**Deputy Principal’s Message**

Hola everybody! Here we are already in full swing in term 2. The inclement weather is here a bit sooner than we expected in Melbourne. Students must all remember to wear their winter uniforms. The school jumpers and jackets are all readily available and student coats, neck scarves and gloves in school colours are permitted. However, the College uniform policy does not include tights or boots.

This term we have had to bid Mrs Seldan Kirmaci farewell as she will be taking maternity leave and welcome Ms Kader Akay into 2B. Likewise, Mrs Ummu Yilmaz is also on leave and is now replaced by Mrs Umran Topcu. On behalf of the College we also extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Mrs Ummu Yilmaz on the loss of her father. Congratulations to Mr Mustafa Kus and family on the birth of Ali Esat. We also wish the best for Mrs Bahar Ulukan and partner a holy matrimony.

I am thrilled our Parent Volunteer Program has also commenced this term, hoorah! The primary department has a passionate and committed community in every sense.

The grade 5 staff and students have had lots of good camp stories to bring back. I commend all the students for their behaviour and camping spirit. Phillip Island is really a wonderful camping destination and experience. Thank you for all the staff for their efforts in making this years camp a success. The grade 3 and 4 camps will also take place later, in warmer weather and would you be interested in going to other camps?

The Infant department will soon be conducting the AEDI (Australian Early Development Index) for the Royal Children’s Hospital & Murdoch Institutes, which helps provides information on how young children are developing in different communities.

A major event this term is Education Week beginning May 11th. Be sure to receive some news about the events and activities in plan. The Primary Parents Club (PPC) is excited to run the Mother’s Day Stall this year and just to let you know in advance there are some rather personalised items available only at our stall! Reminiscing the good old days, I know my mum still keeps and writes some special recipes in the cook book we bought when I was in primary school. I hope all our mum’s feel special everyday, but extraordinarily special on Mother’s Day.

Sometimes parents wish to attend and help out on excursions. Below is a guide to remember some things when involved.

Enise Ozcelik and Dilara Kahraman made us very proud representing our school at the Turkish Olympics in Sydney last term. They will both receive a cheque each for their participation and achievements. In this edition of our newsletter you will find some students listed in recognition of their LOTE skills. My trip to Spain definitely proved that a third language is also essential, even in Europe. I hope that many of our students and families recognise the significance of learning (many) different languages because it really does provide more opportunities.

*Regards, Ms Evla Han*

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**Do’s**

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<th>Ensure you hold a WWCC</th>
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<td>Please sign in at the office</td>
<td>Pre-school and other siblings may not attend as attention may be diverted from the focus group.</td>
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<td>Arrive a little early to receive some information &amp; details from the teachers</td>
<td>Don’t just spend time with your child. This is not the purpose of your role.</td>
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<td>Ask the teacher for jobs &amp; tasks they would like you to undertake</td>
<td>Please don’t use your mobile phone as this may cause some neglect in supervising children fully</td>
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<td>Provide care for ALL students</td>
<td>Do not distribute snacks or buy food for your child personally. Nor should you distribute foods to other students.</td>
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<td>Be prepared to supervise children other than your own. You may not be in the same group as your child.</td>
<td>Please don’t bring cameras or recording devices. A teacher will take care of photography. There are legal obligations.</td>
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<td>Children are expected to reasonably comply with your requests. Report any troubles to the teachers immediately.</td>
<td>Smoking is not permitted at any time for the duration of the excursion.</td>
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**Don’ts**

**Important Dates**

- 5 May : Gr4 Werribee Zoo excursion
- 6-8 May : Parents Club Mothers Day Stall
- 11 May : Volunteers Week
- 12-14 May : Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- 15 May : Walk Safely to School Day
- 18 May : Education Week & Prep Farm Excursion
- 19-21 May : Annual Book Fair
- 20 May : Gr 3-6 Epilepsy Trivia Challenge
- 21 May : International Maths Day
- 22 May : Gr. 1&2 Bully Busters incursion
- Sun 24 May : Isik College OPEN Day
- 25 May : Aust. Schools Sorry Day

**For those who like to plan ahead...**

- 8 June : Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 18 June : P-2 Jump Rope for heart
- 19 June : Last Day for Students
- 26 June : Report Distribution Day

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**LOTE Stars**

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- Imran Turkmen
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Isik College students celebrated Sovereignty and Children’s Day on the 23rd of April. The founder of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, dedicated April 23 to the children of the country to emphasize that they are the future of the new nation. Every year, the children in Turkey celebrate this “Sovereignty and Children’s Day” as a national holiday. Schools participate in week-long ceremonies marked by performances in all fields in large stadiums watched by the entire nation. Among the activities on this day, students marked the event with songs, poems and folklore dancing.

In Term 1, the grade 2’s visited the Melbourne aquarium. Students immerse themselves in the curious marine secrets of Australia’s oceans by experiencing unique Antarctic penguins in this unique habitat. Luminous smacks of moon jellies, scuttling hermit crabs and weedy seadragons are also investigated in order to develop movement, literacy and imagination. Grade 2C meet penguins, snakes, sea stars, sea jellies, crabs and cuttlefish and learn about their similarities and differences. They enjoyed the excursion and had awesome day.

On the last day of Term 1 grade preps had a teddy bear’s picnic. We made invitations for our teddy bears to visit us at school. All of us had a lovely time, so did our teddies! We had a picnic with our teddies and our buddies in our classrooms and played lots of fun games on the day. We made teddy bears ears and a lot of teddy bear activities. What a fun way to end Term 1!
**National Smile Day 2009**

This aims to give Australians an excuse to smile for the day and raise funds for Clown Doctors. Clown Doctors bring smiles to the faces of children in hospital. They help children cope with hospital and treatment. Their well-being is improved as a result. National Smile Day is organised by the Humour Foundation, a charity dedicated to promoting the health benefits of humour. Humour is an effective coping strategy. It can relieve fear and stress and aid recovery. For more information visit [http://www.humourfoundation.com.au](http://www.humourfoundation.com.au)

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**Dromkeen**

On Thursday 26th of March, grade 3 students went to Dromkeen by bus. It was a long drive. When we arrived a lady named Jade led us into a huge room where we had our fruits. After our fruits we split into two groups. Group 1 went into the museum first. We learned about history, famous authors, we guessed masks and we saw many wonderful books that we read. We then swapped activities. We played, collected feathers and saw peacocks. Then we had our lunch. It was a very tiring excursion and my feet hurt.

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While we were doing these things, the other group was outside looking at statues and signs about books. There was an interesting statue of animals from some well liked picture story books. We watched a short DVD about an illustrator drawing Mr Biffy, a very sad clown.

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**BRIDGING THE GAP**  

Last term Mrs Esra Oz and Mrs Muhsine Seymen were involved in a lot of pre-testing and training for the Bridging the Gap Early Years program and are now implementing it for the first time in grade 3 and 4. Bridges is designed for students who require support in the early years of primary schooling from prep-4. The program is based on the belief that all students should have the opportunity to become proficient readers, writers and spellers to help with life skills.

**Key features:**
- One to one intervention
- Daily program
- Flexible program lasting for 3-30 weeks
- Emphasis on reading development and word discovery
- Integral component of a school’s literacy action plan

**The program consists of the seven components:**
- Vocabulary
- Familiar reading
- Reading together
- Latching onto literature
- Oral language
- Writing together
- Language games
On the last week of term 1 the SRC met officially for the first time in 6A. Our teachers Ms. Guneyasu and Ms. Bardiz had organised a lovely healthy lunch for all the SRC’s. Our Deputy Principal Ms. Evla was there to give everyone their SRC badges. We were given our SRC, School Captain and Sports Captain badges. Our teachers gave us a list of our duties and responsibilities.

I think it is very important to have an SRC because it shows us that our school values its students and that we can also make a difference in our school. This term we will be working hard to make a difference in our school and in our community. Hopefully together we can make a difference.

SRC Member: Goksu Sahin (6A)

The NAPLAN 2009 tests for students in Years 3 and 5 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May. All students in Years 3 and 5 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy.

National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. Parents can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Their children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information and online practice tests visit http://www.naplan.edu.au/home_page.html