Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

While students enjoyed the long Melbourne Cup weekend staff were at school for the Inter-Campus Curriculum meetings. We had the opportunity to work with Pauline Thompson from Independent Schools Victoria, who shared some explicit teaching strategies to support expanding students vocabulary. Dr Eqbal Hassim from University of Melbourne, also provided staff with learning sequences with an interdisciplinary approach to Muslim perspectives. Staff from all campuses enjoyed lunch together and finally had sessions to work within departments.

The weeks are passing by quickly and already it’s week five. This means that we will be multitasking (as we do) with assessments, reports and concerts! I hear that some really resourceful parents are out to find some colourful costumes. On behalf of all the teachers, I know that parental support is much appreciated always, especially during special events. However, it has also come to my attention that during excursions sometimes parent volunteers also need to remember that they need to follow teacher directions.

Finally, congratulations to Mrs Nazan Zengin for being awarded the Isik College Golden Apple Teacher’s Award.

Wishing everybody a successful and productive end to the year.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

Sports for Schools

I would like to thank the wonderful parents, students, teachers and friends for supporting our school with the collections of the sports tokens. Our sports department has gathered these tokens and with the collection we will be getting equipment much needed for our sport department. If you have any remaining tokens please feel free to bring them into school by the end of this week.

Mrs Nuray Tasci
Sports Team Leader.

Cupcakes for Qurban Campaign

Last week some of our friendly parent volunteers organised a cupcake stall. Thank you to the mum’s who donated the cakes. The fancy and colourful cakes were a hit with children. We raised in excess of $400 for the Qurban Campaign this year.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Support our primary school students raising funds for technology in classrooms. Enter the draw to win an IPOD (once your box of chocolates is sold).

Return all money and chocolates by Tuesday 9th November 2010.

Just Joking

TEACHER : What is the plural of mouse?
Pupil : Mice

TEACHER : Good, now what’s the plural of baby?
Pupil : Twins!
The Prep’s had a wonderful opportunity of getting a grasp of all things science last week when we visited ScienceWorks. Through various hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations and activities we all had a fun time pulling, pushing, spinning and banging things.

SportsWorks was our favourite exhibition area. Both teachers and students were observed discovering their body’s talents and sporting profile, experiencing what it feels to be a wheelchair athlete, a soccer goalie or an extreme snowboarder.

Prep Team

On Monday the 25th and Friday the 29th of October we held a Prep Transition session for our 2011 Prep students. The new preppies had the opportunity to visit our school and become familiar with their new environment. Parents attended an Information Session held in Building C which gave them the opportunity to engage and ask questions about our school programs and curriculum. Thank you to all the parents and students that attended. The Prep team were very professional and assisted all students in settling into the school. We look forward to seeing the 2011 bright faces on Orientation Day next year.

Prep Team

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Grade 1 Team

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It’s great to see next years preps getting involved.

Right: Serra is very proud of her work.

Below: A good book is a good friend.
Gr 4’s Melbourne Zoo Camp

Grade 4 camp this year has been an interesting experience as our students stayed overnight at the Melbourne Zoo. During the night they had guided tours to observe the nocturnal animals come alive at night. They also had the opportunity to see some of the animals from close up and help feed them. Students stayed in tents at night and slept in sleeping bags giving them a camp experience. Here are some of our pictures for you to enjoy.

Recently, we celebrated the launch of our new program, Better Buddies by celebrating ‘Better Buddies Week’. During this week we had different activities during lunchtime and in the classroom. We had story telling from our older students to our younger buddies and we also had lunchtime games, to allow all students from varying year levels to interact and form new bonds which we hope will become great friendships!

We also had a guest speaker come into our grades and discuss friendship and facilitate in class discussions, which got very loud at times!

We spoke about different types of secrets, how we can be good friends and most importantly how we can communicate with our friends and other people in our community. Our younger year levels had the opportunity to view a puppet show which focused on how to be good friends and bad friends. The stories shared by our students were very inspiring to their peers and it was great to see how our Preps have developed their social and emotional skills during their first year of schooling.

The most exciting and busiest activity was making our friendship bracelets. Our students enjoyed getting crafty and practical and made bracelets for their friends, themselves and we even had some making them for their parents! Mrs. Zengin and Ms. Burcu were amongst the crowd helping students while they were making their bright and colourful memorabilia from Better Buddies Week.

I would also like to thank our lovely girls in Grade 5C for helping us during this busy week. If it wasn’t for their time and effort Better Buddies Week would not have been this successful.

Mrs Burcu Goksu, School Counsellor & Special Needs Liaison Officer
Congratulations to all those that participated in the Isik Has Talent competition. They were all fantastic to watch. The finalists have been selected and they are, from years 3 -6: Jasmine Haddad 4A; Arzu, Berrin, Merve 5B; Pınar Geyik 3A; grade 6C dancing group; Turac 5A; Dilara and Sevval 5C; Emine Zeybek 5B; Jale, Esmanur, Zeynep. From years 1 & 2: Dancing group 2D; Dilara 2C; Nurbanu Asik 2C; Aleyna and Enes 2B; Aydin, Ceyda, Inci, Elif 1B. Well done to all and good luck.

Mrs Mukaddes Guneysu, SRC Team Leader

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