Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to be back on board after my break last term. It has been wonderful timing for me with the Ramadan program in full swing at the beginning of the term and emphasis on Quran and Islamic practices at our school. I hope you are all still enjoying the rewards of the month and it has impacted on bettering ourselves inshallah and most importantly the acceptance of our prayers of the horror to end in Palestine once and for all inshallah.

I am pleased to share with you that the construction and renovation works are well underway as planned for our new boys’ campus on Kiewa Crescent Dallas, which will see the boys from year 7-10 move out from our current Dallas campus next year. This will bring many changes to our current Dallas campus and pave the way for a physical divide of Primary, Girls 7-10 and Senior school (Year 11 & 12) on the current Dallas campus.

This term will see the Inter school Islamic Quiz take place at Ilim College and I am confident that our students will stand out amongst their competitor’s inshAllah. It also marks the end of formal classes for our year 12 students an extremely important time to ensure they tie all loose ends before their VCE exams begin. A reminder to all VCE students to approach their teachers at any time for further guidance should they require assistance in their upcoming exams.

Mrs Aynur Simsirel
Principal
Announcements

Upcoming Dates

9 August   Entrance Exams
           College Open Day

11-15 August  Science Week

12 August   ICAS Competition- Maths

16 August   Prep Assessment Day 1

23 August   Prep Assessment Day 2
             (Dallas Campus Only)

25-29 August  LOTE Week
           Literacy & Numeracy Week

26 August   Yr 10 Senior School Expo

8-12 September  Yr 7-8 Unified Tests

18 September   Last Day of Term 3

19 September   Parent Teacher Interviews

4 October   Eid Al-Adha

7 October   Term 4 Begins for Students

16 October   Yr 12- Last Day of School

29 October   VCAA Exams Commence

Got Questions?

Visit one of our campuses, call us or email us at info@ilimcollege.vic.edu.au in order for our friendly staff to answer any of your queries.

Changes to the Way You Pay School Fees

From 1 August 2014, PIN will replace signatures for payments made in person on Australian issued credit and debit cards.
Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Ilim College Families,

All praises are to Allah (swt) for enabling us to fast during the blessed month of Ramadan and celebrate Eid Ul Fitr. Eid Mubarak! We pray that we all have been refreshed by the many blessings of this most sacred month. May Allah Almighty accept our fasting and may He guide us all in the better fulfilment of our important duties.

During this blessed month, students in the primary school were involved in Qur'an recitation and Hadith discussions every morning and participated in a variety of activities throughout Ramadan. A special thank you to staff whom organised the wonderful competitions, quizzes and activities to engage our students.

Furthermore, many students attended the Iftar evenings we had at school which included Qur’an recitation, discussions and duas. Students thoroughly enjoyed these evenings and had an opportunity to mix and mingle with students from other classes.

I wish to remind families that we will be having an Open Day at the college on Saturday, 9th August from 10.00am – 3.00pm. There will be many fun and engaging activities organised on the day as well as a ‘sizzling’ sausage sizzle. Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to attend.

I take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support and look forward to seeing you on our College Open Day.

Mr Dogan Akin
Primary Vice Principal
Primary Ramadan Activities

It is a blessing from Allah swt that we were able to enjoy another Ramadan. The Islamic Studies department held a number of interactive activities for the students, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The aim of these activities was to enable the students to feel the uniqueness of this auspicious month.

- Prep students participated in a Ramadan colouring competition
- Grade 1’s made colourful Ramadan lanterns
- Grade 2’s worked on Prayer Mat collages
- Grade 3’s designed Islamic bookmarks
- Grade 4’s made Eid cards

- Grade 6 girls concentrated on reciting and understanding Juzz Amma. They were fascinated by the historical contexts in which the Quran was revealed. At the end of the program the students were requested to write down their reflections......

“It has given me the opportunity to revise Juzz 30”
- Elanur Kayikci

“It has improved my fluency”
- Seyma Balci, Asmaa Omar, Aazaz Adra

“Gave us the chance to start the day with Quran”
- Muna Hassan

“I think the program was a fantastic idea and the stories were very interesting”
- Hafsa Najeeb

“Good way to get kids to read Quran”
- Zaynah Hashmi

“The lessons learnt were great”
- Betul Unel, Jeannen

“Gave us a chance to get good deeds”
- Ifrah, Nour, Karima, Areeba, Sarah, Samira
Gr 1 Islamic Studies Activity

“Tell me, I’ll forget. Show me, I’ll remember. Involve me, I’ll understand” as the saying goes. One of the topics that the Grade 1’s were learning was on maintaining family ties, especially during this great month of mercy. After the lesson, the students made Eid cards for their families which they were then encouraged to deliver in person. It was pleasing to see the students totally absorbed in their work and I am sure the recipients of the cards would have been very appreciative too.

Ms Hishama Saldin

Gr 5/6 Canberra Camp

Between the 2nd & 5th of June 2014, the grade 5/6 boys and girls attended the 2014 Primary Canberra Camp, which was a total success. Both teachers and students really enjoyed the camp. It was a great educational and recreational aspect for the students and even teachers.

Despite staying only two days in Canberra itself (we were mostly travelling from Melbourne) we fit an amazing amount of educational and recreational activities into our itinerary. Some of the places we visited include:

- Australian War Memorial
- Australian Royal Mint
- Australian Electoral Commission (Old Parliament House)
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Questacon (National Centre of Science and Technology)
- High Court of Australia

Lots of new and exciting things were learnt from these places through listening, role-playing, hands on experience, visually and socially.

Even though some students were away from home for the first time, all students showed great courage and bravery by not complaining about our busy schedule. I would also like to especially thank our teachers Ms Seher Onal, Ms Habibe Oz, Ms Milena Belic, Mr Ercan Tonebul, Mr Erhan Balci and Mr Clay Gherke, who gave up their own family lives to be with us for four days.

Mr Hakan Gunsay

Gr 1 Anti-Bullying Week

As it is the Anti Bullying Week at Ilim College, the grade one students participated in a ‘Making Friends’ performance. The performance brought to light how prevalent the issue of bullying is and how dangerous it can be. The performance also highlighted ways of developing healthy friendships and presented students with skills that would enhance their social life.

Mr Hakan Gunsay
Gr 6- Types of Angles

In Term 3, grade 6 students were introduced to the topic-'Types of Angles'. They learnt about various angles and their properties. To consolidate their understanding towards the six different types of angles, an activity was conducted whereby students were given different coloured wool and had to use it to make two angles for each type as displayed in the images below.

Gr 6 Ramadan Baking Activity

Grade 6 students at the Primary Dallas campus made Stained Glass cookies to enjoy for iftar. Students were reminded of the rewards of sharing food with those who are fasting. We also spoke about those who are less fortunate around the world and how we need to be thankful for Allah’s favours upon us.
Assalamu Alaikum Wr. Wbr.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Alhamdulillah, Term 3 has so far been filled with the barakah that comes with Ramadan. There has been barakah in our time, barakah in our actions and barakah in our achievements.

As part of our special Ramadan Program, our students started the day with recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a Ramadan activity. Our students were making lanterns, Eid Cards, listening to stories from the Quran and competing in Ramadan competitions. We also had our 2nd Annual Upper Primary Iftar, which over 70 Grade 4, 5 and 6 students attended. The Upper Primary Iftar has again proven to be a much-loved event of Ramadan.

We would like to thank all staff for coming together once again to make our Annual Upper Primary Iftar yet another successful Team Glenroy event. Very special thanks are due to Uncle Saim and Sister Elif who spent the whole week preparing for this evening.

We have added some creative play equipment to our school yard! An outdoor kitchen area, stage and blackboard have been added to encourage our students to engage in imaginative play and maximise their learning through peer interaction. Also, our much awaited Synthetic Soccer Courts were completed ahead of schedule and our students have been able to access them since the first week of school.

Some of our Grade 2 – Grade 6 students have participated in the ICAS Writing, Spelling and English competitions. We would like to congratulate them for displaying confidence and having-a-go. They are all winners in our eyes!

Alhamdulillah, as we stop halfway between Term 3 and take the time to reflect on the events so far, we can see that it has been extremely busy, filled with rich learning experiences and developments at our Glenroy campus.

We look forward to sharing more updates in our upcoming bulletin. Meanwhile, you can get live updates from our school Facebook page. Follow the link on our official website www.ilimcollege.vic.edu.au for more information.

Wassalam

Glenroy Leadership Team
Ramadan Assembly

The staff and students at the Glenroy campus farewelled the Holy Month of Ramadan through a joyous and interactive Assembly! Our Grade Prep students began the assembly with the recitation of Surah Al-Qadr, Ms Ali shared an Eid Story, Ms Umran’s class performed a play, followed by a short speech by Ms Tuba Kocak and the distribution of prizes for the competitions running throughout Ramadan. We would like to thank the Islamic Enrichment Committee and Ms Aysegul Sayan for all their help and creative ideas.

Glenroy Campus Raises Enough Money to Sponsor 3 Orphans

Students and staff from our Glenroy Campus raised $1800.00 for our Sponsor an Orphan Campaign. The Campaign was launched at the beginning of term 3. Students and staff have continuously donated throughout the month of Ramadan and the final rounds of donations were collected from the gold coins donated on our Eid Clothing Day. We pray that our efforts have helped instil the all important characteristic of generosity in the hearts of our students.
**Gr 3-6 Islamic Knowledge Quiz**

As part of our Special Ramadan activities for this year, our grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students competed in the Islamic Knowledge Quiz. Students were nominated from each year level and competed against each other. We would like to congratulate the Grade 5A boys who came in first place and the Grade 5A girls who were Runners Up!

**Making Friends Incursion**

On Thursday the 31st of July, we had a theatrical performance (play) called ‘Making Friends’ at our school. The storyline of the performance looked at building new relationships, fitting in and dealing with bullying. Simple, easy to remember strategies for making friends and solving conflicts were reinforced throughout this very funny and entertaining performance.

We would like to thank the Counselling Department for organising this very interactive incursion!

On Thursday the 17th of August we had an Upper Primary iftar at our Glenroy campus. There was delicious food. Firstly, we started our evening in the mosque, where a grade 3C student from the Dallas campus, Abdul Hakim, gave us a speech about Ramadan. Then we heard the athaan and broke our fast with water, soup, bread, salad, chicken, wedges and lots of dessert! We all had a wonderful time and would like to thank all the teachers and staff for organising this event and we hope there is heaps more to come.

Hamza, Ilhaam, Hafsa and Gazi
Grade 4A
Gr 1 Science Exhibition

On the 25th June 2014, the Grade Ones celebrated our learning journey. We invited parents for our Science Exhibition that showcases our work. We even conducted experiments that reflect our Inquiry topic “Changing Shape and Size”. We ended Term two with a big fabulous bang! What a great experience for the Grade Ones!

LOTE Turkish

Our Lote Turkish students would like to say

‘Bayraminiz Mubarek Olsun’ (Eid Mubarak!) to the Ilim College Community!

Their learning journey consisted of activities focusing on Ramadan and how Eid is celebrated within the Turkish community.
Student Wellbeing & Personal Social Development

Student wellbeing can be defined as a student's level of satisfaction about the quality of their life at school. Optimal or desirable wellbeing is characterised by positive feelings and attitude, positive relationships with other students and teachers and satisfaction with self and learning experiences at school.

Ilim College sees wellbeing as fundamental to successful learning. Students who are happy, confident and able to establish meaningful relationships are better placed to achieve positive learning outcomes. Ilim College strives to provide a safe and effective environment that contributes to positive learning outcomes and the wellbeing of students, staff and the broader community.

Our personal and social development programs provide students with opportunities to learn about themselves, about those around them and to develop skills to contribute positively to our school and the wider community.

VCAL News

AlhamduLillahi Semester 2 finished successfully for VCAL students. More activities took place in Term 2. Both Year 11 and 12 students participated in planting trees and shrubs around the school and a wild flower garden was also started near the mosque. Banksia gardens have also helped construct 16 garden beds for us and plans are in place to start a vegetable garden shortly. Students continue to look after the plants so hopefully in the next few years the effects will be noticeable.

The VCAL Café program also went well and students have learnt more skills in the art of coffee and hot beverage making as well as customer service. A barista is being employed to support us with the program so we will now be able to operate between 10.00am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday.

Semester 2 also marked the completion of Unit 1 for the VCAL subjects and students are on Unit 2 now. We wish all students and teachers a successful second semester.
As part of Personal and Social Development classes, year 9 students have been very busy being the mentors for year 7 students. Year 9 students prepared Ilim Amazing Race for Year 7 students. It was not an easy task preparing the course and the challenges. It was a fantastic day; students had fun and year 9 students learnt valuable skills in organising an event and year 7 students learnt the value of team work. Thank you to all year 9 teachers and the year 9 students for their creativity and hard work.

As part of PSD classes, our year 7 students produced picture story books about friendship. Year 7 students then visited classes from prep to grade 4 and presented their picture books. After reading their picture books, primary students had a chance to ask questions to year 7 students. The aim of this was to make sure that secondary students do not lose their connection with primary students and that primary students feel mutually connected to secondary students.

As a part of PSD classes, year 8 students wrote their own scripts about bullying and then they performed these for grade 5 students. This event was organised to address different aspects of bullying, the long-lasting effects of bullying, how to deal with bullying and the role of the bystander. After the students’ performances, there was a discussion with grade 5 students.
**Yr 7 & 8 Iftar**

On the 24th & 25th of July the year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an iftar at Degani’s restaurant. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to bond and share food with their classmates. They enjoyed a three course meal and reflected on their Ramadan. Students had fruitful conversation about the benefits of fasting and remembered those who are less fortunate. We take this opportunity to thank the students that attended, the Ilim supportive parents and Degani’s for their great food.

![Yr 7 & 8 Iftar](image)

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**Yr 9 Cake Decorating**

The semester one cake decorating elective students successfully finalised their designed cakes last week of term 2. Due to the fact that electives week was occurring at the same time, to mark the occasions the student proudly displayed their final cakes in the main corridor windows. InshAllah we will see more creative work from the Semester 2 group of students.

*Ms. Sanela Spahalic*

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Yr 8 Incursion

The Islamic Studies department had the honour to host an Incursion on Wed the 16th of July 2014 for the whole year 8 students whereby students designed the script and storyboard of a movie and then executing them in an educational and informative context, using proof from the Quran, Hadith and Islamic lectures. The topics included: Praying, Fasting, Hajj, Smoking, Satan, marriage and relationships, life and death, and the hereafter.

The best movies were voted in and there might Insha' Allah be an award night wherein parents would be invited to watch the winning movies and awards would be presented for the winners.

Yr 10 Work Experience

2014 Work Experience weeks for our year 10 students were held from 23rd June until the 4th of July. 67% of our year 10 students were able to find Work Experience Placements in a variety of fields. The work experience program at Ilim College allows our students to be exposed to a different environment, away from books and classroom tables, and become a part of the world of work if only for a short period. Having this experience will allow our students to make sound decisions towards subject selections for year 11 and 12 and career pathways beyond secondary education.

Abdullah ibn ‘Amr Al-‘Aas heard the Prophet (saw) saying: “It will be said to the companion of the Qur’an: Read and elevate (through the levels of Paradise) and beautify your voice as you used to do when you were in the dunyaa! For verily, your position in Paradise will be at the last verse you recite!” [Abu Dawud and At-Tirmithi]
Assalamu Alaikum

Abu Huraira (R.A) narrates that the Holy Prophet (SAW) said: “Every act of man is multiplied. One good act is multiplied between ten to seven hundred times. However Allah says: “Except fasting because it is for Me and I shall compensate it. He gives up his passions and food for me. There are two moments of joy for the fasting person: When he breaks his fast and when he meets his sustainer. Certainly the breath of a fasting person is sweeter to Allah than the fragrance of musk.”

During the Holy Month of Ramadan the Ilim Learning Centre has provided the youngest students of our learning community with the opportunity to explore their faith and Muslim identity.

The children in Room’s 1 and 2 have explored verse, texts, and stories to illustrate the importance of Ramadan and their sense of place within their family and community during this time.

The older children in Room 2 spoke of going to the Mosque and they asked to create a Mosque like space within their Room to decorate and to honour during this Holy Month.

The children have created a Rainbow Mosque, in which the observance of reflection and prayer is noted. The educational staff have been highly supportive of the children’s learning inquiries and it was decide that as a community we too should break fast together and share an Iftar Dinner at the Centre.

Monday the 21st of July, a feast was held within the walls of the Learning Sanctuary. The rooms were crowded yet no one minded as we shared food with our friends and the children of the Learning Sanctuary.

The sound of laughter filled the rooms as children sat and shared food and parents came together as one community. During the evening several parents took the opportunity to pray in the Rainbow Mosque and the shear delight this brought to our children, who witnessed prayer in their created space was one of great humility.

Thanks must be given to our principal Mrs Aynur, our educational staff, our Reggio Chef and finally to the parents who were in attendance.
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OPEN DAY

9th AUGUST
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

New Dallas Boys Campus in year 2015

ENTRANCE EXAM
(Scholarships available for high achievers Year 7-12)

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