Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information & Meet the Teacher sessions last week. We hope you were able to gain a better understanding of our curricular programs and school policies. Although the attendance to some of these sessions were a little disappointing we hope that parents will make every effort during the year to take the opportunity to engage in other parent sessions. We also appreciate staff who have taken their own time to prepare and present. Some important questions were addressed and parents had the chance to visit classrooms and have an informal chat with teachers.

As of next week I will be having afternoon popcorn with students to acknowledge all their efforts at school. I am looking forward to seeing lots of students who are making great strides and gains in their learning journey this year.

During our morning Literacy block we provide children with the time to have Brain Food. It is recommended that parents provide children with fresh fruits and vegetables or muesli bars during this time. Furthermore, we all know water has great benefits and encourage all children to have a water bottle in class.

During our uniform inspections with the principal, it has been very pleasing to see students taking a more conscious effort wearing their hats. It is also encouraging to see students wearing the full summer uniform and sports uniform. I am also very pleased to see students taking a more conscious effort wearing their hats.

A reminder that all Medical Forms must be returned upon completion to the nurse, Mrs. Nurdan Ors. It is vital that we have up to date medical plans and details regarding all our children.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find a notice regarding parent support. One of our school values is to encourage life-long learning and teamwork. We would greatly appreciate any services that you are able to provide to help maximise opportunities for all our students. Please be advised that volunteers will need to obtain a Working with Children Check, available free at your local post office.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all the families for giving generously to our Bushfire Appeal. Despite the short notice, the primary department raised a total of $795.70. It was also very touching to see some children try to fast on the day in recognition of the fire victims.

Ms Evla Han

Reading Recovery

Reading Recovery is an early intervention program once again offered by Isik College in 2009. It is a school based early intervention program developed to assist year 1 students who require additional assistance in reading and writing. After extensive testing, students in year 1 who are most at risk are offered places on the Reading Recovery program throughout the year.

The Reading Recovery program is a daily half hour session designed to meet the individual learning needs of our year 1 students. Children participate in the program for approx 15-20 weeks and are discontinued from the program once they achieve benchmark reading levels.

Reading Recovery is just one of the additional assistance programs offered by Isik College and has been consistently successful with students for a number of years.

I look forward to another rewarding year working as part of the year 1 team, encompassing teachers, parents and students.

Mrs Emel Akgun
The prep students were introduced to their grade 5 buddies this week. All students had a fantastic time doing activities with their buddies. Our buddies will lend a helping hand and look after our lovely prep students while they play in the yard. They will also get to do lots of fun activities and reading together. Thank you grade 5 and 6’s!

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**Clean-Up Schools Day**

Since 1992 children all around Australia have turned out in their thousands to help Clean Up Australia. Schools’ Clean Up Day is specifically designed to allow students to participate in Clean Up Australia as part of a school activity. We put on gloves & took the extra effort to clean up our schoolyard on Friday 27th February.

*Mrs. Ozlem Bayram*

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**We Care in Pastoral Care**

Hello Everyone!

As the Pastoral Care department this year we hope we will have many activities to learn and enjoy. So far we have started the term meeting our students over lunches. This will continue with some more delicious and healthy food during our regular lunchtime meetings. These meetings are great because we enjoy a friendly atmosphere and learn together about our moral values with the help of our pastoral care staff. This year our team consists of the following staff (rehberlik öğretmenleri):

- 4A : Mrs. Muhsine Seymen
- 6A & B : Mrs. Gulcan Ayvaz
- 5A & B : Mrs. Sevgi Turkmen
- 4B : Ms. Bahar Ulukan
- 6C & D : Mrs. Ilknur Pak
- 5C : Ms. Emel Tanriverdioglu
- 4C : Mrs. Esra Oz

Look out for the following events coming soon:

- Breakfast for Grade 6 parents: Mon 2nd March 09.15 am-10.15 am (C Block)
- Breakfast for Grade 5 parents: Tues 3rd March 09.15 am-10.15 am (Canteen)
- Breakfast for Grade 4 parents: Wed 4th March 09.15 am-10.15 am (Canteen)
- Mevlid Kandili (the Birth of our Prophet) Celebrations for each year level
- Regular lunchtime meetings.

Thanks for your participation & cooperation.

*Mrs. Serap Sinik, Primary Pastoral Care Deputy Principal*
A big welcome to all members of the Isik College family. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday. A warm welcome to all our new families who have commenced at Isik College for the first time. Our students took no time to resume their routines, they began the job of learning enthusiastically, in spite of the heat. I would like to introduce the wonderful Middle School Team that will be teaching your children this year at Isik College. The Middle School at Isik College encompasses students from Grade 3 to Grade 4. In our Grade 3 classes we have Mrs Meryem Yalciner, Mrs Najmal Anis Reusch and Mrs Sevde Serbetci. Our Grade 4 teachers are Mrs Guldem Gumus, Mrs Eser Arman and Mrs Mukaddes Guneysu. The Middle School team forms a part of the wider dedicated teaching staff we have at Isik. We are very pleased to be part of such an enthusiastic team of teachers working here at Isik. We also work very closely with our LOTE teachers Mrs Hatice Polat and Mrs Ummu Yilmaz and Religious Education and Values teacher Mrs Hatice Gungor. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to approach your child’s teacher. If you need time to discuss your concerns, please make an appointment as before school teachers are busy with class preparation and talking with children. If you do not feel your concerns have been adequately dealt with, please do not hesitate to speak with me. Teachers are expected to attend staff and team meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings so it is best to avoid these evenings where possible.

My role at Isik College will be to assist the Middle Department Coordination, as Mrs Safak Goker-Kamisci takes maternity leave.

With the support of our school families once again we look forward to sharing a busy and productive year with everyone. Hope you have a happy and safe New School Year.

Mrs Mukaddes Guneysu, Middle Department Coordinator

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Lift Off to YCDI! - This year we have a new program called ‘You Can Do It!’ On Friday at assembly, we had some green helium balloons to celebrate our new program. When everyone got the balloons Mrs. Evla had a countdown up to three and everyone let go of their balloons into the air and the balloons flew away to the sky. Who knows where they are now?? I have learnt that being confident is important for me to succeed. I hope I will learn more about the YCDI! program. I believe we are on the right track and we have started the program with success.

Selin Bas 4C

Confidence Persistence Resilience Getting Along Organisation

Ready Set Go!

YOU CAN DO IT! ASSESSMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS
We were all very excited that we were going to Canberra! The night before we were leaving we all checked our bags but even after going through all that we at least forgot one thing.

The teachers told us to be there at 6, when we came there was no one around. We all waited until 7:45 to leave. We were on the coaches and left in tears. The journey seemed forever and we only had 3 breaks, one was called Dog on the Tuckerbox and the other Wollongong. When we arrived it payed off. We had a quick dinner then we went into our own cabins.

When we woke up we had breakfast and headed off to A.I.S, it was one of the most fun activities because we got to play lots of games and watched the athletes train. Our next stop was Questacon; there we saw lots of different inventions. By now everyone was exhausted, so we had lunch. Eddie, our bus driver brought us sandwiches, it was GROSS!! After having lunch we went to the Old Parliament House. There we got to conduct a debate about a Tasmanian Dam. People all had different roles. For example Mrs. Ozlem was the Speaker and Gizem was her Clerk. Soon we were on our way to Regatta Point and there we walked to the Exhibition. We went back to our camp site and had dinner. Because we were naughty they made us sit girl, boy. On our table we had Gizem, Kubra, Seray, Muslum, Kayhan, Emre and Gorkem. We had lemonade which didn’t taste like lemonade to drink. When Emre left the table Gorkem put his spaghetti on Muslum’s plate. Then Kayhan put tomato sauce in his drink, then salt and then a different flavoured drink. Emre drank it and said it tasted normal. We all went back into our cabins to rest then sleep.

Day 2, after having our breakfast our adventure started of with Australian National Museum and the Australian War Memorial. At the Memorial we transferred into TOP SECRET SPIES and investigated different war planes. Lunch once again were sandwiches and they tasted a bit better. The new Parliament house was very tight with security, everyone had to go through security (They took Mrs Ozlem’s whistle). Once again we got to conduct a debate about banning violent cartoons. Here Kaan was the Speaker and Dilan was her Clerk. Mrs Nuray had the boring task of being the deputy clerk.

We ended the day with a drive around the Embassies.

Presentation night was short but it was very fun. We were all very exhausted by the end of the night. We all slept like angels. When we woke up on the last day at 5:30 am we were no longer angels. Most of us fell asleep on the bus (especially Mrs Ozlem and Mrs Nuray). We were all happy to see our family. Finally, we wish to say a big thanks to all our teachers who took great care of us, day and night!

BY GRADE 6 B AND 6D (Typed By Gizem, Kubra and Muslum)

On Wednesday 25th March we had our first SRC meeting. We shared some of our concerns like the tubs, ICT and expensive canteen prices.

Mrs Mukaddes told us about Clean up Australia Day and we designed some posters for display.

I am very happy to be in the SRC this year because we want to try to find solutions to some issues at school and we can be a voice for other students in our class. SRC is all about responsibility and active citizenship. By Acelya Erbay, 5C

Above : Where is Nesibe going with that outfit? Below, training like elite athletes at the AIS, its time to count the votes, we remember the war heroes and dinner time is happy time!