Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

In the last fortnight we have had to endure an audit from the Registered Schools Board, ensure all protocols were accompanied with NAPLAN assessments and plan for our Education Week program! There simply is no time to get bored at school.

I should like to welcome our new Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) or commonly known as Before/After care, coordinator Mrs Fadime Veli. She has certainly lots of skills when it comes to organised activities (we noticed the change in the MP room). There are a number of students who regularly wait for parents (including staff). In the best interest and safety of your children, please pick them up promptly at 3.30pm or alternatively make the necessary arrangements. If you have any queries regarding OSHC please contact Mrs Veli.

In this edition of our newsletter you will find the friendly faces of our parent volunteers. We invited the Primary Parents Club and Parent Volunteer Program members for a special morning tea last week as part of National Volunteers Week. It may sound cliché, however, one person can make a real difference!

Parents and friends wishing to enrol new students are now urged to complete and submit an application form. We welcome all interested families to attend our Open Day to get a feel of learning at Isik College.

How I love autumn! The chill in the morning, the unexpected bit of sunshine during the afternoon and the stunning colours of the trees. I have noticed that some of our students do not own a school jacket and simply wear their own cardigans and coats. I wish to remind all families that the school jacket is certainly a part of our Uniform policy and can be purchased from Fountain Uniform & Bookshop.

I am aware that a number of our families are now traveling abroad. Please inform your child’s teacher as soon as possible and be aware of the College policy. Finally, if you have a child who will need to sit the Entrance Examination, but are overseas, please inform the primary secretary Mrs Nazan Bol. The College will provide another date for students to have the opportunity to take the Entrance Examination only if they are overseas.

Education Week is an important part of the educational calendar. We hope our students will take part and enjoy the activities on offer. I am really excited about the SRC Grandparents Coffee & Cake session. We will provide reflections and lots of photos in our next issue of the newsletter. Ms Saide did manage to get a few Big Breakfast photos today :)”

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

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Have you heard about PSG meetings?
This year we have established a new team called Student Support Services. It consists of the Welfare Counselor, Speech Therapist, Deputy Principal (as required), Liaison officer, class teacher and parents. We aim to ensure healthy communication between staff, students and families. One way of doing this is having a Progress Support Group (PSG) conference in regards to how your child is progressing at school. We can already see the benefits of this with the conferences we have recently had as it demonstrates support and commitment to the social and academic well being of our students.

Mrs Emra Han
SSS Liaison

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Important Dates
- 18 May: Education Week & Prep Farm Excursion
- 19-21 May: Annual Book Fair
- 19 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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On May 10th it was Mother’s Day. The prep students were very eager to use their artistic abilities to make creative presents for their mother’s. They all did a lovely job. We are sure all the mums were very happy and proud!

This term for our Integrated Studies topic we are focusing on Farm Animals. We will be going on an excursion to Bundoora Farm. This will be a very exciting and valuable experience for all students. Mrs. Ozlem Oflay, Infant Dept Coord.

'I love my mum because she takes me to lots of places.' - Aleyna

'I love mum mum because she plays games with me.' - Mehmet

'I love my mum because she cooks yummy food for me.' - Yunus

'What do volunteers look like?'

It is with great pleasure that I thank our wonderful students for working hard and trying their best to learn new things to improve their knowledge and skills. The term so far has been a busy one with introduction of new concepts and language experiences and will get busier with Education Week, school open day and class excursions and incursions.

I would also like to sincerely thank our wonderful parents for supporting their child’s/children’s learning and for making the time to communicate and show interest in their learning. Showing interest does actually make the difference for children.

Did you know?

Children who are praised for their efforts work harder and take more risks than those children who are praised for being smart. Children want compliments to be realistic and to match their behaviour. Children know if the work is only half done, or if they didn’t play the game well - what they want is to hear what you really thought.

Please remember that effective praise is done by giving children positive feedback about their performances and actions rather than only focusing on end results.

The infant department would like to thank our parent helpers for their invaluable support at our school and we look forward to continuing our work together. Happy Volunteers’ Week!

Mrs Kevser Kilic, Junior Dept Coordinator

OSH C (Out Side School Hours Care) VACANCY

For all parents that are/where interested in our OSHC service, we currently have some vacancies, and are accepting new enrolments, for both before school care and after school care.

Our dedicated staff aim to meet your child’s individual needs, while providing quality care for children of all ages.

Our operating hours are:
Before school care: 7.30 am to 8.50 am
After school care: 3.30 pm to 6.00pm

For those that are not familiar with the service, or would like more information please contact the OSHC Co-ordinator Fadime Veli either in person or on 9309 0388 between 7.00 am to 10.00 am or 3.00 am to 6.00 pm.
Hello Everybody,

Camp is new to the middle department. The grades 3’s last year (2008) were fortunate enough to experience this and came back with unforgettable memories.

This year both the 3’s and 4’s will be going to camp. I thought I would take this opportunity to mention the benefits of camp. The benefits and anticipated outcomes of the camp experience are as follows:

**Social Skills Development** -
- Leadership
- Communication
- Participation

**Self-Respect and Character Building** -
- Responsibility
- Resourcefulness
- Resilience

**Community Living/Service Skills** -
- Caring
- Fairness
- Citizenship
- Trustworthiness

Camping is fun, plus it is this atmosphere that provides a needed change of pace from the academic demands of our children today. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Mukaddes Guneysu

Middle School Coordinator

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**Gr 4 at the Zoo**

On 12th of May, we went to Werribee Zoo. When we first got there we went into a nature classroom. We got to touch a green tree frog and a snake. After everyone had a turn we had our lunch. After lunch we went on a bus tour all around the zoo. We saw a rhinosaurus, zebras, giraffes, meercats, leopards, lions and antelopes. The reserves didn’t smell very nice! Once our tour finished, we went on a 40 minute walk. We saw monkeys. When the walk was over we went to the souvenir shop. Once we bought our slimey snakes and other little things we went back to school. We all had a great day!

By Saliha Koch 4B

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**Nurse, Mrs Ors Says...**

Once again it is that time of the season, winter. Please ensure students are not sent to school with any contagious illnesses as we want to ensure that all children are protected from and minimise the exposure to colds/flues and any viruses like gastroenteritis (Gastro bug). I am seeing too many students coming through the sick bay with those signs and symptoms and I am having to send these students back home. We as a school are very vigilant of infectious and contagious viruses and do not want such bugs going through our school, so please assist our school community by keeping these viruses to a minimum. I’m sure no parent wants their child to get sick while they are at school.
Once again Isik College will be participating in the Epilepsy Trivia Challenge during Education Week 19th May. Students will complete a written quiz at school in teams of three or four, answering 100 VELS aligned general knowledge questions in 45 minutes.

The winning teams from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will represent Isik College in the Online Semi-Final which is conducted over the Internet during July and comprises a 100 question quiz that is to be completed within a 50 minute period.

Students are encouraged to bring along a gold coin donation to help this fundraising and educational program.

Mrs. Ozlem Bayram
Integrated Studies Head Teacher

CROSS COUNTRY

Students’ from Isik College participated in the annual cross country run held at West Meadows Heights Primary School on the 8th of May. The weather was not the best on the day but our students tried their hardest. Well done to all the students who participated in the run and congratulations to all those schools who received awards.

Sport is about encouragement!

Ready, set go!