Deputy Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Friends,

What a big year 2011 has been! I am very proud to say that with all the end of year events and programs we really have concluded things on a high note. Without the dedication and commitment of each and every member in our learning community much of these opportunities would not be possible.

Each student will have received our 2011 yearbook. The yearbook is full of colourful school activities, as well as happy faces. Many thanks to Mr Gunduz and Mrs Aslan for their efforts in the production of the yearbook.

I truly believe that operations and programs at our school are shifting from good, better to best. During the change process there might be some who prefer for things to be the same or things to be completely different. You might have had good or less than good experiences along the way, however, please do not judge us, as individuals or the system. Parents and staff know they can come in and talk to us. In fact, talking to the right person, teachers or administration personnel, will ensure that school management will consider decisions are finalised in the best interest for all.

MashAllah, I was most entertained at the junior school concert this year. Our Australia theme really highlighted the unique culture, identity & values we uphold, regardless of ethnic backgrounds. Also, the grade 6 graduation ceremony made me want to be a grade 6 class teacher again! I hope all our graduates are proud of their achievements and wish them the best for high school. A big congratulations to Selin Bas our Dux student.

Finally, please note that staff will be present next week at school for administrative purposes. School reports will be distributed on Friday 16 December from 9.30am -12.30pm in the grade 2A classroom. Teachers will arrange for interviews in special circumstances only.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all the best for Mrs Zengin who will take maternity leave, too.

As everybody slows down and enjoys the summer break, as a whole school we wish to encourage students and families to take part in the local libraries Summer Reading Club (www.summerreadingclub.org.au) or the Scholastic Summer Reading Buzz (www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/summer_reading). According to research, young readers may experience ‘reading loss’. This means their reading achievement typically declines, especially for students at risk or those from a low socio-economic background. Quite simply, children need to read outside of school. Please find attached details or refer to the above websites for details.

I hope all our students and families enjoy some quality time together and have a safe summer.

Regards,

Ms. Evla Han

2012 Class Allocations

Parent and staff preferences have been collated and considered for the upcoming year. Please be assured that we are led by the need to create ‘balanced’ groups in light of gender ratios, behaviour, academic and social needs. Therefore, not all parent requests can or will be achieved. Please note, that this does not mean a complete change in dynamics, but only where the need exists.

2012 Start-Up

Some families might experience start-up butterflies or excitement, especially in the week leading up to the new school year. So how do you help your children deal with changes or unmet expectations whether it’s a new teacher or a new class or a new school? This is paramount especially, for new students as well as younger children, who are only just beginning to establish a broad social network. Staying positive, looking for students in the class that are known and encouraging an open mind are some strategies for parents. On the first day of school students will discover any changes in their classes as well as meet their new teacher.

2012 Annual Plan

Our school’s strategic teaching and learning plan is in draft mode at present. It will include the following priority areas:

- improved reading performance for all students
- Increased levels of numeracy achievement for all students
- Improved student engagement in learning for all students

Lost Property

All students and parents are reminded to check the Lost Property cupboard before the end of year. All remaining items will be recycled.

2012 Student Term Dates

Term 1: Mon 30 January — Fri 30 March
Term 2: Mon 16 April* - Fri 22 June
Term 3: Mon 16 July* - Fri 21 September
Term 4: Mon 8 October* - Fri 7 December

*Curriculum days

Important Dates

- Fri 9 Dec : Last day for students
- Fri 16 Dec : Report Distribution day 9.30am-12.30pm
- Fri 23 Dec : Main office closes

For those who like to plan ahead...

- Tues 24 Jan : Prep Orientation day 10am-12pm
- Thurs 26 Jan : Australia Day holiday
- Mon 16 Jan : Main office opens
- Mon 30 Jan 2012 : Students start school

Q. What do you call a one eyed dinosaur?
   A. Do-you-think-he-saw-us

Q. What do you give birds when they are sick?
   A. Treament!

Q. Where do cows go on their holidays?
   A. Moo York

Q. What did one wall say to the other wall?
   A. Meet me at the corner
Junior School Concert