Dear Parents & Friend,

Welcome back to a new year at school. 2010 sounds so strange to me, but I think it will be another year full of exciting events and experiences. I hope that all our students and families have enjoyed the summer holidays. I know some of our school staff started their holidays travelling to South East Asia and visiting sister schools.

Last week we made a good start. Our new prep's had an Orientation session on Friday 29th January. They are now settling into a full-time 4 day week program this month. Wednesday's have been allocated meeting and interview times. We have a number of new students and parents who have joined us this year. I hope they have settled in reasonably well. We will be having a school BBQ on Sunday 14th February. I encourage all new and existing families to attend an afternoon of good fun and company. Also, on Monday 15th February, there will be an opportunity to ‘Meet the Teachers’. Each class teacher will inform parents of class programs, expectations and clarify any queries.

During the holiday period there has been some work around the campus. The construction of the new library and resource centre continues. The building has had a fresh coat of paint, carpets have been cleaned and we now have 4 new Interactive White Boards in some classes! For those families who are unaware, we sent notices last year informing that this year textbooks must be purchased from Fountain Uniform & Bookshop, in Dallas. However, all stationery supplies will be distributed by teachers. Please note at the back of the newsletter, there are some changes in regards to payments for excursions and incursions. School uniform is also a priority in our school. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform.

Our focus this year is to improve learning environments and provide opportunities to extend individual performance. We aim to do this with a differentiated curriculum and enriching extra-curricular programs. I would hope that all our students and families take an active role, participate in many of the extra-curricular and pastoral care programs. Have an incredible year in 2010!

Ms Evla Han

Prep Team  Mrs Najma R, Mrs Nazan Z, Mrs Esra O
Gr 1 Team  Ms Sebil B, Mrs Halide A, Ms Emel T
Gr 2 Team  Ms Kader A, Mrs Dunie E, Mrs Kevser K, Ms Saide G
Gr 3 Team  Mrs Meryem Y, Ms Azize U, Ms Sirin Y
Gr 4 Team  Mrs Safak G.K, Mrs Gul A, Ms Medine C
Gr 5 Team  Mrs Guldem G, Mrs Eser A, Mrs Mukkades G
Gr 6 Team  Mrs Ozlem B, Ms Demet L, Mrs Nuray T
LOTÉ Team  Mrs Serap S, Mrs Emine D, Mrs Fatma A, Mrs Nuray A, Mrs Ozlem O
REV Team  Mr Mustafa K, Mrs Hatice G, Mrs Sibel O, Ms Ozlem A
Other  Mr Zakir Y (Music), Mr Mehmet Y (Sport), Mr & Mrs Yildirim (fokldance)
Literacy Support  Mrs Emel A, Mrs Huriye P
Dear Parents and Prep students,

We are delighted that you have chosen to commence your primary education at Isik College. At Isik, we strive to provide quality educational programs. Our program is devoted to active learning and teaching through active participation, interaction and collaboration. This year the prep team include Mrs Najma Reusch, Mrs Nazan Zengin and myself, not to mention our wonderful teacher aids Mrs Bahar Ulukan, Mrs Seygi Turkmen, Mrs Ilknur Pak. So far the preps are all excited to start the new year and are settling in well. On Friday 29th January we had an Orientation Day session where we all met each other and had a variety of activities and games. I can already see the preps all love to sing! This year during February the preps will have a 4 day week and Wednesdays will be scheduled for planning, meetings and interviews.

Kind regards,
Mrs Esra Oz.
Infant Dept (Prep) Co-ordinator

Early Leave Provisions
Parents who wish to collect their children from school prior to the normal dismissal time must call and the General Office and complete an Early Leave Form. This is then taken to the classroom and given to the classroom teacher when collecting the child. No student is permitted to leave between 3-3.30pm.

School Hats
Please remember that we are a SunSmart school and ALL students must wear hats during recess, lunchtime and outdoor activities. We also encourage all families to apply some sun cream before school.

Custody & Restrictions
In families where there are issues regarding child custody and access, parents must inform the class teacher and ensure all current documents are provided to the office.

Food Sharing Policy - Allergies & Birthdays
Due to an increasing number of students who suffer allergic reactions to certain foods, particularly nuts, parents are asked to refrain sending foods containing nuts. As a result, we do not share foods and any food related activities during school are planned accordingly by staff. Finally, birthday cakes and party bags containing foods are not encouraged.

New Bell Times

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Dear Parents,
I warmly welcome all new and returning families to the 2010 school year. I trust that everyone has had a relaxing break and are looking forward to the 2010. This year we welcome our new staff Ms Azize Ulku, who will be working with the grade 3B students. The school year we have planned is a busy one with many of our usual programmes running. We want 100% performance from our students. Teaching and learning and the achievement of our students are the core business of our school. Our staff work hard to give every student the opportunity to succeed. However, success also depends on the commitment and determination of each student and the support of parents. Once again welcome back and we are looking forward working with you.
Mrs Safak Goker-Kamisci
Middle Department Coordinator

Hello Everyone!
I’d like to give a warm welcome to all our grade 5 and 6 students, teachers and parents back to school and hope 2010 would be an exciting year for all of us.
I would also like to take this opportunity to give a big welcome to our new students and parents to Isik and hope that you all have a successful year.
Students have settled into routine very quickly and are very excited about attending camp next term. Grade 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN in term 2 and are hard at work. I wish them all the luck from now and remember YOU CAN DO IT!
For any questions or concerns please see classroom teacher or myself.
Mrs Ozlem Bayram
Upper Coordinator

Every year at the beginning of the term we welcome new preps with open arms, literally. Some of our prep buddies might be a bit shy or miss their mums and dads, but we know they just need some TLC—tender, love and care. Even though we are in grade 6 now, we still remember our prep days and teachers. Grade 6 students are responsible and committed to taking care of our prep buddies.
**From the Nurse**

A very warm welcome to all staff, students and families for 2010. A particular acknowledgement to all the new students starting with us in prep and other levels. Also we are very lucky once again to have Ms Jale Cekic with us again this year. So a very big thank you to her for all the support, dedication and commitment to our College and our students.

Also a friendly reminder to all parents of our preps that a change of clothing is advised and encouraged in their bags for any potential accidents if they can’t get to the toilet in time. It is not uncommon but head lice has already been a concern. Can all parents/guardians please check their child’s hair for any obvious signs/symptoms of head lice as this will help us prevent further spreading.

We as a College are very vigilant within this area and if any children are detected with head lice will be sent home until treatment has commenced and a clearance is given by the College Nurse. If you have any queries or would like advice and some guidance within this area please do not hesitate to come and see me in the First Aid Room it will remain confidential.

Thanking all parents/guardians for their cooperation and support.

**School Injuries & Personal Property Insurance**

Generally, parents/guardians are responsible for paying costs in the event of any medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Most medical costs are refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses. Isik College does not hold accident insurance for school students.

I am aware of 3 insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, Willis Australia Ltd and Anon Risk Services that provide accident insurance policies for students at a reasonably low cost. If interested, please see me for further details

*Mrs Nurdan Ors*
Campus Nurse

**Excursions & Incursions**

For the convenience of families, this year school management has decided that payments for school excursions and incursions will be sent to your family account. This means that when a notice is sent home regarding an ex/incursion we will NOT be collecting any money. Instead, when permission has been granted by the parent for a child to attend the ex/incursion an account or invoice will be billed.

**Mobile Phones**

A reminder to parents that students are NOT to have mobile phones at school. If there is ever a need for a child to bring a phone, a parent must provide a note to the class teacher and the teacher will return it to the child at the end of the day. The school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to phones in any event.

**Curriculum & Staff Development Days**

This year school management is further providing professional development opportunities for staff. Last year staff Curriculum Days at Isik College provided opportunity to focus on:

- **Brain Gym** – techniques to focus on student engagement and ready for learning
- **Integrated Inquiry** – a natural and constructive approach to academic and personal inquiry
- **Differentiation** – tools to provide a student centred approach to cater for all types of learners
- **Student welfare** – the introduction of the You Can Do It program for social and emotional well being
- **Data Analysis** – focusing on Literacy to further enhance comprehension skills

This year our learning teams from across all Isik College campuses will be meeting on a regular basis to develop existing and new programs based on student performance data. We will be reviewing scope and sequence documents and further our assessment practices such as the student portfolios.

**Canteen**

The canteen provides a range of foods for students including special foods on certain days. Enclosed is a copy of the current price list. Please be aware that all children are supervised during eating times. We encourage families to provide a variety of fruits, vegetables, water and sandwiches. Perhaps once or twice a week a lunch order is ok, but there’s nothing like a home made lunch. Also, this year all children can now purchase ice-creams during summer terms.