Dear Parents & Friends,
I hope that everyone had a great long Labour Day weekend. We are already drawing to the end of term 1. Teacher’s will soon be writing interim reports and send notices for Parent Teacher Interview appointments.

Last week sent out notices regarding parents in school programs. On Wednesday 10th March at 9.30am we will be having a general meeting for those parents interested in offering their precious time to get involved. Research, only proves that parents involved in their child’s school life makes a significant impact in the learning and development process.

**Morning Matters**
It has to my attention that there are ‘frequent’ students arriving late to school. It is always important for students to arrive on time to school. Providing an uninterrupted start to the day is always important because the first few minutes of house keeping brings order to their day and this is how we being our Literacy Blocks. To assist this, please arrive to school on time and leave your child with their teachers at the line-up area each morning. If you have a concern, arrange to see the teacher at a mutually agreed time.

‘Never do for others what they can do for themselves’. Often parents will note that their child has lost their school hat or jumper (and refuse to buy the item again!). As parents and teachers we need to keep this in mind and help foster responsibility and independence at an early age. We can start small by allowing children to carry their own belongings, such as bags and school uniform.

**Parent Notes**
If your child is absent from school or attends school other than in school uniform, a written note is required to be given to the class teacher.

**School Crossing & Carpark**
Our parents and students are reminded to ‘do the right thing’ and use the school crossing. Our crossing supervisor does a wonderful job trying to ensure the safety of all our families. We are all very much aware of the difficulties faced by families during peak hour. The problem is not unique because of our numbers (and the construction of the Learning Centre) the effect is greater. We can all do our best by driving slowly and parking in permitted areas only. Please put your child/ren’s safety first. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

**Canteen**
A reminder to all families that students must make lunch orders in paper bags.

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

**Student Medical Conditions**
Medical incidents that have recently been identified at the College indicate that a number of girls and boys suffer from asthma, anaphylaxis, Diabetes and Epilepsy and other medical conditions. It is vital that parents supply an appropriate ‘Asthma Management Plan’, ‘Anaphylaxis Management Plan’ and any other action management plans immediately. Any parent who has specific medical concerns relating to their child is strongly advised to contact Nurdan (College Nurse) either in the sick bay or please ring the school if you are unable to access an action plan or need guidance and support within this area.

**Health & Medicine**
Regular attendance and punctuality is essential for progress and encourages a responsible attitude in children. However, the child's health is of prime importance and a sick child should be kept at home. If a child is ill, he/she cannot learn and he/she may spread infection to others, so please keep him/her at home. Our sick room facilities are limited and we cannot care properly for a sick child. Should your child become ill or be seriously hurt, you will be notified. When your child is at school, details of your place of employment and person to contact in an emergency should always be updated as changes can occur.

**Head Lice**
Several classes have had a letter sent home advising the parents that head lice have been found in their child’s class and asking them to check their child. Even if you have not received such a letter it would be good if you could please do the check as breaking the cycle does help us control the lice here at school.

Mrs Nurdan Ors—School Nurse
INFANT & JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: Prep–2

...and the things kids say!

Children can be quite funny and enlightening with the things they say can’t they? I had a session with the Prep students recently:

* ‘How can people believe in a ‘plus sign’ and not believe in Allah?’
* During a class discussion one student made a comment, ‘You should never tell your mummy that the dinner she has made is yuck because it is going to make her sad.’ I asked the students what they can do instead and another student replied ‘Take mouthfuls and swallow them as fast as you can.’
* I asked the students to illustrate what they did over the weekend and one student drew lots of greenery in his drawing so a student turned around and asked ‘Oh! Did you go to the jungle on the weekend?’
* In the library the teacher informed students that when they borrow books Mrs. Sonmez scans the books which then go under your name. One confused student responded back and said ‘Miss, I don’t get it! I’m looking at my book but my name is still not on there!’

My name is Berkay. I am in grade 2D and my teachers name is Ms. Saide Guncaldi. I like to learn all sorts of things and especially Maths problems. I really enjoy reading lots of books too. I like my class because there are a lot of great people and it is exciting. I am confident because I can do lots of things on my own now.

Grade 2 Wonders

To celebrate the first full week of Prep students at school, the Prep team organised an ‘Under the Sea’ theme day. We celebrated the day with a lot of ‘under the sea’ art & craft, games and play-dough. The Prep students also had the chance to get together and do art activities with their buddies. We had special ‘under the sea’ snacks & party food, lots of great songs and dances. It was a fun day and a happy way to get into normal school hours! Prep Team
Pastoral Care

On Thursday 25th February we remembered the Noble Birth – Mawlid al-Nabi. We invited a former teacher, Mr Mithat Demir. He shared some stories about the birth of our prophet. An interesting fact stated was that the prophet also died on the same day of his birth date. Mrs Sinik and Ms Zehra bought the most beautiful cake. We had a quiz and decorated the cake with little roses. Mrs Ilkur Pak’s pastoral care group also sang some nasheeds (ilahi).—Ms Evla Han

You Can Do It!

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HYGIENE

As part of the Health Department’s drive towards better hygiene, all classes are promoting the following: Wash hands after contact with animals, before eating and after going to the toilet. When washing hands, use soap under running water for at least 20 seconds and then dry hands thoroughly. If you need to cough or sneeze, step away from others, cover your mouth and nose with tissues, throw the tissues away straight after use. So if you have not brought your child’s tissues, hand wash and wipes please provide these items to the class room teacher as soon as possible as it is your child’s health and hygiene that we are concerned about.
This year the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) – tests for Year 3 and 5 will be held on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May 2010. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and student achievement. By the end of term 3, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s strengths and weaknesses in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards across Australia. If your child has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than one year, please discuss with your child’s teacher whether or not your child should undertake the test. Large Print and Braille versions are available for students with visual impairment.

**Music in the air…** This year we are offering Music classes to students in gr 4-6. Mr Zakir Yildirim & Mrs Gulsah Yildirim liven up the classrooms and the air!

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**SRC**

Hi all!

As a SRC team leader I am happy to announce the members for the year 2010. The students selected are as follows:

- 6A- Gozde Bas,
- 6B- Ismail Karaaslan,
- 6C- Dilara Kor,
- 5A- Irem Erbas,
- 5B Aylin Bolugiray,
- 5C- Dilara Ilhan,
- 4A- Eren Kaantara,
- 4B- Adem Hussein and
- 4C- Talha Tasbasi.

All our students are eager to do a good job. They are all aware of the responsibility that they now have. They proudly read the SRC pledge and I’m sure they will do their best to fulfil the expectations we have. Every week we will be meeting to discuss any issues the students may have and we will try to come up with logical solutions to deal with the issues. I’m looking forward to a very productive year.

Mrs Mukaddes Guneyusu

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**Homework Essentials**

Very few students like to do homework and everyone seems to put it off. It is easy to say that you will do it 'later' but when 'later' comes, you still do not want to do it. But, it has to be done; you’re going to have to finish it sometime! It is better done earlier than later.

1. Plan ahead.
2. Get motivated.
3. Take regular breaks.
4. Think of the consequences.
5. Make a list.
6. Avoid PROCRASTINATION.
7. Rewards yourself after you have completed the task.
8. Find a homework partner.

It is generally fair to expect the time allocations below at Isik College -

- Prep 10-15 minutes per night
- Grade 1—2 30 minutes per night
- Grade 3—4 1 hour per night
- Grade 5—6 1½ hours per night

At home it is important to work in:

* a room that is well lit
* where the noise levels are low
* a place that is available when you need it
* at a table and chair that is comfortable
* with enough room for all your study books