Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

What a busy few weeks and weekends it has been for some of us. With Open Day and Entrance Examination days it has been 6 working day weeks for some staff. Once again I wish to thank all the tremendous time and effort our teachers have and always contribute amongst their professional and personal business. The turnout on Open Day was pleasing with many parents and families with queries and interest. I must also commend the SRC members for displaying their best presentation skills.

We have already received a great number of Prep applications for 2011. Applications are accepted until July 30th. The Prep Entrance Examination will take place on Sunday 1st August, 2010. Please remember this semester reports will be distributed on 25th June. Parent interviews will only occur in special circumstances.

This is also the time of the year where many families (and staff on tour!) travel abroad. Please remember to inform your teacher and complete forms.

Finally, I hope all our students and families have a happy and safe holiday. Don’t forget to keep reading! After all, that’s what holidays are for :)

Regards,
Ms Evla Han

Semester Reports Notice

The report cards you will receive this semester have:
* A scale from A-E, showing your child’s current progress against the expected state-wide standard,
* A chart showing behaviour and effort level
* Attendance details
* Easy to understand comments from teachers outlining what your child knows and can do, any areas in which your child needs to be given further help or extended suggestions for how you can help at home
* A reflection from your child on their progress
* Not all year levels cover all of the domains
* PE and Health is reported as one subject
* Student results may change in a particular domain. For instance, in Mathematics classes may have covered ‘Time’ – telling the time, elapsed time, reading calendars. In ‘Measurement, Chance & Data’ this semester area, perimeter and graphing may not yet be taught. This means that a student may receive an ‘A’ in semester one (Time), but a ‘C’ in semester two for (Area, Perimeter etc) for Measurement, Chance & Data depending on their understanding of the different aspects.

Winter Cold & Flu

We encourage all our students to attend school because ‘it is not OK to be away’. However, if your child is feeling unwell in the morning with symptoms of a cold we ask that you keep them home while they recover. If your child does require medication on return, please provide medications labelled with instructions by the pharmacist in a sealed bag. Parental permission must also be provided in writing. Children are not permitted to administer their own medications.

From the Office

• Enrolment Renewal forms are now overdue. All forms must be returned otherwise your child’s enrolment will cease.
• School correspondence days are generally Monday and Friday. Do ask your child if they have received any notices.

Lost Property

Please label all uniform items. Check and collect your OWN items before the end of term. Uncollected items will be donated.
Hello to all!
We in the Preps have been very busy lately. So much has been happening. There have been excursions, incursions, baking, chopping, buying (of books and presents) etc in addition to our everyday classroom activities. We have had lots of fun and cant stop! Following are some photos which will enable you to see how busy and packed our days have been.
Prep Team.

A Weird Day
Once upon a time there was a boy called Mare Murphy. When he was two he wanted to be a footy player. He wanted to be a Cats player because he loved the Cats. When he was 30 he became a footy player but not in the Cats team, he was in the Western Bulldogs. Soon the Western Bulldogs team was full, so he joined the Cats team. He played 6 games after he joined the team, but during his seventh game he broke his neck and ended up in hospital.
By Taha . T2A

My Best Day
My best day was when I learned how to swim. The place I learned how to swim was at Broadmeadows Swimming Centre. We were just practising some moves with my group ‘whales’, suddenly I went under water I was shocked I almost drowned. Luckily the swimming teacher saw and she saved me. And that’s the best day.
By Yasemin 2A

THE EARLY YEARS
At school we are passionate about all things reading-related! From birth to age 5 or 6, children show tremendous language growth.

Did you know that during this time, children learn somewhere in the vicinity of 6000 words! They also learn a lot about books and how print works. Many children also learn to recognise, name, and write some letters and read some words — especially the letters in their names and words on street signs or in their immediate environment.
Phonics helps children understand the names of the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they represent. Understanding how to relate sounds to spellings helps children ‘decode’ words.

My Favourite Day
On November the 21st It was my birthday but I had forgotten because my mum was planning a surprise party for me. My day got me a board game and a princess library with five books. My grandmother got me a flowery dress, and my auntie got me a Bratz head.

The End
On November the 24th my baby brother Volkan was born. I was so excited to see him. Because I was at school and I couldn’t be at the hospital.
After school my dad picked me up from school. When we were at the hospital my brother Kaan was already there. I got so excited to see my new baby brother, he was so cute. I gave all the cards and pictures I drew to my mum and baby brother.
By Aleyna 2A
### 10 Questions to ask your Child about their day at School

Does your son/daughter just elicit one worded responses? The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Get your child to describe his world. It's also great to start the conversation with an anecdote from your own day. Try one of these conversation-starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they’re fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did)

### New Fiction Books

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw (KIN)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (KIN)
- The Second Best Friend (RIP)
- Zac Power Water Blaster: Twin Trouble (HUT)
- The Only Pony (MET)

### New Picture Books

- The Magic Bed (B)
- Dino Dinners (M)
- Together (S)
- Mess Monsters in the Garden (S)
- I’m Sorry (M)
- Zoe and the Magic Harp (A)
- The Shark who was afraid of Everything (J)
- Kipper and Roly (I)
- Where is the Green Sheep (F)
- Rabbit’s Day Off (E)

### You Can Do It!

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Confidence Matters

Confidence is so important because it helps you to learn. Confidence makes you have lots of friends as well. Confidence makes you do what you want to do.

Furkan Celik 5B

So you want to be minister?

Vote For Me Rabia Sarikaya
Do you want an Education minister that has a group of politics that have good teamwork and are confident. A team that cares for the environment, wants a healthy lifestyle, and is good in taking good care with money and also a team that wants a better education learning program. Then you should vote for Nation Politics.

I was selected to be the education minister so I will try my best to convince you guys to vote for me and my group. Some of the things might not be able to be done but in the end this is a task that we had to do.

If you vote for me to be the education minister, I will try to make learning more fun. Like a lot of group work and a lot of games and activities involved. Education Ministers are involved in school work and so, and as I was saying instead of just working and working we could have work on the computer that is more fun in helping us learn. To help better in learning we could have I-Pads instead of books. A lot of schools are using I-Pads so I think Isik College should too. I really think I could be a great education minister but it’s up to you. So please vote for the Nation Politics.

By Rabia 6A

Vote For Selin Karakaya
Do you want to have an education minister that cares about what you have to say? Do you want an education minister that will take interest in what you have to say? Do you want an education minister that will listen to all your wants and needs?

Well you better keep listening because I can do all of this for you. I would like you to vote for me because I believe that we should be learning more through play. I would like to have interesting activities where we play and learn at the same time. One of the activities would be electronic games such as Wii or DS. We would be playing the games and at the same time we will be answering questions that will develop our learning skills. I will also have a task box/folder activity. This activity will include things that you have to solve/make in one of the sessions. It would be like a competition to see who can finish all of the activities first! I will not take sides and consider my friends ideas to be right just because they’re my friends. I will let everyone have a fair say. So please vote for me and have more fun learning!

By Selin Karakaya 6A

Ezgi Yurdusevdi 6B, School Captain & SRC

On the 30th of May our school, Isik College, had our 2010 OPEN DAY. Our SRC representatives and school captains came to school to show interested parents around. We had Turkish delights and cologne to greet the parents. We had teachers in charge of certain subjects like sports, lotte, religion and other subjects. Our projects and class work were displayed for the families to see. I’m sure the families were all impressed and I believe the captains and SRC students did a fantastic job. Thank you to all. I would also like to thank the teachers for the pizza and drinks we had at the end of the tiring day.

Ezgi Yurdusevdi 6B, School Captain & SRC

Furkan Celik 5B

Upper Department 5&6

VIKING FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 19th of May our grade 6 boys competed in the Vikings Futsal competition and won the tournament with amazing success. We have been runners of this event three years running and wish all out players good luck with their amazing skills and talents. May Isik succeed in many more competitions to come. Congratulations to; Yusuf Sen, Ridvan Aktepe, Salih Bol, Onek Kucuk, Batuhan Ozdemir, Ahmet Kurtulus, Ismail Karaaslan and Omer Turkmen.

Mrs. Nuray Tasci, Sports Team Leader

Vote For Enes Kilic
Hi my name is Enes Kilic I would like to be the Prime Minister of Isik College. I need your votes to do this. My proposals will benefit all of the students attending this school. I believe we need a larger car park so it easier for drop offs in the mornings and pickups after school. A large soccer field would also be on my agenda many of our students enjoy playing soccer. I will provide laptops for every student to use in the classroom so they don’t need to go to the ICT room and the students will be allowed to go on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, You tube and msn and many more things. Last of all I’ll will organize a huge activity room with billiard tables, table tennis and a gym for only primary students. With good concentration we will enjoy school and be highly educated I need your votes please vote for me or sms me to (1800 ENES). By Enes Kilic, 6A

Vote For Yasin Karacan
I would like to be the Environment Minister of Isik College because I will make it a better environment school for our students.

As an Environment Minister:
- I would like to knock the new science labs down and make there a soccer court with soft artificial grass.
- I would like to get the spare space at the staff car park and make it a proper car park with lots more space. In our local car park across the road it’s so full that there’s no space to walk to school.
- I would like proper down ball fields with just 4 squares only in the spare space near the volleyball ball court.

So please vote for me.

By Yasin 6A

If you don’t have confidence, you won’t be brave. If there was no confidence in the world, then you won’t be able to try new things that you might think is scary, when really it’s fun and rewarding. Confidence takes you places :) 

Nurel Osman 5B
We have hosted another very successful Book Fair. Students had the opportunity to preview books during their allocated library sessions and during lunch, recess and after school. The event was made even more special this year with the input of our very talented staff and students. The theme this year was Book Fair Blizzard. Miss Latifoglu and Grade 6C students designed the inviting entrance to the library, Miss Kader Akay prepared a wonderful wintry display inside the library. The Literacy team would like to thank our Librarian Mrs. Sonmez students and staff for their much appreciated assistance. We would also like to thank all of our parents for their valued support and understanding. Proceeds raised from the Book Fair will go directly towards the purchase of new resource for literacy and the primary school library.

Literacy Team

Ms. Latifoglu rolled up her sleeves for the big event.

If there was a competition for great displays I'm certain that Miss Akay would be somewhere in the lead!

Grade 6C busy as buzzing bees!

Ms. Akay created a fantastic Blizzard display, with some help from Miss. Sonmez. Thanks to both.

Great to see so many parents with their children.

Parents encouraging students to make the right choices!

Mrs. Sonmez lending a hand.

I’m set for the reading marathon.

Students kept Mrs. Akgun very busy!
The pictures of the grade 6 camp speak for themselves. A wonderful time was had by all!
The Coolest Grade 6 camp in the World…
On Wednesday the 19th of May it was time to go to camp at Lady Northcote Recreation Park in Rowsley. Unfortunately I am in the other Futsal team members missed out on the 1st day of camp. However it was worth it because we had won the championships for the tournament. I was extremely satisfied of our achievement as a team! While we were driving towards the campsite we all yelled out, “let’s go Maccas, Maccas!” until Mr Yilmaz, our sport teacher, finally headed towards Mc Donald’s. We were going psycho from excitement! Mr Yilmaz shouted all the Futsal team French fries and a Mc Flurry. Finally we arrived at Lady Northcote Recreation Centre in Rowsley at 5: 00 p.m. All the other Grade 6’s apart from the Futsal team had arrived well before us.

I was in Mrs Nuray Tasci’s group. The activities that my group had completed by the time I got back from the tournament were Orienteering and Flying Fox. When the Futsal team arrived we prayed Asr and then we had dinner. In the evening we went for a bushwalk with our torches. Unfortunately, I had fallen and injured my knee. I realised how hard it was to walk in the dark even though we had torches. When we got back to our lodge we prepared to pray Maghrib and Isha. My cabin friends were Ridvan, Oner and Ersin. We all chatted to each other in our cabin until we fell asleep.

The 2nd day of camp we woke up to pray Fajr. At breakfast time Mrs Nuray’s group was on kitchen duty and we were responsible for setting the tables and washing the dishes. After breakfast the Camp Staff explained what each group’s activities they had for the day. My group began with Giant Swing. When it was my turn I went 18 metres high and pulled the string to swing down. My body was shaking as though all my organs were going to pop out of my body dangling down as I swung. It was a nerve-racking experience! We then had morning tea and headed to our 2nd activity, which was Raft Building. We had 6 logs that we needed to tie together with ropes and then put barrels underneath it to float. Some kids were able to float on the raft but the raft was going in circles! because some kids didn’t know how to paddle except for Ersin Kilic. We headed back to the lodge to have lunch and then we went to our 3rd activity being Camp Fire Cooking. We rolled damper around the sticks and cooked it on fire. Cooking on an open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire was a lot different to cooking on the stove. We experienced how the early settlers cooked their bread in the open fire.