Important Dates
- 30 Oct: World Teachers' Day
- 2 Nov: Staff Development Day (student free)
- 3 Nov: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 4 Nov: Police Visit: Preps
- 1 Dec: Gr 6 Graduation
- 8 Dec: Gr 3-5 Performance Night
- 9 Dec: Prep-2 Show
- 11 Dec: Last day of term for students
- 18 Dec: Report Distribution

Ms. Burcu Goksu

Dear Parents & Friends,

After a rather cool start to term 4, finally spring has sprung! I remind all our families that we are a SunSmart school. All students and staff alike will need to wear their hats while outdoors, otherwise, the ‘No hat, no play’ policy is clear.

I must congratulate all our grade 3 and 4 campers who took part in the outdoor education programs. Such experiences truly provide life skills where children have the opportunity to develop self esteem, independence and interdependence. I am also pleased to hear of the positive feedback and adventures of the junior campers. It is also good to know that the grade 4 Portsea camp site also gives back to the community through our bookings and stay.

Term 4 means lots of hard work and celebrations. I feel certain that the You Can Do It! program has made a difference this year. The ‘keys to success’ are beautifully displayed around our buildings. One thing I have noticed is that some grade 6 students really now work methodically and their organisation skills will indeed be an asset, especially in high school. In fact, I think I might even need a few tips, by the constant pile up of papers and folders on my desk! All work and no play, is not what we are about. Learning is exciting, engaging and empowering. The end of year performances will be a highlight. Some classes have started rehearsals. There will be lots of colour, costumes, props and music in the air on campus in the next few weeks. Class Parent Reps (CPRs) and any other parents who wish to offer a helping hand are recommended to have a chat to the class teacher. Further details regarding the performance night and graduation programs will be provided at a later date. However, be sure to note the important dates in this issue.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

Student Support Services

Hello! I have recently commenced employment here at Isik College as the school counsellor. Having this role within a great team in the student support and counselling department is very exciting. Firstly, I would like to thank all staff and students who have welcomed me and I am looking forward to working with them throughout term 4. My role as the counsellor is to provide students with emotional and motivational support and also promote well-being within the school and home environment. Throughout their development, children are striving both intellectually and emotionally. Thus, by accessing these services at school, students will enhance in all aspects of their development. Coming from a psychology background, I am aware of the importance and impact a healthy and fulfilled lifestyle has on students. I aim to encourage students and families to access these services which are available to them. One of the main endeavours for the remainder of the year is to focus on anti-bullying campaigns, social skills programs and also increase familiarity and awareness of the counselling department here at the school. Thank you and I look forward to my career here at Isik College.

Ms. Burcu Goksu

Gr 2’s take part in the sports clinic run by senior students in high school.
COMMUNITY

Police are strong and brave
Officer of the Law and Justice
Is What they believe in
Cops are their second name and Everybody loves them.

By Aleyna Gundogan

HAPPINESS IS GREEN

It sounds like kids playing on the green grass.
It smells like yummy green lollies.
It tastes like green juicy plums.
It looks like a green garden.
Happiness feels like my warm green blanket.

By Nurbanu Asik

MEAN IS BLACK

Mean sounds like stomping feet.
Mean smells like smelly zombies.
Mean tastes like poison.
Mean looks like Lord Voldemort.
Mean feels like scary things.

By Tarik Kardes

Swimming

This week Grade 1’s commenced their 8 day intensive swimming program. Students have taken to the routine of changing and dressing rather quickly, with only minor hiccups here and there. At the beginning of the program the students were assessed and split up into ability groups, where their skills are further developed with the qualified instructors at Broadmeadows Leisure Centre. Students are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and look forward to next week. A big thank you to the teachers, aides and parents who have helped to ensure it all runs smoothly. - Gr 1 Team

Gr 1’s - a school of fish!
On 14th of October the grade 4’s went to Portsea camp. On the way everyone was saying good-bye to their parents and then eventually went into the bus for take off! Every class had their own bus and in our classes (which is 4c) everyone was talking and shouting because of sheer excitement. Some of the girls asked the bus-driver if he could put music, and we were singing along to the songs we knew.

It was a really long trip and it took exactly 2 and a half hours to get there. When we arrived at Portsea camp we settled into our cabins and I was in Selin, Neslihan and Vesile’s cabin. Our cabin was really small, but very cozy. 15 minutes later the teachers came and said “Everybody, get your gear, we’re going to the beach for some activities”. When we were all ready we headed off to the beach, with some buckets and spades. Selin, Sude and I made a sand castle. We weren’t able to swim in the beach because it was too cold. After spending some time at the beach we went back to our cabins and then got ready for dinner. There’s nothing like mum’s food! After dinner the girls watched Shark boy and Lava girl, and the boys played soccer. At 8:30pm we were sent off to bed, and we didn’t sleep until 1:00 in the morning, which drove the teachers crazy., naturally! But, hey we are kids and this is camp :) The next day our cabin woke up at 6:00am. Then we got ready for breakfast. For breakfast we ate cereal and toast. By 9 am all the activities started and there were groups, so it was all mixed up. When the activities finished just before dinner we went to Win Wood hall for dinner. For dinner we ate chicken schnitzel. That’s not worth complaining about. After dinner we had time to practice for our camp concert. When it was time everyone went to the hall. There was some concerts that people did and Selin, Sude, Gorkem.K, Gorkem.U, Yusuf and I did Whine up. After the concerts finished we all danced to music and sang songs. We slept at 9 pm and we fell asleep very quickly. We were all tired from the day before and all the activities. The last day came and Selin and I didn’t wake up so Mrs.Eser Arman had to come into our cabin and started to jump in our beds and tickle us. After she did that we headed for breakfast. Once breakfast was over, we packed our cabins and we dragged our stuff to the bus. We left at 12:30 pm and arrived back at school at 2:30 pm safely and all in good time. On behalf of all the grade 4’s we thank the teachers for taking us to this beautiful camp location and letting us have fun with our friends. We can’t wait for the grade 5 camp next year. We here the Phillip Island campsites is brilliant. By: Shevval Ozturk and Selin Bas.
This term grade 5C is studying the concept Environment. As a class we discussed what we already know and what we wanted to learn. Each table was given a choice of an ecosystem project.

Our table chose the ocean. First of all Mehmet brought the container and sand from ROSEBUD he also brought a few shells and seaweed... Yusuf brought the plastic fish from the shops... Elif and I brought the green food colouring for the colour of the sea and also rocks!!! Beyza.T did the information on a poster paper from home. First we filled the container with water from the taps but it might not sound like a really hard job but it was because it was very hard to carry the water with the water and the day by day the water's colour kept on changing so that we had to do it all over again and again.

We learnt how to work in groups ... We also learnt that the ocean is a major body of saline water and approximately 71% of earth's surface is covered by the ocean and the deepest point in the ocean is located in the Pacific Ocean.

By Elif, Beyza T, Mehmet, Yusuf, Aydin & Muhammed.

On Tuesday the 13th of October 2009, Students from Grades 5 & 6 were selected to attend the Building Bridges – A Multicultural Exchange Project hosted by The School of Good Shepherd in Gladstone park.

The activities of the day consisted of formal and informal discussion time and were based on bringing together different faith and cultural groups of students, hoping to promote harmony, and awareness of the different racial and religious diversity within the community.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions about other faiths and realized that we all had many things in common.

The Pastoral Care Department has continued to deliver spiritual and emotional support to the primary staff of Isik College. The lectures are conducted on a weekly basis where teachers are also spoilt with homemade sweets and savories.

We appreciate the support of the Pastoral Care team and encourage them to continue their wonderful programs.

Mrs Gulcan Ayvaz
Religious Ed & Values Team Leader