Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome to term 4! I hope everybody has had some time to relax during the break and are ready for I what I am sure will be a successful term.

Sport is lots of fun and a big part of the Aussie culture. Congratulations to all the Collingwood supporters for taking the (rematch) premiership this year. This term we are all actively developing inquiries about the Commonwealth games. Who knows we might just have our very own mini-Commonwealth games on campus?

We finished term 3 with our portfolios and student-led conferences. I also had the pleasure of taking part in some of the conferences. It was such a privilege to see the hard work and commitment of both students and staff during this process. I noticed how deeply and intently engaged the students and parents were. We believe that learning is a journey and not just a destination. The glaze, the praise, the prompts - and the feedback overall have been very positive (although I recognise that a selected few parents may still prefer traditional interviews - remember you can have such meetings by making an appointment to see staff). Besides, here’s what some of you had to say:

➢ I am proud of you because you prove to me that you are capable of doing anything you put your mind. High expectations are great!’
➢ The conference was beneficial because it provided a delightful opportunity to watch my daughter present her skills, knowledge and development this year. We are proud of you because you were very clear and honest in the conference— you know you are good at somethings & have some things to work on. You know exactly where you stand!’

Wishing everybody a fun and productive term.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

2011 Prep Transition

The planning for 2011 enrolments are almost finalised. Our new Prep families will have Transition programs on Monday 25th and Friday 29th October. Prospective families will receive a letter in the mail regarding further details.

SunSmart

Isik College is a SunSmart school and this means that during term 4 all students are required to wear their legionnaire style hats (not caps!) during recess, lunch time, Sport and outdoor programs such as camps and excursions. We suggest that students also apply sun cream in the morning at home. It is also important that children have a bottle of water in class to keep hydrated. Your support is much appreciated.

All students in grade 3 and 5 too home their NAPLAN reports at the end of term 3. The results have been pleasing in some areas, particularly in spelling. If parents have any questions about their child’s report, feel free to contact your classroom teacher.

At present, we are also planning for 2011 enrolments, classes and staffing. It is too early to say which teacher will take your child next year. However, if you feel you have a reason for a particular teacher, you must write a letter addressed to the principal, Mr Goru, by 3rd November.

World Teacher’s Day Competition

The Victorian Institute of Teachers invites all students, parents and members of the community to nominate a teacher that has made a difference in your child's schooling. Visit www.vit.vic.edu.au/wtd10 for details.

Lost Property

We now have a new ‘lost property’ storage unit. No longer do we keep items in the recycle box, we now have a purpose built cupboard adjacent to the gr 5 and 6 staircase. Please remember to keep uniform items labelled.
Welcome back to another exciting term. Spring is here, which means we can spend a lot more time outdoors. Physical activity is important for your child's health and development and active play is the best type of physical activity for your child. The Grade 1 swimming program will commence on Monday the 18th October to Wednesday 27th October. We encourage all students to attend.

Also remember that children need to drink plenty of water and limit sweet drinks, for healthy bodies and teeth. Please provide a water bottle for your child to bring to school if not already doing so. Colourful and crunchy vegetables and fruit should also be an enjoyable part of your child's day. A final note is to remember that this term is a 'Sun Smart' term, which means your child must wear their hat before going out to lunch and recess. If your child has lost their hat, please ensure that another one is purchased as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,
Ms Emel Tanriverdioglu
Grade 1 and 2 Coordinator

Gr 1's go off to the Nursing Home

At the end of last term the Grade 1 students took a friendly visit to the Ottoman Village nursing home. Some of the children took lift gift packages pre arranged by parents. Mrs Ilknur Pak bought some flowers and each of the students presented roses to a senior citizen. We showed our respect and kissed the elderly hands as it is part of our tradition. We also entertained them and sang some songs in Turkish. The nursing home is a place where elderly people are taken good care of and we know well that one day we will also get old.

Did you know?

* Shera, is the official mascot for the India games. It comes from the Hindi word meaning tiger.
* There are 71 nations participating in the games.
* India has a population of 1,139,964,932 (source World Bank, 2008)
* India is the 6th largest country in the world.
* India has the most post-offices in the world!
Throughout the whole year Isik College has been actively involved in the You can Do it program teaching the students the five keys of success. This term we will be looking at Resilience. Resilience is knowing how to stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down or worried when something 'bad' happens. It means controlling your behaviour when very upset and it also means being able to calm down and bounce back to work or play after being upset. Let's demonstrate resilience at home, with friends and family to encourage positive behaviour.

From the Coordinator's Desk
Welcome back to the final Term for the Year. Term 4 is a term where we re-evaluate the goals we set out to achieve at the beginning of the year. It is a term full of activities, challenges, achievements and performances. We have our Zoo Snooze Camp at the Melbourne Zoo for Grade 4's, other excursions, Eid, End-Of-Year Concert, just to name a few of the upcoming events. Summer is approaching, please also ensure your children have a school hat as we cannot allow them to go out and play without one. If they do not have their hat, they will need to stay under the covered areas, which will protect them from the sun's harmful rays. We thank you for your support in this matter.
Mrs. Safak Goker
Middle Department Coordinator
Upper Department: Grade 5 & 6

Pastoral Care Holiday Programs

During the term 3 holidays 5A and 5C Pastoral Care teachers planned a camp. We went to the Tulip Festival and stayed overnight at a boarding house in Keysborough. We departed the college on Sunday the 26th of September at 9:30am and returned back to school on Monday the 27th of September at 3:00pm. The weather was just beautiful!

On the way we listened to music and it took us around 1 hour and 30 minutes to arrive at the Tulip Festival and we arrived at about 11:00am so we started walking to the gate and we were for free but the teacher had to pay. When we entered we saw the lama and they spit at you when you get them angry.

Towards the afternoon it was time to go to the boarding house in Keysborough. When we arrived we were greeted by ‘sisters’ who provided us with a big room to unpack and freshen up. We got wudu and did our prayer and ‘tesbihat’. We were provided with some afternoon tea and snacks. Then we had some free time to relax. Dinner time we ate yummy home made chicken, potatoes and rice. We were proud of Nabila who made dua after each meal.

Naturally, we had to clean up after ourselves. In the evening we watched a movie about the story of Prophet Joseph (Yusuf). Eventually, it was time for bed so we changed into our pyjamas and went into our sleeping bags. When the teachers left we had lollies and chips. After Dilara and Selin went to bed then Nabila, Eda and me stayed up. Not long after Nabila went to bed then it was just Eda and me awake. We went to bed at about 3:00am in the morning. The next morning we were exhausted but had some energy left. After breakfast we continued to do some reading and then by lunch it was time to head back home. The traffic was a disaster but the bus driver took us back to school safe & sound. Many thanks to the teachers for the great time!

By Meryem Tintas, 5A

The grade 6A and 6C pastoral care team organised a reading camp for the grade 6 girls during the term 3 holidays on Monday 27th October 2010. The camp continued for 3 days involving reading and educational activities followed by an excursion to the Ice House and a shopping tour around Harbour Town. Students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for reading the most books and then enjoyed the excursion after a hard earned effort of reading!

Mrs. Sevgi Turkmen
Ms. Emel Tanriverdioglu

5B on a Mission

We had a campaign happening during Ramadan to help the Pakistani flood victims. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have donated, may Allah reward you all. 5B decided to go even further and organise a fundraising week for Pakistan. Through simple games and mini cake stalls. We raised a significant amount of money for the needy. I would like to congratulate 5B for their efforts. A special thanks to Pelin for coming up with the idea. Well done!

Mrs. Mukaddes, 5B Teacher

SRC In Action!

My SRC students came up with the fantastic idea of holding an Isik College has talent competition. We’ve had a great response from our talented students. This is a great opportunity for all those who want to show off a talent that may have been hidden behind closed doors. This is the time to open those doors. We are looking forward to what we are about to discover – musicians, dancers, singers, poets and other talents that don’t come to mind. Come on Isik College You Can Do It!!!

Elimination date 22nd of October – on this day 10 finalists will be selected by the judges.

Good luck!

Mrs. Mukaddes, SRC Team Leader