Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Ilim College Families,

It has been a very successful term, we have achieved quite a bit till this point, thus laying the foundations for the rest of the year. I want to thank our staff for all of their hard work and for the quality of their teamwork over the term. The level of staff commitment to improving learning outcomes and supporting the wellbeing of our students is very satisfying. This is such a vital ingredient contributing to our positive school culture. I enjoy visiting classrooms and observing our students going about their learning. We all should be proud of their efforts and achievements.

Positive partnerships between home and school are essential to support educational growth and development of your child/ren. Constant communication between parents and teachers is vital. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that is impacting your child’s learning or their wellbeing.

We are very excited in beginning the process of implementing Restorative Practices within the college. Restorative Practice is a strategy that seeks to build, maintain and restore relationships that have been damaged, including those that have been damaged through bullying. Teachers at the college will be taking part in professional development sessions in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills to implement this strategy.

I would like to remind parents that school at Ilim College of Australia begins at 8.50am for all students and as a result, all students are required to arrive at the school by no later than 8.45am in order to ensure a smooth start to the day. It is crucial that your child arrives at school on time. This will develop a positive routine in your child’s education and teach him/her the importance of being punctual at all times.

I take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians for their continued support.

Mr Dogan Akin
Acting Principal
Announcements

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ACER Scholarship Test
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UPCOMING DATES

13-15 May  NAPLAN Testing- Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
19-23 May  Islamic Studies Week
20 May    ICAS Competition- Computer Skills
23 May    ACER Scholarship Registrations Close
27 May    Secondary School Photos
28 May    Primary (Dallas Campus) School Photos
29 May    Primary (Glenroy Campus) School Photos
2-6 June  Personal & Social Development Week
          Yr 11 Unit 1 Exam Week
        4 June  ICAS Competition- Science
        5 June  Yr 8 Brainstorm Productions Cyber-bullying Incursion
        9 June  Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
      10 June  Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
      11 June  VCAA GAT Exam (No VCE Classes)
12-18 June  Yr 7-10 Unified Tests
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      17 June  ICAS Competition- Spelling
      20 June  Prep Applications Closing Date
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      27 June  Last Day of Term 2
      28 June  The Blessed Month of Ramadan Begins

EMA CHEQUES

Parents who have yet to collect their EMA cheques (1st Installment) may do so from our Dallas Campus General Office.
GR 1 2D SHAPES CLASS WORK

The Grade one students have been learning about 2D shapes. They went on a shape hunt around the school and then had the opportunity to sit outside and draw all of the different shaped objects they came across. In class they have also been working hard on their 2D shape posters.

Grade one team

GR 6 INTEGRATED STUDIES- WHO DUNIT?

“Was it the accused, the drug dealer or the couple?”

This was the question the Grade 6 students at our Dallas campus had to solve as part of their incursion on Forensic Science on the 28th of April. The students were provided with background information and then had to go through all of the evidence like DNA testing, handwriting analysis, gunshot residue, tyre tracks, blood stains etc to work out who the guilty party was. Eventually the mystery was solved and it was the drug dealer after all. The incursion was organized so that the students were exposed to analytical and critical thinking skills and also to give them an insight into the world of forensic science for those who wish to follow this path in the future.

Ms Hishama Saldin
Grade 2’s visit to Yarrabee’s Yesterday World was enjoyed by everyone. We learnt about life and school in the olden days. The students were shown many things including how toast was made in the olden days, the kind of jobs kids did back then and how the telephone worked. After lunch students played old fashioned games like egg game and kick the can. It was a fabulous day.
Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Swimming Program has now commenced at our Glenroy campus. Classes will run in our very own heated swimming pool. Participation in this program will assist in developing water confidence, water safety and rescue skills. In this enjoyable, social environment children will also be improving their health and fitness.

As for uniform, be sure to choose swimwear fabrics such as nylon, polyester, spandex or lycra as this will make it easier and more comfortable for your child to move through the water. Swimming Caps and Goggles can be purchased from the main office at our Glenroy campus, please see our lovely admin staff for more information.

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact me and I will try to help you as best I can.

Ms Elizabeth Blazevska
Swimming Coordinator

Assalamu Alaikum

Dear Parents/Guardians,

“Welcome to Term 2! Where Team Glenroy celebrates much awaited beginnings and new initiatives!”

Building on firm foundations of hard work, persistence and team effort, we are proud to announce the commencement of our very own Swimming Program at the Glenroy campus. At the Glenroy campus, we set goals and we work towards achieving them. When we had purchased this campus, one advantage, among many other advantages, that this building had to offer was its own heated swimming pool facility. After two pre and post inspections by Life Save Victoria and the specialised knowledge of Ms Elizabeth Blazevska, through upholding to our strongest priority; the safety of our students, we now proudly announce and celebrate the formal commencement of our swimming program. The excitement and buzz which rippled through our school following the announcement is a feeling that neither we nor our students will forget. Our grade 4, 5 and 6 female students were the first group to enter the water on Thursday the 1st of May.

After an anxious wait, our Prep students can enjoy the newly fitted playground and sandpit. Immersed amongst native plants is a collection of new equipment including; a playground, sandpit and adventure dome. Our students can now spend recess and lunch breaks absorbed with imaginative play and exercise.

We will be extending our current selection of afterschool activities which are currently inclusive of our Homework Club and the Folk Dancing Club. A new initiative which we are working towards establishing is an after school Quran Tutoring Club. Further information regarding the commencement and schedule of the club will be made through our Quran teachers.

It is with great excitement that we anticipate and count down for the ICAS competitions this year. Some of our students will be competing in Computer Skills, Science, Writing and Spelling competitions. We believe that all of our students who had the confidence to ‘have a go’ are already winners in our eyes.

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) has commenced for 2014. We encourage all of our students to take on the challenge. For information regarding enrolment and adding books please feel free to contact the classroom teachers or our librarian Ms Songul Onan.

We have only made mention of our new initiatives, coupled with the fantastic work which is already happening here at the Glenroy campus, it would be fair to say that we have yet another busy term.

Wassalam

Glenroy Leadership Team
PREP BUSH BABIES INCURSION

The Counseling department organised an interactive Bush Babies incursion as part of the Prep Transition Program. Baby animals, which included crocodiles, snakes, turtles and frogs were brought in and students got the chance to pat and handle some of them.

Prep Teachers

LEARNING QUR’AN

Our students are taking more and more control and ownership of their learning in Quran classes. Our teachers have included the use of computers and iPads to ensure students stay engaged by not only checking for their pronunciation, fluency and control over the flow of ayahs, but by also giving them the time to listen to and read the translation.

Learning the Quran is rewarding and fun!

LEARNING TURKISH

LOTE Turkish lessons are now more fun and interactive! Each lesson is now supported with visual projects. These visual objects will help increase student vocabulary through constant exposure during class.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note that the secondary scholarship applications for 2015 are now open. Registration is essential prior to the test no later than 23rd of May. 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. Please click on the scholarships link which will direct you to the registration page. There are three levels for the scholarship test. Please make sure to register your child for the appropriate level.

There has been a change to the scholarship date due to a clash with the secondary unified test/exams. The new date for the test is 21st of June (Saturday) and it will be held at the Dallas Campus Assembly Hall beginning at 9.00 a.m. and finishing at approximately 11.30 a.m.

**Details of the test:**
- Date: 21/06/2014
- 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 to contact the school.

Zeynep Sertel
Head of Teaching & Learning

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VCAL students have settled well this term and things are going well Alhamdu Lillahi. A number of activities have been planned for Term 2 which include tree and shrub planting and around the school as well as creating a wildflower Garden. The plants are being donated by the Hume City Council who will also supply the required equipment for planting and expert advice.

Plans are also in place for Banksia Gardens to offer a food handling course for VCAL students to enhance their life time skills as well as help improve their service standards in the Café. A number of excursions are also being planned.

Wishing all students and staff a very successful term.

Abdulai Rufai
VCAL Coordinator
This year a new elective was introduced to year 9 students called Cake Decorating. The focus of the lessons in term 1 was to learn how to make a range of sugar flowers which can be used to decorate a cake. The students learned how to make Roses, Hyacinths, Arum Lilies, rose leaves, arum lily leaves, Sweet peas and Orchids. The semester will now continue on to learning how to drape a cake using fondant and stencilling. Mashallah, our students have shown great skill and enthusiasm in this class throughout the semester.

Ms Sanela Spahalic

The very talented year 11 Studio Arts students have been working really hard and have produced amazing art works throughout the term....

Ms Ayse Sahin

Year 12 Business Management students went to the Port of Melbourne Cooperation for an excursion to see firsthand the ‘Operations Function’ of a business. We looked at how container ships come in and out of the Port in Melbourne bringing in imports and taking away our exports. Students really enjoyed the excursion and had a chance to go up to the tower and walk on the very high viewing deck. But it wasn’t for the faint hearted as we soon found out!

Ms Ayse Sahin
Ilim College organised a Turkey trip for 30 students to immerse them into the Turkish culture and appreciate the historical significance of Turkey.

**ISTANBUL:** Our journey started from Istanbul where we visited the Blue Mosque (Sultan Ahmet Camii), famous for its six minarets, its beautiful blue Iznik tiles, unique architecture and marble latticework, the impressive Top Kapi Palace, which served as the Palace of the Ottoman Sultans between the 16th and 19th centuries. We also boarded a boat for a cruise on the Bosphorus, the legendary strait separating Europe and Asia. We also saw the Panorama 1453 Islamic Science and Technology Museum.

**CAPPADOCIA, NEVSEHIR:** We began our discovery of Cappodicia with Goreme’s ‘Caves of God’ which is on Unesco’s world heritage site list. We saw the Uchisar Citadel built on the rocks and visited underground city.

**KONYA:** We visited the museum and mausoleum of the founder of the Sufi Order (Whirling Dervishes) called Mevlana Rumi.

**ANKARA:** It was a pleasure to visit and meet the President of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. He was extremely kind and generous. He showed his hospitality by taking the students to ‘Kizkulesi’ offering an amazing dinner.
TURKEY TRIP!

PAMUKKALE: It is famous for its chalk-white array of fantastically shaped limestones. We visited the unique Cotton Fortress, the white calcium cascades and also paid a visit to one of the first modern spa centers of the ancient world, Hierapolis.

KUSADASI: We visited the ancient kingdom of Pergamon, where we had the chance to see the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena and the famous library. We drove to the legendary city of Troy, immortalized by Homer in the stories of King Priamus, Hector, Paris and the beautiful Helen. Also seen the symbolic replica wooden Trojan horse that commemorates the epic war machine that was constructed in the 13th century BC.

CANAKKALE: We visited the battlefields of WWI at Gallipoli: Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, Chunuk Bair then across the Dardanelles to Canakkale.

Overall, it was an unforgettable experience that students will no doubt cherish for the rest of their lives.

‘With a group of 13 friends, we had a remarkable journey to Turkey. My expectations were fulfilled; as I had the opportunity to see many historical venues. The highlight of this trip was our meeting with the Prime Minister of Turkey. I’d like to acknowledge and appreciate both Ms. Aynur Simsirel and my teacher’s efforts for making this a pleasant and a memorable journey.’
(Sumeyye Tercan, Year 11)

‘This trip was honestly an experience of a lifetime. Many memories were made and we gained heaps of knowledge about our culture and history. Some highlights were meeting the Prime Minister of Turkey and going on a boat tour within the Bosphorus. We’d like to thank all the teachers involved and special thanks to Ilim College and Ms. Aynur for making this possible.’
(Amine Buday/ Hazel Onan/ Rahime Ozdamar, Year 11)
OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TURKEY
ROUGH TURKEY....

ISTANBUL 3

ISTANBUL 4

ANKARA 1

ANKARA 2

NEVSEHIR

KONYA 1

KONYA 2

NEVSEHIR 1

NEVSEHIR 2
ANZAC DAY

On Anzac day children baked Anzac biscuits as they begin to explore the diversity of culture, heritage, background and tradition and that diversity presents opportunities for choices and new understandings.

PYJAMA DAY

The children enjoyed pyjama day wearing their favourite pyjamas. This was a child initiated event where the children displayed a strong sense of identity. Children learn about themselves and construct their own identity within the context of their families and communities. It is the educators role to acknowledge and respond sensitively to children's cues and signals.
“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge”
Albert Einstein

**ARABIC & ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Children enjoy Arabic and Islamic Studies classes with Ms Roula who visits the centre once a week where children are engaged with Islamic Nursery Rhymes, the Arabic Alphabet and Dua memorisation.

**NUMBERS & COLOURS**

Children are learning to count, recognize numbers, letters and colours. Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

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“It is He who conveys you on both land and sea so that when some of you are on a boat, running before a fair wind, rejoicing at it, and then a violent squall comes upon them and the waves come at them from every side and they realise there is no way of escape. They call on Allah, making their religion sincerely His: “If You rescue us from this, we will truly be among the thankful.” But then, when He does rescue them, they become rebellious on the earth without any right to do so. Mankind, your rebelliousness is only against yourselves.....”

[Surah Yunus(10), 22-23]