Dear Parents & Friends,

There is never a dull moment here! The weeks are yet again passing by. We are now in the middle of the term. It’s fair to say that everybody is now in school mode and routines are all established.

During Photo day we noticed some students still do NOT have full uniform. Teachers and coordinators are regularly following up uniform matters. A parent notice is required if your child comes to school out of uniform. Please remember to label your child’s uniform items CLEARLY. Having a special mark that only you and your child will recognise is all very well but when the lost uniform item is found we will have no way of identifying the owner! Regularly check your child’s uniform items to ensure any names or labels are still legible. Please encourage your child to be responsible for his or her uniform items..

On Monday 1st March, the first day of autumn, our Preps will commence a normal five day week program. I must make mention that the entrance to most of our classrooms are vibrant. The classroom doors truly make a statement thanks to the teachers!

It was great to see some parents take the time to ‘meet the teachers’ last week. For those who did not attend, we will provide interim reports along with the traditional Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI) at the end of the term.

There are always many opportunities for parents to get involved in school programs. The Primary Parents Club (PPC), Class Parent Representatives (CPRs), Volunteers Programs (VPs) will be coordinated soon. Volunteers can support the school in a number of ways. These include listening to students read, helping with administrative tasks, creating displays, sorting, shelving, contacting library books. Further details will be provided at a later time. A reminder that all helpers must have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and forms are available from any post office.

Important Family Details
If you have moved house, changed your job or mobile number over the holiday period, please remember to let the school office know. In an emergency situation it is essential that the school has up-to-date contact numbers for parents and emergency contacts. Please call to the office to update your details if they have been recently altered or just to check that the details we have are correct.

Parent/Teacher Communication
Sometimes teachers may be unavailable to have a ‘chat’ in the afternoons due to meetings and curriculum programs. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school for an appointment if for any reason you are concerned about any aspect of your child’s schooling or the school programs. Your class teacher is your first point of call but if you need further information/clarification the coordinators are also available.

Important Dates
* Mon 1 Mar : Full time program for Preps
* Wed 3 Mar : World Maths Day
* Fri 5 Mar: Schools Clean Up Day
* Mon 8 Mar: Labor Day holiday
* Tues 9 Mar : Gr2 Swimming program commences
For those who like to plan ahead...
* Mon 22 Mar : Harmony Day
* Thurs 25 Mar : Students finish term 1
* Fri 26 Mar : Parent Teacher Interviews

Speech Pathology
Welcome back to a new school year at Isik College. This year the speech pathology department have two therapists working in the school. We are Aoife Cleary and Carla Fraser. The speech pathology department provides an assessment and therapy service for children from Prep to Year 11 with speech and language difficulties. We conduct group or individual therapy sessions for students to facilitate them in accessing the curriculum and developing appropriate speech and language skills. Should you have any concerns regarding your child’s speech and/or language please do not hesitate to contact the speech pathology department or your child’s class teacher.

Aoife Cleary and Carla Fraser

EMA
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year. We hope that 2010 will be rewarding and educative for you and your children. The students in Grade 1 have all settled in well into their classrooms with their new teachers and friends. Thank-you to all those parents who had attended the ‘Meet the Teacher Day’. We hope the parents have found this session to be useful.

This term, for Integrated Studies the children will be learning about ‘What helps me to keep healthy?’ We are promoting healthy eating in the classroom and encourage families at home to do the same with their child/ren. In Maths, we are working on subtraction, addition and informal measurement. Students are enjoying the hands-on activities we are completing together in class. In language, we are enjoying shared reading, reading comprehension work, journal recount writing, and other activities. We encourage children to always complete their weekly homework accordingly as this will enhance and further develop concepts covered in class.

We hope to have a productive term and wish all our students the best of luck in Grade 1.

Grade 1 Team.

Out of School Hours Care Programme (OSHC)

Welcome back to all our children and families! The OSHC, or better known as Before/Afterschool care, is run by Fadime and Sevgi, both experienced and trained. The contact number and registration forms for Out of School Hours Care is available from the Primary Office and needs to be filled out before you are able to book your child in to the program. The Policies and Procedures Manuals for OSHC are also available for viewing in the OSCH room.

Parents who are dropping off children very early or are just late …

Please be aware that staff supervision in the primary school begins at 8.35am ends at 3:45pm. We advise that students should be dropped off and picked up during these times promptly. This gives a 15 minute ‘window’ of opportunity for parents to pick up their child.

Primary students from Prep to grade 2 that are left still waiting for parents at 3:45pm will be placed in the OSCH program to ensure that they are not left unsupervised. The minimum cost for this is $15.00, which is a very small price to pay for the safety and well-being of our students.

What did we get up to last week?

Last week was yet again great fun for all who attended Out of School Hours Care at ISIK College. We had games galore, made jewellery, and more!

What’s happening next week?

Team Leader Fadime has heaps of fun activities planned for next week such as water colour wonders and paper mache!
From the Nurse

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Just a friendly reminder on days of warm weather, teachers encourage the students to increase their intake of water, to carry a water bottle with them at school, to remain in the shaded areas during the breaks and to keep their hats on when playing outdoors.

Also for those parents/guardians whom have not updated their child’s medical information and contacts and any other changes like their address phone numbers please do so immediately.

I have also been approached by parents about the medical forms which were going out annually but no longer will be sent. All medical information should be given on the enrolment application form and updated as any changes occur. The responsibility now lies on all parents/guardians.

Thanking you for your support.
In good health,
Mrs Nurdan Ors

'Meet the Teacher'

On Monday the 15th February, parents had the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher. They were informed about the curriculum and class routines. Parents were able to have their queries and concerns clarified. Open classroom allowed the parents to see the learning setting. It was a valuable time for both parents and teachers. We look forward to seeing all our parents at the end of term for parent teacher interviews.

Mrs Meryem Yalciner, Gr 3A Teacher

PREP A   ADEM TURGUT   Adem is becoming more confident and making new friends and is participating in class activities.
PREP B   HALIDE KARATAS   Halide is showing a lot of confidence in participating with class activities.
PREP C   ELA GUCLU   Showing a lot of confidence by putting her hand up in share time with her peers.
1A   ZAKARIA MOUSSA   Zakariya is starting to show persistence and confidence in trying to finish off work tasks after a long vacation.
1B   ENES UZUNCAKMAK   Enes is showing persistence when completing tasks and is demonstrating good listening skills.
1C   FETULLAH YILMAZ   For showing great leadership skills and improvement in confidence.
2A   TAHATUREMIS   Showing confidence and getting along in his new classroom.
2B   EREN KALKANER   Eren is showing confidence and getting along in his new classroom.
2C   KENAN OZBELLI   For showing outstanding effort in class.
2D   AYSEL KOPRULU   Ayse is getting along with her friends.
3A   IMRAN EREN   For showing outstanding effort in class.
3B   ERAY CEKIC   For showing his best in class.
3C   ENIS BAGCE   Is starting to show persistence and confidence.
4A   NADIRE AL-SHAMMARY   Getting along with her classmates.
4B   BEYZA SAGALAM   For being a great helper in class.
4C   EVREN ICBUADAK   For showing great confidence in all KLA’s.
5A   IREM NAS   For showing great confidence and always putting her hand up to answer questions.
5B   ELISE YAGMUR   For showing confidence in her new school.
5C   ELIF CALLEJA   Showing persistence in her new school.
6A   UGUR ORS   Showing outstanding effort and getting along.
6B   MUSTFA MISIRISOY   Persisting on and adjusting to a new school.
6C   TANIYA ALI   Displaying confidence when making new friends and adjusting to a new school.

School Office hours are
Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm
**TIMMS & PIRLS**

A number of Year 5 classes have been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) Field Trial. TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. PIRLS is designed to measure trends in reading literacy achievement at the middle primary level (generally at the fourth grade). Australia’s participation in PIRLS will provide the first international benchmarking of reading literacy levels at this age group for Australia. In addition to information about student achievement in mathematics, science and reading, TIMSS and PIRLS also collect information about the home, classroom and school contexts for reading.

More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in these studies. TIMSS & PIRLS are important activities to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices.

Some students will do an assessment in mathematics and science (TIMSS) as well as an assessment in reading (PIRLS) and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need to study as the assessment will not affect individual students’ grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

For further information please visit—http://www.acer.edu.au/timss/assessment.html

**ART CLUB**

We have planned many crafty activities to kick start this year’s Art Club. Students have begun with creating Kirigami designs and will continue to acquire the skills of weaving, cross-stitching and sewing their own character beanie.

Our art and craft work will be displayed outside the 6C classroom, check it out next time your upstairs!

Ms Demet Latifoglu

"Art is the representation, science is the explanation… of the same reality" – Herbert Read

**Inter-School Sports & Clubs**

Our annual grade 5 & 6 Inter-School Sports and Clubs have begun. This term the students will be involved in playing the summer sports: Volleyball, Softball, Basketball and Cricket. We play these sports against schools in the nearby districts, which also give students the opportunity to be involved in our surrounding schools. Our students will compete against: Aitken College, Gladstone Park, Gladstone Views, Good Shepherd and Westmeadows.

Throughout the year Clubs are also held for those who don’t participate in a sport. Clubs include: Art, ICT, Folk Dancing and Drama. These clubs allow students to engage in various hands on activities.

Sports Team Leader, Mrs. Nuray Tasci