop the social and emotional capabilities of our students and eliminate the social and emotional difficulties our students may be experiencing. We have a You Can Do It! Member from each class. The members will act as an information flow and provide information to their class with any projects/competitions our club will be holding. Our first project is ‘Creating a Friendship Tree’. Keep an eye out for the next issue to hear more about our projects! On behalf of the YCDI Committee meeting, Mrs Nazan Zengin
Two weeks ago we went to Ceres for an excursion. Soon after getting there we had our snacks. A while later we started with our first activity. It involved arranging different things on a timeline in accordance with how long it took for them to breakdown and ‘decompose’. After the end of our first activity we had our lunch. For the second activity, our class was taken into a shed where we were shown how to create a healthy lunchbox without using a large number of packaging wrappers.

After finishing the second activity we were asked to return back to the home base where we had a small recess. After a short relaxing time we went back out and did two more activities. Both of these were my favourite ones as during them I got to make my own piece of paper which I later on used as the cover for my Portfolio. The other activity which I really enjoyed was when we dug up the earth and looked for mini beasts like earthworms etc. After these activities it was time for us to come back to school. I must say that I really enjoyed my trip to Ceres. When we finished it we went back to home base to pack up to go back on the bus.

Grade 4B have been learning some gymnastics during the past few weeks. Students in general have enjoyed P.E (Physical Education) and learnt some new skills as well. The students have improved their balance skills & they have learnt how to do stretching exercises. Mrs. Nuray Ali

Book Week 2009! This year - there is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Prep to Grade 12. Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by August 21st, 2009. Speak to your classroom teacher for your Official Entry Form and Competition Rules.
UPPER DEPARTMENT: Grade 5 & 6

Star Wars Adventures
As part of their study on Energy and Science the students in grade 6 went to Science works - The Star Wars exhibit - below are some students enjoying the Darth Vadar exhibit! The students looked at the designs of the spaceships in the exhibits and are now ready to design their own! Students are amazed at the sight of a living room - upside down! Hey, how do we get up there? Both students and teachers had a fantastic time!

Athletics Carnival
Last Thursday the grade 4-6 students all got dressed in their house team colours and took part in athletics games. We had lots of fun and loved the games. At the end it was great to see the teachers take the 100m challenge. Mrs Yilmaz certainly proved his talent! Thank you all the parent helpers and supporters. Congratulations to the 2009 winners—BLUE house.

You Can Do It!

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Our school community & parents are potentially an enormous resource for us. The Primary Parents Club is a busy little group of young mums who have since last year made a strong presence. The Parent Volunteer Program is another fantastic ‘helping hands’ unit.

We are now ready to start the Class Parent Reps (like the SRC or better known as ‘sinif annesi’ :)

What does a CPR do you ask …?

• Help with info flow, disseminate school events & encourage communication by liaising with students & parents
• Provide support to class teacher by encouraging volunteers prior to and during special events (eg. Excursions, end of year performances etc)
• Meet and support new families – promote ‘get together & getting along’
• Endeavour to keep well informed of school events & fundraising activities so that they can be a link for organisation & support
• Attend Primary Parents Club meetings (regularly or occasionally).
• Please obtain a Working with Children Check from your post office