Dear Parents,

Another education year has sadly come to an end. It amazes us how quickly the days, weeks and months have gone by and our students have grown a year older. We had a wonderful year at the school with many activities and events such as Open day, Ramadan dinner, sausage sizzle day, camp, children’s day and many different excursions. Students have grown intellectually and academically by learning new skills and knowledge throughout the year.

All of the students performed brilliantly at the end of year ceremony. Every single day for the last few weeks they have been tirelessly rehearsing their performances, going through their moves, memorizing their lines and songs. We are all proud of them for the effort they’ve put into this event. This ceremony couldn’t have been possible without the effort of our teachers. Therefore, I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to our teachers for their hard work and commitment to teach our students the best way possible so they could achieve their full potential.

We are unfortunately saying farewell to our Grade 6 students as they move into their high school life. This is the highest number of graduates ever leaving Isik College Geelong Campus in its history. We believe they have all the skills and confidence they need to meet the demands of high school. We wish them all the very best and hope they always be happy and successful in their future life.

I want to thank our parents for all their help and support they have shown this year in many school activities like fundraising, excursions and other school events.

Our students have deserved this holiday after a yearlong education marathon. I wish them all a safe and happy holiday. Look forward to see everyone back again relaxed and refreshed in 2011.

Regards

Ruhi Zeybek

Reminder!!!

School books are purchased at Fountain book shop.
Address: 9 Dargie Crt, Dallas, 3047
Ph: 9351 1488
SCHOOL CONCERT
Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe your little baby’s first (or second for the grade 1’s!) year of schooling is already over. It has been a very fulfilling and pleasant year for our class. Together, we’ve accomplished a positive start to the journey ahead. Having said that, I cannot go without saying goodbye and good luck to the year six student’s; some of whom were my student’s from grade two and three way back some time ago! I wish each and every one health and success in their lives.

Fourth term is always extremely busy, with no exception to this year, which seemed to go quicker than ever! Our excursion to Science Works was a lot of fun, with so many hands on activities. The latter part of the term we gave a lot of emphasis on concert preparations and performances. I feel our efforts were rewarded with the marvelous job that the students delivered on concert day. As you are aware, for the final week of term we will have fun activities like cooking, bowling and arts and crafts activities. Students’ will also be gradually bringing home class workbooks on the final week. We have now collected all home readers for 2010. I would strongly encourage the habit of reading daily over the summer break. The Summer break is a time of great anticipation and joy—please make it a safe and happy one for your family. We’ve been having discussions in class about safety over the holidays; some of the main points were: 

**Firstly**, water safety at the beach or pool: and the importance of adult supervision.

**Secondly**, traffic safety—crossing the road safely, the importance of wearing a helmet when children are riding on anything with wheels and where speed is involved.

**Thirdly**, being aware of ‘stranger danger’ and keeping oneself safe.

**Finally**, remembering safety around the home—like not playing with fire, chemicals, etc.

Happy Holidays,
Ms K.
Dear Parents

What a wonderful year it has been. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching the grade 1/2 class this year. Their enthusiasm for learning is amazing. I wish them all well as they continue through next year.

We have had a very busy term. The students have been busy completing various assessments in all areas of the curriculum. We had a wonderful excursion to Science Works and have been extra busy preparing and practicing for the school concert.

During the excursion to Science Works students were given the opportunity to visit the exhibits and complete a variety of activities to help them learn more about the world around them. They also had a half hour session learning about science experiments. Their favourite part of the day was when they went to the sports exhibition and tested out their fitness and strength ability.

Well it is holiday time again. There are many educational and fun programs that are run by your local council. It is important that children remain active in both body and mind over the next 6 weeks as it is important that they have a balance between passive and active play. I hope that you all have a happy and safe summer. See you all next year.

Regards
Ms Natalie Todeschini
Dear Parents and families

Wow, what a great year! We have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects. We started to develop skills needed for grade 4 and 5. We made many new friends along the way too. Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to our classroom. I was so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children to work with this past year. They all have touched my life and this school year in very positive and rewarding ways.

It has been my pleasure getting to know not only your child, but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable.

As your child moves to the next grade, there are some very important things you can do to help them succeed. Engage in meaningful conversations with your child everyday. Read to and listen to your child read. Ask questions, make predictions, make life to text connections as you read. Practice those multiplication facts as a way to really be ready for maths next year. Help your child develop a sense of working and solving problems independently. Talk about ways and start practicing getting and staying organized. Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, journal entries, etc. are great ways to get thoughts organised and put onto paper. These little things will lead to greater successes next year.

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in the new year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dickens
Dear parents; we have come to an end to the 2010 educational year. I would like to thank all parents and guests for coming to the concert. It was great to see all the students perform; they all did a great job. I would like to give parents some tips for the school break.

**IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

Encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve their coordination, balancing and movement skills. This will also build their confidence and self-esteem. These need not be complicated and require only minimal resources: Suggest some of the following activities to your children: • flying a kite, • helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own, • helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic, • practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall, • playing with the family pet, • helping to organise a garage sale, • making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

**IN YOUR OWN HOME**

In case of bad weather conditions, such as high temperatures, it is a good idea to brainstorm a range of fun indoor activities for your children. It is best to get in early and have a list prepared, that might include some of the following: • having a cooking day, • artwork, drawing or painting, • listening to music and dancing, • playing board games, • writing stories and poems, • researching something the children are interested in, • making up their own play and performing it for you and the rest of the family.

**HOLIDAY FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY**

Public libraries are not what they used to be. In addition to being a great place to pick up some free holiday reading, libraries offer school holiday activities such as story-telling, rock bands, courses and children’s short films. There’s something for everyone. Contact your local library for details.

I hope you all have a safe and fun holiday break. I will be looking forward to seeing you all in 2011.

Regards

Ms Nesrin Gocmen
Dear Parents,

We have come to the conclusion of another year. Most students are excited because they are completing their primary school years. At the same time many are feeling a touch of melancholy because they are leaving friends, who they have shared important milestones through their primary school years. This year the grade 6 students have faced many challenges both academically and personally. On the academic side, we have strived to prepare them for what they are going to face in 2011. On the personal side, we have helped them deal with the emotional changes of becoming independent and responsible young adolescents. It has been an enjoyable year where we all have at some level forged some really good relationships with each other. One life journey ends here, but a new awaits them full of adventure and challenges.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the support they have given me throughout this year and entrusting me with their children.

Lastly have a great break and I wish all students the very best for their future.

Regards
Sandra Presa
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