FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students,

We are greeting you with the first issue of our newsletter. We will communicate with parents, publish works of the students and share the memories every month.

Ibrahim Dellal Campus of Isik College is a new school. So, we have lots of needs, work to be done and requests from the parents and students. In one respect, our job is hard and stressing; while striving to give a perfect education, we put a great effort to improve the conditions of the school. On the other hand, all staff are very happy and excited to work at such a lovely and supportive environment. I acknowledge that our parents are indulgent, kind and helpful; I believe we are lucky to have such outstanding parents.

As I mentioned above, we chase after our needs. Basketball field, library, Information Technology (IT) and presentation room will be in service soon. Car park construction is continuing. Appearance of the school is going to be more beautiful. We expect your encouragement, support and understanding, our precious parents. We are a family with staff, students and parents. Everyone smiles at ISIK sincerely. Students grow up in peace and have a good education at this warm atmosphere. We always are proud of our students.

Yours sincerely.

Mr Kullu

Isik College Calender:

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Bell Times

Roll Call: 8.50-9.00
Recess: 11.15-11.40
Lunchtime: 13.10-14.00
Home Time: 15.30

Parents please note important date: Labour Day holiday (No School) Monday March 8th.
"Children should try to do the work themselves, but are encouraged to ask parents for assistance if they have a problem.

"They should not spend long periods struggling with their maths homework. If there is still no headway after asking their parents for help, leave that part of the homework and move on.

"When difficulties are experienced, parents or children should write down the questions they have and talk to the teacher the next day.

"Parents should also ask to meet with the teacher to talk through any queries about homework and the best way to help."

"By showing children where maths exists in the real world - for example, how many extra sausages to add to the barbecue when there are guests coming for dinner - parents can encourage their children to think mathematically," Ms Hartnett says.

"If parents feel out of touch with how maths is done nowadays, talk to the teacher about current maths teaching practices or ask the child to show them how they work out mathematical problems - this is a great form of learning for both parent and child."

**Helpful Websites**

DEECD: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development


Smart Kiddies http://www.smartkiddies.co.uk/parent

Maths homework: How can parents help:
The first year of school is always the most challenging for both students and families. However, the first preps of Isik College, Ibrahim Dellal Campus have settled in very well. Prep students will enhance their knowledge throughout the year on an extensive learning pathway leading them towards Grade 1. In Term 1, prep students are learning about themselves through the topic Me, Myself and I. This theme allows students to get to know their special place at school, home and general society. They will understand the importance of their relationship with their families, friends and teachers. Students will expand their literacy skills by learning about single letters, sounds, handwriting and words that correspond with these letters. Prep students will be developing their reading and writing skills in order to enhance their oral language. In Mathematics, students' will be learning the basic mathematical concepts and will gradually extend throughout the year. We are also involved in the buddies program with the grade 5/6's. It is rewarding to see that my prep students are gaining confidence and positive views about learning. It is a great honour to teach this group of prep students and seeing their individual growths within the year will be rewarding. I would like to thank all parents for their co-operation and ongoing interest.

These are some of the grade prep students comments about school. I like school because

“I can play on the playground” Burak   “I like doing handwriting and learning the letter of the week” Abdullahi

“We do work in class” Gulhan        “We draw and do work” Ayesha

“I play on the playground with my friends” Nusreta “We play sports” Elias

“We learn about our friends in the topic me, myself and I” Elike

“I play on the playground when I am outside and in class we learn” Gulrana

“We do work and we learn about mathematics” Batrisyia “We learn Turkish” Nafiso
Literacy Tips for Parents!!

Without doubt, reading with children spells success for early literacy. Putting a few simple strategies into action will make a significant difference in helping children develop into good readers and writers. Through reading aloud, providing print materials, and promoting positive attitudes about reading and writing, you can have a powerful impact on your child’s literacy and learning.

- Invite your child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word said is the word seen.
- Read your child’s favourite book over and over.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and repeated lines. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as your child reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children’s books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.
- Comprehension is very important. Have your child to retell the story and ask questions about the book. This can be about the theme, characters and making new endings.

Helpful Websites

DEECD: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development “Parents”

Literacy Matters: http://www.literacymatters.org/parents/ideas.htm

National Network for Childcare: http://www.nncc.org/Parent/8ways.read.html
Dear Parents,

What a fantastic beginning to the school year! The children have settled in very well to grade One and Two. My name is Ozlem Coskun, I am the grade one and two teacher and this is my gorgeous class. Our grade will be very busy this year. Our classroom has numeracy and literacy work stations which will help develop student’s abilities, skills and knowledge in these areas. Also we are looking forward to go to excursions, incursions and build lasting friendships throughout the year. My grade 1’s & 2’s love to read, read, read....

Grade 1’s and 2’s will be developing further study in literacy and numeracy. Term 1 they have created their own Learning Folders and I will be closely monitoring student progress. Students and parents are welcome to add activities to these folders and this will encourage students to be responsible learners. I look forward to discussing any queries or ideas that parents may have.

I believe in building strong partnerships with families and parents, this will create a positive learning outcome for my students. Parents please feel free to contact me at all times, as I have an open door policy.
Reading daily is one of the most important homework requirements. Please ensure that your child is reading every day. It is important that books are read with positive encouragement. After reading the book, ask your child follow up comprehension questions such as:

- Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- Who were the characters? Which was your favourite? Why?
- How could you describe this character?
- Was there anything about it you did not like?
- Could you re-read your favourite piece?
- Could you think of another ending?
- Did you come across any unusual words? Can you find them?
- Can you retell what happened in the story?

Explicit comprehension strategies will be taught at school and these comprehension strategies will be taught at school and these can then be practiced at home. For example; making predictions, questioning and locating key information in the text.

**Helpful Websites**

- Reading is Fundamental: [http://www.rif.org/parents/tips/default.mspx](http://www.rif.org/parents/tips/default.mspx)
- Help with School Work: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/work/primary/literacy/reading_help.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/work/primary/literacy/reading_help.html)
- Summer Reading Tips for Parents: [http://www.ieassociates.com/eap/sumread.html](http://www.ieassociates.com/eap/sumread.html)
Welcome to 2010 at ISIK College,

Dear parents/guardians, hello my name is Miss Emel Efem and I am the year 3/4 teacher, I am pleased to be teaching your child in 2010. The term is almost over however we have had fun learning about “me” and the “wellbeing” of me. The students have been involved in a lot of hands on and various activities that have helped their understanding. The students have had fun learning about each other and building strong relationships with their peers. We have focused on how to keep our school safe and how to say NO to bullies, by implementing a “no bully” policy to ensure everybody is safe and happy.

Term 2 is quickly approaching and to ensure my students are ready for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) we have started practicing. To help your child it would be very beneficial for you to read with your child and practice asking those questions about the texts.

Please feel free to browse the educational website to give you more information on what NAPLAN is (www.naplan.edu.au)

Please feel free to come in and say hello.
Healthy Lunchbox ideas for children

Healthy Lunchbox

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for children and help with concentration and learning. Healthy eating changes are not always easy to make. Try to set a good example with your own lunches. Encourage children to be involved in their own lunch preparation, and their choices about foods to include. Praise your child when they choose healthy foods for the lunch box.

There are limited times for children to eat during the day, especially at school. Children may prefer to play with friends instead of eating. Encourage your child to sit and eat before heading out to play, or talk to your school about making sure all children get a chance to eat enough before play starts.

Six items to put in a lunch box

- Vegetables
- Fresh fruit
- Dairy food - cheese or yoghurt
- Protein food - slice of lean meat, hard-boiled egg or beans
- Starchy food - bread, roll, pita or flat bread, fruit bread or crackers
- Water.

Healthy Websites

- 'Go for your life' Canteens Advisory Service
- Australian Guide to Healthy Eating
- Food allergy - an overview
- Food allergy and intolerance
- Healthy eating and activity in the primary school years (5-12 years)
- Healthy eating and play for kindergarten children (3-5 years)
- Healthy eating for kids
- Healthy eating tips
- Healthy snacks and takeaways
- Kids - 'Go for your life'
- Try it - you'll like it! Vegetables and fruit for children
- These websites are found on www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
Wow!!! What a great start we have had to term 1. Welcome to all parents and guardians my name is Miss Douha, I am the 5/6 teacher and here is my wonderful class. This year the year 5/6 students will be working very hard to prepare themselves for high school. My goal is to expose the students to a number of teaching styles with explicit teaching and learning. This year we have a lot ahead of us with excursions, camps and a lot more. To welcome our junior school students and help them feel safe we have also incorporated a buddies program where the senior school students have been given leadership roles of taking care of the new prep students and working together on a mini project about safety in school. I look forward to seeing you all and please feel free to come in and say hello!!!
Dear parents and students of Isik College Sunshine Ibrahim Dellal Campus, I am Fatma Kullu, the Turkish teacher of our school. We are all new in this school; I would like to welcome you all. As staff members, we are trying to build a family environment in this school, and we are ready to do our best for your children. In Turkish classes this year, we are hoping to improve our Turkish-speaking students’ knowledge of the Turkish language; and teach Turkish as a new language to our non Turkish-speaking students. While they are learning, they will also have fun activities in Turkish classes, including competitions, games, movies and excursions. As you all know, teaching is not only done by a teacher. Teaching requires teamwork between teachers, students and you, parents. Therefore I need your help in order to achieve our aim, to nurture the Golden Generation of tomorrow. I wish you all the best for the future and success to our children.
Hello, Hello

I'm the secretary of Isik College Sunshine, Ibrahim Dellal campus as you all know. I like to briefly explain myself and my position to our parents or guardians. My name is Muge Guven and I am committed to our school and to our children. My duties are to welcome all parents to my office and answer their questions within a good manner. Also to support and take good care of our students needs. My field is to concentrate on all admin clerk, sickbay and library work. Teachers and I promise all our parents to feel safe with this environment, because we are all dedicated and care shown to all students. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me,

School phone number: 9363 5300 Fax: 9363 5311

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I am proud to say that the canteen is open. We cook daily on the premises and our products are very fresh. We pay a lot of attention to hygiene and healthy food products. A canteen list is provided for every student. If parents have any queries and would like to discuss anything please feel free to call me. Thank-you.
At Isik College, we are building strong friendships to last a lifetime......