Dear Parents & Friends,

This is an exciting week for some children who will be taking part in our pilot Student-Led Conferences. Many of the students and teachers have definitely worked hard organising portfolios, thinking and reflecting about what was learnt and of course rehearsing for this all important occasion. There are of course other reasons for excitement, especially when it’s September in Melbourne. The footy fever will also run at school with lots of fun activities and competitions. Students will come dressed in their football team colours, sing and take part in some games. How better to end the term and start the school holidays?

This week is also Mrs Arzu Bardiz and Mrs Ummar Topcu’s last. They will both be taking maternity leave and we wish their families the best. I’m told that parenthood is an extremely gratifying role. Sadly, we will not have Mrs Nirmal Rancan’s last. They will both be taking maternity leave and we wish their families the best.

Looking back, this term has been a very successful one. Many students have had the opportunity to experience, explore and discover! I am confident it has and will continue to be of significance in their personal growth and development. Many thanks to all the staff members who create opportunities to allow students to shine in their own way. Chalk and talk is a thing of the past. In the 21st century, it’s innovation and passion that demonstrates a love of learning and teaching. You can easily see the synergy in all the great photos in this edition of the newsletter. On this note, may I remind all parents who attend school events, that taking student photos (other than your own child) demands caution and responsibility. It is important that photos are not misused, in particular published on the internet. School photos taken by staff are entirely net. School photos taken by staff are entirely used for schooling purposes and media consent is requested on application forms.

Class Parent Reps (CPRs)

Staff will know my acronym fetish by now. You will note that we have published our CPR’s – Class Parent Representatives, finally. I have great expectations and know that our CPR’s will provide lots of support for teachers and the school community. Have you ever wondered who your child was always talking about? Why not arrange a social gathering for your class and meet the parents of your son/daughter’s friends? Or take the kids out together on a weekend? You could get involved with excursions, camps and the end of year Performance Nights. The sky is the limit!

Middle Department Camps

Speaking of camps the grade 3 and 4 camp is not so far away. I recall vividly, bidding farewell with many other parents, to our last year grade 3’s. This year they will be off to Port Sea and term 4 is the perfect time! I’m sure the grade 3’s this year will also enjoy the nature and beauty of Emerald at Wombat Corner camp.

Fathers’ Day Stall

I would like to pass on a thank-you to the Parents’ Club, especially Mrs Kardes, for organising the stall with lots of personalised items and keeping costs low. Many children had the opportunity to buy gifts and make special cards in class for their dad. We raised over $750. These funds will be used for further event organisations next term.

I’d like to also take this opportunity to encourage other parents who wish to contribute and join the PPC. If you have any issues or concerns the PPC is a great way to take action and make a difference. Feel free to drop by and attend our next meeting.

Yet again we approach the end of another Ramadan, for those of us healthy and fortunate. I give gratitude and make dua for being blessed with family and good friends. Enjoy the celebrations and festivities. Eid Mubarak!

Warm regards,
Ms Evla Han

Gr 6 students Elif & Mehmet Ali offer a helping hand & prove their mental maths at the Father’s Day stall

Important Dates

- 14 Aug : Student Led Conferences Week
- 17 Sept : Last day for students & Footy Fever Day
- 17-27 Sept : Royal Melbourne Show
- 18 Sept : Parent Teacher Interviews
- 20 Sept : Eid-Ul Fitr

For those who like to plan ahead...

- 4 Oct : Curriculum Day (student free)
- 5 Oct : Students start Term 4 & PPC meeting 9.30am in MP rm.
- Saturday 10 Oct : Prep 2010 Testing
- 14 Oct : Gr 4 Portsea Camp
- 21 Oct : Gr 3 Wombat Corner Camp
- 30 Oct : World Teachers’ Day
- 2 Nov : Staff Development Day (student free)
- 3 Nov : Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Amongst all our National Literacy and Book Week events, Isik College students participated in a ‘Wear Red to be Well Read’ day and a Character Parade. Our Red Day encouraged students to simply wear red, to symbolise the importance of being well read. Students and teachers enjoyed dressing up in the vibrant colours on the day. Isik College students experienced a number of literacy activities during this week; such as designing a book cover, DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and the fantastic storytellers. Our annual Character Parade was even bigger and better than in previous years, with most staff and students dressing up as their favourite book characters. The day was a success, with one student from each grade being awarded a prize. The school’s best dressed teacher award went to Mrs Sonmez Okten, who came as Mary Poppins. The overall student winner was Helin Bayram who came as Princess Jasmine. We thank all students, teachers and parents for their efforts in making this year’s Book Week Character Parade so memorable.

Among the activities were the highly anticipated Spelling Bee and General Knowledge-Quest for the Best challenges. Each grade had 3 students representing their class, and all did a wonderful job. The Spelling Bee was lots of fun as both the contestants and audience had to this before spelling the words OUT. The scores were often close and it was a nervous wait until the results were revealed. The General Knowledge competition was just as fun as students were able to show how connected to the world they really were. Some questions proved a little challenging at times but our audience and judges were only too happy to help. Mrs Tasci was applauded by all as she was the only one who was able to answer the ‘Brain Teaser’ question which was the last question of the competition. All participants and winners received their certificates and prizes at our assembly. The Literacy Team would like to thank all students and staff who helped make all events a big success.

The winners of the Spelling Bee: 6D, 5C, 4C, 3A
The winners of the General Knowledge competition: 6C, 5B, 4A, 3A

Literacy Team
Teachers
Character Parade
Prep to Grade 6 students celebrated National Numeracy Week with a lot of enthusiasm. Students' participation rate with the many special activities and competitions planned, was pleasingly high! We successfully promoted the importance of mathematics in our everyday lives. We started off the week by having Maths Centres run by 5B students. Prep and Grade 1 students were invited to explore mathematical concepts involving areas such as number, measurement, estimation, data collection, spatial skills and the construction of 3D objects. Students had an excellent time and did a lot of mathematical thinking while having heaps of fun. Here is a snapshot of our week of numeracy activities and results of competitions undertaken:

**Maths Mastermind Tournament:**

The following students from grades 2 - 6 represented their grade in a thrilling maths tournament:

- **2A:** Pinar Geyik, Leyla Hussein, Mustafa Kaygisiz
- **2B:** Nazli Somuncuoglu, Eray Cekic, Adem Ocal
- **2C:** Atahan Aslan, Koray Cekic, Seren Guclu
- **3A:** Vildan Cosgun, Defne Alkan, Bashir Dabbagh
- **3B:** Imran Sahan, Seyma Cetinkaya, Hakan Eser
- **3C:** Evren Icbudak, Eray Ugurlu, Burak Ozdemir
- **4A:** Muhammed Djebarra, Seyma Yildirim, Aydin Sonmaz
- **4B:** Harun Ergi, Arzu Gultekin, Koray Altuntas
- **4C:** Meryem Uluturk, Gulendam Say, Gulsen Kolpar
- **5A:** Kadir Sezgin, Melih Bal, Serene Jinnah
- **5B:** Ismail Karaaslan, Batuhan Ozdemir, Ridvan Aketpe
- **5C:** Mustafa Ayvaz, Yusuf Sen, Beyza Kaymakci
- **6A:** Selin Kutlu, Furkan Temel, Shanzeh Anis
- **6B:** Tarik Tasci, Emre Tanrikulu, Adem Yavuz
- **6C:** Furkan Sener, Safiye Naim, Sumeyye Serin
- **6D:** Yesim Atasever, Ebubekir Capar, Bukre Kocmar

**Congratulations to 2A, 3C, 4B, 5A and 6D teams for their winning performance in a nail-biting round of mathematical problem solving!**
The Annual 5 cent Money Trail period has been a super success this year. Children and teachers had a wonderful time designing creative money trails in our corridors, as well as fundraising for much needed numeracy resources. 2B had the most coins, 1708. 5B raised the most money, $129.20. A total of $743.30 was raised all up. Don’t let 5c coins slip under your couches. It all adds up!

**Times-Table Masters**

Koray Cekic—2C  
Eray Ugurlu—3C  
Aleyna Mimi—4B  
Enes Kilic—5A  
Goksu Sahin—6A

Thank you to all students, teachers and families. Your support and encouragement is always much appreciated. We are looking forward to more exciting, mathematically-powered events in the not too distant future.

Ms Demet Latifoglu, Numeracy Team Leader
The Prep students were excited to take part in Buddy Day. During the morning session Grade Prep students read and made books with their buddies. They shared the joy and spirit of learning how to read. All children enjoyed learning from their peers and older buddies. The Grade 5 students were excellent role models. In the afternoon the Grade Prep students took part in fun relay activities such as egg and spoon race and three legged race. We also had the opportunity to take part in the Science and Numeracy Week rotation activities. The Preps learnt so much and were fascinated with science and numbers. Some are still puzzled and asking questions about what they learnt on the day.

Thank you to the Grade Five team. Your support and time is appreciated. We look forward to our next meeting.

-Prep Team