Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

The term is literally flying by! I am very proud of the fantastic works on display around the school. The grade 2 space models are totally awesome. The grade 3 recycled robots are equally stunning. I trust that some families really take the time to work together with students when making creative projects. Time spent together, is most well spent.

Last week during Book Week I had the opportunity to take some classes to the library. I can honestly say that we have some good readers who can tell you the difference between real reading & fake reading. We shared a special book by Jeanie Baker titled ‘Grandfather’. It’s impressive to see that kids can talk about literature. I strongly advise families to keep sharing and talking about books & even movies.

Learning Communities

Term 3 is the term where we love to celebrate learning. The many Key Learning Areas usually take a special week to highlight the significance of each domain such as Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Sports, Religious Ed & Values. Our teachers and team leaders have put in a great deal of time and effort to plan for special events and activities. It is with their goodwill that we strive to make a difference & add some fun to school. Thank you kindly.

PPC & Pastoral Care Iftar

The difference at Isik College is the goodwill and generosity of so many of our school community members. We had a beautiful iftar last Friday. I was touched to see some grandparents, adults, young children & staff attend the program. Many thanks to all the lovely people who cooked, served & organised the iftar. We look forward to many more!

Need to talk?

From time to time parents may have an issue that needs to be sorted out. Most things can be resolved with mutual listening and empathy. If you have a concern about your child, your first contact person is the class teacher or the department coordinator. If you feel there has not been a satisfactory resolution then I am more than happy to help. Many often parents do follow these procedures and issues are easily resolved. However, schools are complex places as they are full of complex and free thinking beings. Therefore, misunderstandings can occur from time to time. The best way to deal with such problems is to talk about it and find a possible solution that will meet ALL our needs (even if some outcomes are undesired). So if you have the need to vent, please come and see me while the matter is small, before it gets too big to manage.

A You Can Do It! Club

The students at our school are on a whole quite well behaved. Sometimes we experience low level behaviours that step outside our expected norms. Getting along is one key value that is always on our agenda. Being able to resolve conflict is a part of growing up and as adults we can only promote positive and healthy relationships. To help you understand that we have your child’s well being at heart we are fortunate to have a strong Student Support Services team this year. The launch of the You Can Do It! Club with Mrs Zengin has also made a strong colourful presence.

Where does fundraising go?

In recent times the school has held a number of fundraising events. Fundraising is often organised by teachers (gold/coin donations), the Primary Parents’ Club, Selimiye Foundation Women’s Association, Primary Pastoral Care department, SRC’s and the Secondary Parents & Friends Association. Most of the funds raised support our schools foundation – Selimiye. It is an interesting phenomenon that proves our interconnectedness. The funds contribute towards the purchase of updating new literacy and numeracy resources, scholarships and on occasions we have a pool of money to pay for supplies and expenses that cover the upcoming events. We raised $460 during the Rice Pudding (‘Sutlac’) sales. A further fantastic $1600 was raised during the Gozleme sale too. All proceeds will go towards Selimiye Foundation Scholarships. Many thanks to the kind families for their support.

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Regards,
Ms Evla Han
Ramadan starts with the sighting of the new moon – the new moon (crescent) looking like a banana. Students in Grades Prep–Grade 2 enjoyed learning this fact in a fun way during Religion and Values Education Week. Students took pleasure in dipping their crescent bananas into the melted chocolate then covering with sprinkles to decorate. A yummy treat that all enjoyed!

Throughout the week students also participated in other activities to celebrate the beginning of the Holy Month.

As part of the Religion and Values Department of Isik college we wish you all a Happy and Blessed Ramadan.

By Eray Cekic—2B

Earth is round with stars all around.
The Sun is so hot.
There are 9 planets, that’s a lot.
Mercury—That’s the hottest and
Pluto—That’s the coldest.
There are clouds in the sky,
They are all so high.
The galaxy is cool
Just like school!
- By Semih Doktoroglu

Wow! What a fun and activity filled week it has been for the prep students this week. We had Helen from the Hume Libraries visit us and read us some fantastic stories. We even got to role play along to some! We did some activities in our class such as designing book covers, making ‘Book Safari’ bookmarks and enjoying art and craft activities. We got dressed in red to be well read:) The highlight of our week had to be our ‘Buddy Day’. We were so excited to listen to our buddies read books that they have written. We learnt a lot more about what authors and illustrators do. Now we just can’t wait for the Character Parade!
Twinkle Twinkle Golden Star... The YCDI Club members were busy painting decorations and 23 special stars – one representing each class – that will be used to decorate our friendship tree this week! The ‘Friendship Tree’ painting project has started with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm from all students (including non-members who were very eager to help!). The YCDI club students met at lunchtime, all ready with art smocks, gloves and weather-proof paint to show off their talents and team effort! They all did a fantastic job!

Mrs. Zengin

A few weeks ago I was selected by my teachers to give a speech at assembly. In the beginning I was happy and excited to have been chosen but later I started to get a little nervous. On the actual day when I was to deliver my message, I woke up in the morning with butterflies in my tummy. My mother asked me to relax and also said to me that I would be a good job.

When I went up to deliver my speech I tried not to look at the audience and concentrate on the paper I had in my hand. I also remembered to take a deep breath before starting. All these things helped me a lot and I was able to deliver my speech confidently. At the end of the speech when I heard everyone clap I knew I did my best!

By Taner Alinc, 3C

On Monday the 17th August the grade 4’s went to IMAX for an excursion. On the way the bus driver put some music and the kids were talking excitedly all along the way.

When we arrived Mrs Arman paid the money for popcorn. When we went into the theatre we noticed there were other school students as well. The first movie we watched was called ‘The Forces of Nature’. I learnt that Istanbul and Izmit in Turkey has had the most earthquakes. It was the 17th of August! 10 years exactly since the devastating earthquake in Turkey. A scientist stated that the beautiful mosque in Istanbul was very special & lucky to have survived terrible earthquakes in the past.

The other movie we watched was called ‘Volcanoes, the Ring of Fire’. We learnt lots of facts about volcanoes. My God! They are scary. We enjoyed lunch at the park and then it was back to school again. I love the big IMAX movie screen!

By Shevval Ozturk, 4C
It is that time of the year once again. It is the advent of a month that is filled with innumerable blessings, the thirty days which require a Muslim to observe one of the five pillars of Islam, fasting. RAMADAN MUBARAK to all our students, parents and teachers! As part of ‘REV Week’ (Religion and Values Week) the Grade 5 and 6 students were involved in making crescent cookies and weaving full moons. The students baked a warm batch of cookies and then decorated with sprinkles, small candies, chocolate and icing. It was not only fun but, very relaxing. Last but by no means least they enjoyed their freshly baked cookies. The weaving also proved to be very exciting. Here are some photos of the week...

Mrs Emra Han—Gr 5/6 REV Teacher

Once again Isik College celebrated National Science Week at school. Students in grade 5 and 6 presented experiments to students from Prep to 4. This gave the opportunity for all students to conduct, demonstrate and provide an explanation to how things work & to enjoy the subject science. A big thank you to all the grade 5 and 6 students who demonstrated amazing experiments for all students to view and enjoy.—Mrs. Ozlem Bayram

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Are you looking for ways to promote your business in the local community? Here’s your chance! We are giving our parents the first opportunity to advertise in this year’s Primary Yearbook. Please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal for more details during school hours.
On Monday the 17th of August students from Grade 5 and 6 participated in the Vikings Indoor soccer tournament held at the Oakleigh Recreation Centre. The school entered two teams for the competition Isik A and Isik B. We are extremely pleased with the results from the day and the great skill and sportsmanship shown by our students. Isik A were the overall winners of the day and will now represent the school in the upcoming tournament in Term 4. A special thanks to Mr Yilmaz, Cemil Yildiz & Seckin Tekin for their efforts with the school team.

Round 1 Isik A vs Isik B (4-3)  
Round 3 St Thomas More vs Isik B (3-3)  
Round 5 The King David School B vs Isik A (0-8)  
Round 7 Isik A vs Canadian Lead (4-0)  
Round 9 Yarra PS B vs Isik A (1 – 18)  
Round 10 Isik A vs Pakenham Consolidated PS (3 – 0)

Finals - Isik vs Pakenham 5-2

The Isik Soccer team after 5 rounds came first in the district and went on to play zone matches. Here are the results:

1st Round - Isik vs Meadow Fair North   (5 - 2)  
2nd Round - Isik won due to forfeit from St.Carlos  
3rd Round - Isik vs Spensley Street P.S. (0-2)

On Thursday the 13th of August students from Grade 4 -6 participated in the annual Athletics Carnival that is held at the Meadowglen Athletics stadium. The students participated in a number of events including short and long distance running, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and triple jump. Overall congratulations to Blue House – Blair for winning the cup this year. The results for this year are as follows. Selected students will now take part in the District Athletics that will take place on September 11 at Meadowglen Athletics stadium.

1st place : Blair 226 points  
2nd place : Kitchener 215 points  
3rd place : Lismore 207 points  
4th place : Goulburn 165 points

Hey, kids! Check out our Ramadan Board and enter the Ramadan Writing competition for your chance to win a $100 voucher. Also enter the Ramadan Maths Competition and Ramadan Ibadet Club to win certificates and prizes.