Assalamu Alaikum,

Term 1 is coming to an end and it has been a pleasure to watch our students settle into a learning pattern, especially our new Preps.

By the Grace of Allah I take great pleasure in announcing that the College has purchased another campus in close proximity to the existing Dallas Campus and Insha Allah it will be ready for Term 1 next year, catering for Boys Year 7 – 10. Parents will receive progress updates during the course of the year.

Also, this year will be the first time Ilim will be taking a group of Secondary Boys and Girls to Turkey as separate groups as part of the Turkish LOTE Department. This visit will allow the students to immerse themselves in both the Islamic culture that is present in Turkey and also the Turkish language. We hope this is the beginning of many more visits, in which we anticipate that we will also be able to take students from the Arabic Department on similar trips.

I’d also like to announce that I will be taking my long service leave throughout Term 2 with my return Insha Allah at the beginning of Term 3. In my absence Mr Fadi Koubar, the Vice Principal of Secondary and Mr Dogan Akin, the Vice Principal of Primary will be available to assist you on my behalf. As per usual, the Glenroy Campus Heads, Mr Murat Karadag, Ms Derya Buyukyazici and Ms Murvet Altikulac are available for all matters pertaining to our Glenroy Campus.

I wish you all a very happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all fully rested and ready for Term 2.

Ms Aynur Simsirel
Principal
ENROLMENTS

Prep Enrolments
Our Prep Applications for 2015 are NOW OPEN. Parents wishing to apply can do so before Friday 20th June.

Secondary Enrolments
Applications for all secondary year levels are OPEN. Parents may lodge applications until Friday 5th September. Please see conditions below.

Enrolment Acceptance Conditions for 2015
Parents must read and accept the following new ‘Enrolment Acceptance Conditions for 2015’ before signing an Application Form. The Parent/s must:

- Pay a $50 non-refundable fee for an application to be processed.
- Provide an original birth certificate or passport for Australian born applicants and Visa and passport for overseas born applicants.
- Provide a copy of the applicants latest and previous school reports. (Excludes applications for Grade Prep)
- Provide 2 passport sized photos clearly labeled with the child’s date of birth, name and surname.
- Provide original documentation of all up to date immunization records.
- Fill an Enrolment Application Form and have it signed by both parents (if applicable)
- Allow their child to sit an entrance exam varying from 1 to 2 hours (depending on their year level) and achieve an average of at least
  - 70% for year 7-10
  - 80% for year 11-12
- Note that external VCAL Students are not accepted into Ilim College.

Important Enrolment Related Dates
Last Day for 2015 Prep Applications : Friday 20th June 2014
Prep Interviews / Assessments : Sat 16th & Sat 23rd August
Last Day for 2015 Secondary Applications : Friday 5th September 2014

PLEASE NOTE: THE ENROLMENT DEPARTMENT’S OPENING HOURS ARE: 9 AM – 12 NOON & 1 PM – 4 PM

UPCOMING DATES

3 April Last Day of Term 1 for Students
4 April Parent Teacher Interviews
22 April Term 2 Commences
25 April Anzac Day NO SCHOOL

EMA CHEQUES
Please be reminded, the first installment of the EMA cheques have arrived. Parents will need to present their Health Care Card / Pension Card to the General Office at the Dallas Campus to receive their cheque. Parents who have selected to receive their payment through Electronic Funds Transfer should check their bank accounts.

Parents wishing to apply for the second instalment may apply from the start of term 2. Those who have already applied for the first instalment will NOT need to re-apply.
Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Ilim College Families,

It is amazing how time flies. Term one has come to an end already and I have great pleasure in mentioning the outstanding work produced and exemplary behaviour exhibited by many of our students.

In term 1, our teachers were involved in a number of professional development sessions including a refresher in the “You Can Do It” - Social and Emotional Learning Program, ICT in the Classroom and Family Engagement in Learning programs. I thank all parents for attending the “Meet the Teacher/Parent” session held earlier in the term and look forward to seeing you during Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be held on Friday, 4th April from 11.00am – 6.30pm.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to wear the winter school uniform in a clean and tidy manner during terms 2 and 3. If your child requires any uniform items please ensure it is purchased from the uniform shop.

(Academic Uniforms)

I ask parents to communicate with their child’s teacher either through the school diary or through the communication book when required. Parents can also make an appointment to see their child’s classroom or specialist teacher. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or make an appointment for any matters or concerns you wish to discuss.

I wish to remind parents that we have 0 – 5 year old Turkish and Arabic playgroup sessions as well as Adult Courses held at our school that are free of charge. If you are interested, please contact the general office for more information.

I wish all students, parents and staff a happy and safe term break.

Mr Dogan Akin
Primary Vice Principal

On the 11th of March 2014, our school celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day whereby every culture is appreciated and peace is spread all around the world. On this day, our Primary Students Representative Council (SRC) organized a sausage sizzle and a Cultural Clothes Day. Primary students were in very colourful cultural clothes from different countries and everyone enjoyed the day.

Ibraheem Muhammad & Hafsa Najeeb
Primary School Captains
Prep Transition Program

Starting a new school is an exciting milestone for both children and their parents. Ilim College aims to support our prep students and parents in order for them to have a smooth transition into school life. Thus, with this in mind, the Counselling Department at the college organised a Prep Transition Program in order to ensure students have a positive start to their education journey.

The transition program is a ten week program which comprises of a number of activities. This year it included:

- A live-story telling performance ‘Lama Lama Misses Mama’ which aimed at helping our students cope with the stress of adapting to their new schooling environment.
- A buddy program, whereby Prep students teamed up with Grade 6 students as a source of comfort for them.
- A parent lunch with the prep students and prep teachers, which provided a great opportunity to mingle with other parents and teachers.
- A ‘Prep Fun Day Out’ to celebrate students’ achievements with activities such as face painting, an entertaining clown and a jumping castle.
- A kite making incursion with their respective Grade 6 buddy classes in which the prep students eagerly took their kites outdoors running, jumping, laughing and squealing as there kites soared into the sky.

The transition program will end next term. The first week of the second semester, ‘Bush Babies’ will be on the school grounds and eagerly waiting to meet our prep students. It will be a really exciting incursion.

We look forward to seeing our prep students returning from their first school break.
**GR 1 GREENVALE RESERVOIR PARK EXCURSION**

On Thursday the 6th of March, the Grade 1 students went to Greenvale Reservoir Park. The students collected natural materials from the environment for their ongoing projects. They were very cautious about not disturbing the creatures that lived at the park and also to not harm the plants. The students enjoyed having a picnic and playing on the playground.

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**GR 3 ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS EXCURSION**

On the 12th of March on Wednesday all the grade 3’s went on an excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens. We went there because we were learning about Aborigines in our inquiry session. When we got there we watched and danced with Lucas. After the dance we made wrist bands and went for a walk with Michael, who showed us what the aborigines used to eat. After the walk we made hand prints and had lunch.

By Behiye Ozdamar 3A

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**GR 4 ENTERPRISE MELBOURNE EXCURSION**

This term, the grade fours went on an excursion to Enterprize Melbourne’s Tall Ship in Docklands. The students had the opportunity to explore Melbourne’s Tall ship that is a replica of John Pascoe Fawkner’s Schooner Enterprize - the ship that sailed from Van Diemen’s Land (Tasmania) in 1835 with the first permanent white settlers. Students were divided into groups and sent on a rotation of different activities to explore the different sections of the ship. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot from this visit.

Ms Sarah Abdallah

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**GR 4 SALAHAH WORKSHOP**

Grade 4 students attended a Salaah workshop in order for them to understand the etiquettes of entering and leaving the masjid, appropriate behavior inside of the masjid, the pillars of salaah, relevant duas and the postures of salaah.

Islamic Studies Department
GR 5 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

On the Wednesday the 27th of February, the Grade 5 students went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. The excursion was in reference to our History unit ‘Australian Colonies’, which integrates the elements of Australian history, the Goldfields, colonization, as well as the individuals that impacted Australian history.

The students had a fantastic experience as they had the chance to attend educational sessions, have a go at the gold panning activity with the hopes of discovering gold, as well as travelling through the historical underground Red Mine where the largest gold nugget was discovered. Overall it was an interactive and useful excursion.

Arzu Khan 5B

GR 6 PARLIAMENT HOUSE EXCURSION

“Are we going to see Mr Tony Abbott?” asked Kholoud excitedly. “No,” replied Ms Hishama, “We are visiting the State Parliament House and not the one in Canberra.” Disappointedly, she turned away and continued chatting with her friends.

The students of Grade 6 from both campuses visited the Parliament House. The students were able to sit on the very chairs the Ministers sit on during parliamentary meetings. The legislative council chamber was almost palatial in its décor while the legislative assembly, being the chamber of ministers chosen by the public, was more Spartan in appearance.

Ms Hishama Saldin

GR 6 INTEGRATED STUDIES- THE LEARNING JOURNEY

As we embarked on the journey through the history of the 20th Century, the students were taught how the Federation of Australia came into being. They learnt the responsibilities of the different levels of government and also about the impact of migration on society as a whole. As part of their assessment, they had to interview a migrant and present their story. We really enjoyed listening to the students as they presented their posters.

Ms Hishama Saldin
Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students and their families, in particular to those who have joined the school this year. We trust that your experience of learning at our school has been both stimulating and rewarding this term.

Alhamdulillah, we have left behind many positive, rewarding and thoughtful memories of Term 1. As the Leadership Team, with the support and dedication of our staff we have worked towards building and sustaining a positive school environment for our students, parents and community.

Our Health and Physical Education Department has been very busy this term. With the buzz of the Winter Olympics, our students competed against each other in our very own ‘Ilimpics’. We had many gold medals flashing in our corridors around the necks of athletes who had received first place.

We also launched the Heart Foundation’s, Jump Rope for Heart Program, emphasising the importance of having the right balance between healthy eating and exercise to maintain a healthy heart. Through this program, our students became aware of the role of the Heart Foundation and that all money raised will go towards further research into helping those who suffer from heart related illnesses. Our students are very much enjoying their morning skipping sessions, making sport both fun and challenging. The leadership team would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Fatima Ali for facilitating and organising these very important programs.

We also celebrated Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day on Friday the 21st of March, where our students, teachers and staff came to school in their cultural clothing and made a gold coin donation. This was a day of celebrating differences and unity, a sense of belonging and ownership of inheritance. We celebrated the richness of our identity and sent the message that ‘Everyone Belongs’ at Ilim College. We all enjoyed our true blue Aussie style sausage on the BBQ. We raised just over $1000.00 on the day. Our Student Representative Council will be working with Ms Aysegul and Ms Murvet to decide how to improve our outdoor facilities with the funds raised. We would like to thank Ms Aysegul Sayan, our SRC Coordinator for organising the event.

We would like to kindly remind you that our Office will be open from 9am – 4pm throughout the school holiday.

We hope you all have a safe and restful term break.

Wassalam

Glenroy Leadership Team
It was 10:30 am when we arrived at Sovereign Hill and at this stage my legs felt like jelly when we got off the bus. We came to Sovereign Hill for our Inquiry study. At Sovereign Hill we went on the main road to see how they make gold plates, bells and spinning tops. Secondly we went to pan for gold. I couldn't find gold but I didn't mind. We arrived at school by 3:30pm. It was the most fun I had in term 1!

Alaviya Adam 5A

This term our Grade 6 students were studying the levels of Government in class and visiting the Parliament house provided them with vital knowledge and experience of the government. On Tuesday and Wednesday of week 2, the boys and girls of grade 6 visited the Parliament house. They had a tour of the Red Room (Legislative Council) and the Green Room (Legislative Assembly). After the parliament house we enjoyed the sun at a nearby park for lunch.

Meet our Student Representative Council for 2014!

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GR 5
SOVEREIGN HILL
EXCURSION
Academic Scholarships - 2015

Ilim College is continuing to offer scholarships to its students and the applications are now open for 2015. Different scholarship categories exist at Ilim College and the ACER scholarship test is only for the academic scholarship category. Ilim College offers full (100%) and half (50%) academic scholarships depending on student performance in the ACER test, as well as academic performance in all subjects.

There are 3 levels to the scholarship tests:

**Level 1**
- Current Grade 6 applying for Year 7 scholarship 2015
- Current Year 7 applying for Year 8 scholarship 2015

**Level 2**
- Current Year 8 applying for Year 9 scholarship 2015
- Current Year 9 applying for Year 10 scholarship 2015

**Level 3**
- Current Year 10 applying for Year 11 scholarship 2015
- Current Year 11 applying for Year 12 scholarship 2015

To sit the test, students can either register online or at the school reception. The link has been placed on the Ilim College web page [www.ilimcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.ilimcollege.vic.edu.au). Please click on the scholarships link on the home page which will direct you to the ACER registration page.

**Details of the test:**
- **Date:** 14/06/2014
- **Place:** Ilim College (Dallas Campus) Assembly Hall
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Cost:** $85
- **Registration closes:** 23/05/2014
- **Note:** Scholarships may not be granted if your child’s school fees have not been paid.

If you have any queries in regards to scholarship applications, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Zeynep Sertel  
*Head of Teaching & Learning*

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Assalamu alaikum

The Secondary School endeavours to keep the parents informed about the educational programs, procedures and policies through publications and information evenings. We extend our gratitude to all the parents/guardians who attended the various Information Evenings held during term 1, 2014.

One of the points stressed in the information evening was the importance of regular attendance by students. We urge our parents to reduce the number of days in which their children are away from school, this includes unnecessary days off and extended overseas trips.

We take this opportunity to wish the parents and the students a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you again for the start of term 2.

Mr Fadi Koubar  
*Secondary Vice Principal*
On the 12th and 13th March the year 8 girls and boys went on an excursion to Kryal Castle for the Humanities subject. Students were fascinated by the torture exhibition before encountering the dungeon doom deep within the castle. The students were introduced to a range of punishments and the boys were very fortunate to have witnessed a joust in the castle arena, whereas the girls learnt more about the knights of courage, dignity and nobleness.

Meryem Celik Year 8 Level Manager

YR 8 KRYAL CASTLE EXCURSION

The PSD department organised a rock climbing excursion for our year 8 students as a part of their PSD classes. Here is what some of the students had to say about their experience:

“Rock climbing was really fun.” Mervenur Soylu

“It was an amazing excursion. Can’t wait to go again!” Habiba Qassim

YR 8 ROCK CLIMBING EXCURSION

As a part of PSD classes, the Year 7 and 9 students went on an ice skating excursion. Here is what one of the students had to say about her experience.

“We went on a very exciting excursion to the Icehouse. Sliding, gliding and even falling onto the ice was enjoyable due to the atmosphere of friendship. This will be a sentimental moment we’ll always remember…” Zeyneb Huda Nur Temel

YR 7 & 9 ICE SKATING EXCURSION
YR 12 BBQ & PICNIC DAY

The Yr 12 BBQ/Picnic was a marked success. Students and teachers alike gathered on a beautiful Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the magnificent scenery and ambience at the famed Fairfield Park Boat House. All parties had an enjoyable day out - with the only complaint being was that the day was too short!

Andrew Turcinovich

YR 7 WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday 27th of February, the Year 7 girls and a day earlier the Year 7 boys went on an excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. We saw so many wonderful animals on the Open Safari Bus Tour. The most exciting part of the tour was when the giraffes and emus approached our bus which sent the students into a joyous frenzy. We left the venue taking away many wonderful memories with us back to school.

VCAL ACTIVITIES

Alhamdu Lillahi our VCAL program continues to run very well. Students have undertaken a number of activities this year including an excursion to CERES in Coburg and also a Barista training course. Well done to all VCAL teachers for a job well done so far.

Abdulai Rufai

Year 7 Transition Program

The commencement of secondary school is a critical time for students. It is indeed a major step towards entering adulthood. With this in mind, the Counselling Department at Ilim College ran a transition program for year 7 students. As per the previous years, our year 9 students are once again mentoring our year 7 students. As their mentors, year 9 students shared their experience of year 7 and gave advice on how to survive year 7. Together, they also participated in a variety of fun and team building activities.

Year 7    Basim Ashkar & Zaynab Jama
Year 8    Yusuf Kutlu & Rumeysa Kul
Year 9    Ayub Mohamed & Zeynep Nur Temel
Year 10   Enes Ozkoca & Laila Khattab
Year 11   Abdulkadir Soylu & Sera Koseci
Year 12   Hamza Qazi & Aleyna Tiknas

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Abdulai Rufai
High ATAR Achievers Assembly

Ilim College generously rewarded the high achievers of 2013 during the Secondary Assembly held on Tuesday 25th March.

The college awarded the students in recognition of their excellent efforts and hard work throughout the year.

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At Ilim Learning Sanctuary we believe and respect that children learn best by play. Play has cognitive, physical, emotional and social benefits for the child. Play is a time when children can make sense of their world and this is fostered throughout the program.

The philosophy and teaching practices at Ilim Learning Sanctuary is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach. This approach is a pedagogy that respects the child as an individual body which can be expressive, make decisions, probe, problem-solve, reflect, ponder and be empowered to pave their own learning.

The curriculum we will be following at the Ilim Learning Sanctuary for 2014 will be as follows:

- Maths concepts involving size, number, speed, time, money, counting, volume, high, low
- Literacy concepts involving letters, words, signs, rhymes, phonics
- Hygiene matters involving infection control, and personal grooming
- Awareness of healthy food and lifestyles
- Physical activities, fundamental movement skills
- Creative arts involving colours, shades, drama
- Respecting the environment and sustainability strengthening their identity, sense of security and attachment
- Positive behaviours eg. turn taking, helping others, listening

We had a very successful first year in 2013 and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families for 2014.

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HARMONY DAY

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FUN DAY

GARDENING

DENTAL HYGIENE

FIRE EVACUATION

SCOOTER DAY
Prophet (SAW) said “Be in this world as though you were a stranger or a traveller on a path” (Narrated by Bukhari)