Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome back to school! I hope everybody has had some downtime to relax during the break and are ready for the final term.

Congratulations to our Volleyball team who took victory in the Hume Division Finals recently. I must say I love the look and colour of the grade 6 special t-shirts!

Sport is a lot of fun and we sure had plenty of it on the last day of school celebrating the Footy Finals (congratulations to the victorious Cats supporters). You’ll find some snaps in this issue and I must extend a big thanks to Mrs Kader for all her efforts in the organisation of this event.

We also finished term 3 with our portfolios and student-led conferences. Once again I had the privilege of taking part in some of the conferences. It was gratifying to see the hard work and commitment of both students and staff during this process. The portfolios present a true reflection of an individual’s attitude, efforts and achievements. Here’s what some parents had to say:

• The conference was beneficial because it provided a delightful opportunity to watch my daughter present her skills, knowledge and development this year. We are proud of you because you were very clear and honest. You know you are good at some things, but also have some areas to work on. You know where you stand!

• I am proud of you because you proved to me that you are capable of achieving any of your goals. High and realistic expectations are great!

All students in grade 3 and 5 also received their NAPLAN reports at the end of term 3. The results have been positive in some areas, especially in spelling in grade 3 and 5, as well as writing in grade 3, however, as a whole school we also have some areas to develop.

At present we are also finalising 2012 enrolments, classes and staffing. It is too early to say which teacher will take your child next year.

I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them. I also wish to take this opportunity to wish Ms Elif Konuk, our nurse, who is now on leave to also tie the knot. In the meantime, we will see more of Mrs Jale Cekic in the sick bay.

More good news – Mrs Muhsine Seymen-Turer is now a happy mother!

Regards, Ms Evla Han

A note from Speech Pathology

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break. Students who attended speech therapy in terms 1 and 2 have recommenced therapy sessions this week. The focus of speech therapy in term 4 will be on Social Skills.

Each week a different topic will be covered including Manners, Asking Appropriate Questions, Conversational Skills, Feelings and Emotions, Body Language and Self Esteem. Cognitive Assessment Reports will be sent to parents in the near future.

We hope you have a great week.

Speech Pathology

2012 Prep Transition

The planning for 2012 enrolments are almost finalised now. Our new Prep families will have transition programs on Mon 14th Nov and Fri 18th Nov. Prospective families should receive a letter in the mail regarding further details by the Prep coordinator, Mrs Nazan Zengin.

Q. Why did the student eat his homework?
A. Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!

SunSmart

Isik College is a SunSmart school and this means that during term 1 and 4 all students are required to wear the legionnaire style hats (not caps!) during recess, lunch time, excursions, sport & outdoor programs. It is also important for students to have a bottle of water in class.
During the term 3 school holidays Aydin, Melih, Muhammed Kerem participated in the Australian Wrestling Championships in Canberra. We are very pleased with the following results:

1. Melih Haktan—gold
2. Aydin Sonmez—silver
3. Muhammed K Beyazgul—bronze

Many thanks to Mr Cevdet Avciogullari for the organisation of this event.

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<td>For being confident and trying hard in spelling</td>
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In order to continue promoting anti-bullying education here at Isik College, Student Support Services organised an incursion program for our grade 5 and 6 students. The students attended a session here at the school presented by Victorian State Police officers. The session was aimed at the impacts of bullying and cyber-bullying on the children. The students were actively engaged in the session and were encouraged to share their experiences with bullying in and outside of the school ground. The session allowed the students and teachers to clarify their understanding of the connection between the law and bullying by providing them with the opportunity to ask questions. Most importantly, the session provided an insight into the social and emotional consequences associated with bullying. With the strong emphasis on the legal implications related to this type of behaviour, our students’ knowledge related to cyber-bullying and their consequences were enhanced. We look forward to continue running programs to increase our awareness and understanding of bullying in our school and community.

**5A Poetry**

**True Friends**
You magnify my happiness
Whenever I am glad
You help to heal my injured heart
Whenever I am sad
You’re such a pleasure in my life
I hope that you can see
How meaningful our relationship is
You’re a total joy to me.

*By Tayla Ali*

**This is who I am**
The grass is green
The sun is bright
A new day has come to fight
Brush your teeth
Combyour hair
Let all your wear
Because today is your worries day
Our day
And no one can stop us
From being who we are
From being black
From being white
From being tall
From being short
From being who we are
Because this is who I am!

*By Marium Bakur*

**School Days**
It’s Monday morning 8.01 am
I’m still half asleep, my homework is half done.
My shower was cold and my porridge dry
My mother forgets to kiss me goodbye
I’m walking to school it’s already 30 degrees
My fingers don’t work, my toes and ears freeze
My zip is stuck, my left sneaker sneaks
My backpack strap snaps, my soup thermos leaks
I slip on the school steps, I trip in the hall
The toilet floods in the bathroom stall
The gym door is locked, the library is the same
The principal greets me by the wrong name
My classroom is hot, the coat rack is packed
My bean plant is dead, my clay pot has cracked
My pencils are dull, the sharpener jams
My maths partner has gone, my neighbour is rude
My teacher is in a cranky mode
The morning bell rings 9.01 am
Come cozy up to the whiteboard
Another school day has begun

*By Sumeyye Ayvaz*

**My Sister**
I have a sister
She gives me a blister
If you play
She will throw clay
She gives me a headache
She doesn’t snore
But she gives a ROAR!
Sometimes she is nice

*By Mahmut Solak*

**Gr.6 Incursion**

On Friday the 15th of October our Volleyball open and girl’s team played the Hume Division Finals. Each team played two different schools and displayed an excellent performance. Our open team won their first match and were runners up. Our girl’s team won both their matches and became the 2011 Hume Division CHAMPIONS, so congratulations to them. The girl’s team will move on to the Regions and represent our school further. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each student for their efforts and accomplishments.
Last day of term 3 we celebrated Footy Day, which was organised by the Fundraising Committee. Students and teachers were able to share their footy team colours and logos with pride. It seems like there was a black and white majority! The day was a fun-filled day with many activities to enjoy. We would like to thank our parents for their contribution and helping us to make it such a great day.

Ms Kader Akay