Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wind up yet another year, this marks the penultimate bulletin for 2014 with so many milestones achieved Alhamdulillah.

With the grace of Allah we will remember 2014 as the year we thrived, in ways we could not even imagine. 2014 marks the purchase of our boy’s campus and the new Dandenong campus.

Just as Glenroy campus has flourished with hard work and an amazing team of leaders and teachers, we look forward to the new boy’s campus flourishing in just the same way in 2015 and the Dandenong campus in 2016 InshAllah.

I take this opportunity to congratulate both grade 6 and year 12 graduates and pray that Allah leads them on the straight path I also look forward to seeing them at their graduation ceremonies.

I look forward to 2015 with all the exciting changes that will pave the way for further developing the learning at Ilim College, as part of our aspirations and hard work to provide our students with every advantage in excelling in their learning journey.

I particularly look forward to our exciting new curricular initiative for Secondary in 2015, the introduction of the ipad for 7-10 students will not only ensure a 1:1 digital device in the classroom but also ensure our students have access to the very best resources and are not behind in its educational uses.

I thank all parents and students for a great year and dedicate this poem written by our year 11 student Alisha Rawal as a thank you to all our wonderful teachers and staff at our Colleges.

Mrs Aynur Simsirel
Principal

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ADVANCING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE
By: Alisha Rawal – Year 11

In Prep, you taught me the ABC
You told me I could be anything I wanted to be.

In Grade 1, you put a bandaid on my grazed knee
You reminded me to be strong, and look at the courage in me.

In Grade 2 you were there when I came last in a race
You comforted me and put a smile on my face.

In Grade 3, I sat my first government standardised test
You said to me: “It’s okay, just try your best.”

In Grade 4, you taught me multiplication and division
You also taught me fractions, subtraction and addition.

In Grade 5, you helped me discover my favourite books
And you taught me not to judge a cover by its looks.

In Grade 6, you were there when I said bye to primary school.
You assured me: “Don’t worry; high school will be just as cool.”

In Year 7, you helped me adapt to a new place
And you said you’d be there for me, just in case.

In Year 8, you taught me to fear my Lord
And to always try and attain His reward.

In Year 9, you helped me think of my career
And warned me that my VCE was near.

In Year 10, you chose my subjects with me
And helped me prepare for my VCE.

In Year 11, you were there when I had my first exam
You told me to pace myself and not to cram.

In Year 12, you were there to wish me good bye
You said no matter what happened, you’d be by my side.

So this is for all the teachers here at Ilim College.
Thank you for holding our hands and advancing us through knowledge.
Announcements

Year 7 (All) & Year 9 (Boys only) Immunizations
Date: Friday 14th November 2014
Time: 11:00am

Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Date: Thursday 27th November 2014
Venue: Melrose Reception
Time: 6:30 pm
(Invitations have been sent out. Please purchase your tickets before Friday 21st of November from the General Office.)

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Date: Friday 28th November 2014
Venue: Ilim College Assembly Hall
Time: 5:30 pm

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.

Upcoming Dates

2014

14 November  Kids Matter Sausage Sizzle
17 November  Yr 11 Unit 2 Exams Begin
21 November  Yr 12 VCAA Exams End
27 November  Yr 12 Graduation Dinner
28 November  Gr 6 Graduation Ceremony
1-5 December  Yr 10 Exams
4-10 December  Yr 7-9 Exams & Unified Tests
12 December  Last day for Students
17 December  Last day for Teaching Staff
19 December  Last day for Admin Staff

2015

19 January  Admin Staff Commence
27 January  Teaching Staff Commence
30 January  Prep & Yr 7 Commence
2 February  All Students 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.
Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Ilim College Families,

Ilim College has a wonderful reputation amongst the broader community for the quality of its teaching and learning, the varied programs we have to offer and most importantly because of our diverse families. It is important that we all work together to build on this great reputation. The easiest way to do this is uphold our values in the community. This means that children make their way to school in a friendly and cheerful manner; respect teachers, students and others and conduct themselves in a manner that is Islamically appropriate. Having said all this, as a school community we want to uphold our great reputation and build on this. To do this we must all play our role.

The End of Year Ceremony conducted on Friday, 7th November was a very special event that brought happiness and tears of joy amongst the many parents and staff who attended.

Students conducted themselves very well and performed their performances at a very high standard. Costumes worn by students were beautiful.

As part of the KidsMatter – Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework's component “A Positive School Community” implemented in the primary school this year, all Ilim College families are invited to a free sausage sizzle on Friday, 14th November from 3.30 – 5.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Mr Dogan Akin
Primary Vice Principal

Gr 1 End of Year Ceremony

On Friday the 7th of November, the grade one students performed different nasheeds on stage as part of the end of year ceremony. After weeks of practice, the students were finally able to showcase their moves in front of a large audience. Alhamdulillah their hard work paid off as their performances were a success.
Alhamdulillahi, This year, 146 students from Dallas and Glenroy campuses took part in the Quran Competition. This year the Quran Competition included 3 Juzz, 2 Juzz and 1 Juzz memorisation levels for our upper primary contestants. Our lower primary contestants were asked to compete in their level memorisation benchmark Surats. Additionally, this year the Quran competition included Quran recitation. Surat Al Baqarah was chosen and contestants were asked to read a page or half page from this Surat. Contestants were assessed on their fluency and applied Tajweed rules.

I take this opportunity to thank all Primary Quran teachers (Dallas & Glenroy) for their hard and consistent work.

May Allah reward our beloved students for their effort in pleasing Him, The Almighty by reciting and memorising His Glorious Book: The Quran. May Allah reward those who visited The Quran Competition venues and encouraged our students. May Allah reward our Jury panel for their patience and feedback to contestants on completion of their recitation or memorisation. May Allah reward those who helped and participated in making this great school event a success.

Mr. Mohamed Tholia
Primary Quran Coordinator

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Gr Prep Fire Ed Incursion

Prep students were visited by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade on Friday the 31st of October. There were demonstrations of various fire equipment, a presentation on basic fire safety and the chance to meet firefighters and see fire engines up close. The program, was delivered by firefighters at the school to help children develop a basic understanding of fire safety and to view firefighters as community helpers.

Gr 6 Learn

The Grade 6’s had to research about a famous scientist as part of their assessments for integrated studies. They then had to show their creativity by producing a booklet or a pamphlet on a chosen Scientist. A favorite was Prof Fiona Wood who discovered Spray on skin. Another was Howard Florey who transformed penicillin from an interesting observation to find out how the discovery of this anti-biotic had benefited mankind and impacted on peoples’ lives today.

Mr Hishama Saldin

Gr 6 Master Chef Incursion

To mark the end of Term 3, Grade 6 students at both Dallas and Glenroy campuses had a fun filled day where they were given the opportunity to plan and decorate a cake in their classrooms. Students were extremely excited during this cake decorating incursion and were competing to be the first Ilim master chef. We had a panel of judges that consisted of administration staff who had a very hard time choosing the best decorated cake. All students were given an ‘Ilim Master Chef’ participation certificate and the winners were rewarded with gift vouchers.

Gr 6 Yakult Factory Excursion

The students were taken on a tour to see how this probiotic drink was manufactured and were encouraged to ask questions along the way. We were rewarded at the end of the tour with a delicious bottle of Yakult.

Mr Hishama Saldin
Gr 6 Learning Journey

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Gr 5 Scienceworks Excursion

On Wednesday the 29th of October, all the grade 5s went to Scienceworks to learn more about our inquiry unit topic ‘Earth’s place in space’. The most fascinating event on the day was our visit to the the planetarium. We watched two shows which were both educational and entertaining.

_Lami Abdulatif- 5A_

Gr 5 Poem Writing

Late in term 3, grade 5s focused on understanding and writing poetry. Here is one about ‘peace’ that touched our hearts:

_EARTH_

In the inside, you’re beautiful,  
We look at the sky because we think it provides protection,  
In the inside, you’re war,  
Little do we know things will never be perfection,  
In the war, we all think the other side is pitiful,  
We are of different religions but we are all made the same,  
But I believe we will end it because everyone is sore.  
It’s just like the planets but they don’t have much fame.

_By Ayah Mawas, Grade 5A_

Gr 2 Billy Cart Excursion

On the 22nd of October all of the grade 2’s attended a ‘Billy cart incursion.’ We designed, built and drove billy carts. This incursion was fun for everyone.
Assalamu Alaikum Wr. Wbr.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of 2014 academic year is fast approaching, the excitement of our teachers, staff, students and parents for both successfully completing the second year at our Glenroy Campus and for the many positive changes and improvements they have been a part of is evident in both their words and actions.

As the Ilim College Family, we take great pride in delivering the best possible educational opportunities for our students with the blessing of Allah and contributions of our dedicated parents.

While academic achievement is very important, we also recognise the value of learning which occurs outside the classroom. We support and encourage a diverse range of spiritual, cultural and sporting programs and activities.

During the last term of 2014 academic year, our students and teachers were busy preparing for their end of year ceremony as well as participating in many other educational and extracurricular activities. The following are only a few examples of the many events that happened throughout the term:

- Grade Prep and grade 6 students participated in the Fire Ed Program which was delivered by the Education Officers at our local Fire Brigade.
- Our Grade 6 students participated in a cake decorating incursion.
- During LOTE week celebrations we took the time to celebrate the richness and contributions that cultures bring to our school community through various activities.
- Our staff and students came together to raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Palestine during a Cake stall Fundraiser.
- Our grade Prep students went on an excursion to Science Works.
- We celebrated the success of our 24 students, who have completed the Alif-Ba Book and now are able to independently read from Holy Quran.

We would like to thank all our staff and supportive parents who together bring a strong culture of community into existence. We firmly believe that this synergy provides an excellent educational environment for our students.

And finally we look forward to seeing you in our upcoming end of year ceremony and wish you all the best in the year ahead inshaAllah.

Wassalam

Glenroy Leadership Team

Gr 6 Cake Decorating

On Thursday the 18th of September, our Grade 6 students participated in a cake decorating incursion. The students learnt about the different techniques involved in covering, decorating and designing their own cakes. It was a day filled with fun and creativity. We would like to thank Ms Nesibe Tapci for organising the event and Ms Aadilah Fakrodeen for facilitating the session.
Gr Prep Science Works Excursion

On Monday the 27th of October, the Grade Prep students went on an excursion to Science Works.

Have a read of our student recounts to find out what they discovered!

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their help during the excursion.

Gr Prep & 1 Dental Health Incursion

Our School Nurse, Ms Nese Gul, visited our Grade Prep and Grade 1 students to discuss the importance of dental health and hygiene. Ms Nese informed students about the different ways they can keep their teeth healthy.

Keep smiling!

Gr Prep & 6 Fire Ed Program

This term the grade Prep and grade 6 students participated in the Fire Ed Program. The program was delivered by the Education Officers at our local Fire Brigade. The Program gave the Prep students also had a chance to explore a real Fire Truck!
**2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We would like to congratulate students who have successfully completed the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge!

**Students Who Have Completed the Challenge and Read Over 100 Books**

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LOTE Week

At Ilim College we are proud of the 40+ different countries that our students represent. During LOTE Week celebrations we took the time to celebrate the richness and contributions that these cultures bring to our school community through various activities such as, transforming our foyer areas into different countries, exploring currencies, cuisine, lifestyle and greetings of different countries and fun hands on activities in the classroom.

Palestine Cakestall

“They ask you (O Muhammad) what they should spend in charity. Say: Whatever you spend with a good heart, give it to parents, relatives, orphans, the helpless, and travellers in need. Whatever good you do, God is aware of it.” [The Holy Quran, 2:215]

In the final week of Term 3, the staff and students came together to raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Palestine during a Cakestall Fundraiser. Alhamdulillah we raised $1333.25 in total. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this event such a success.

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**Announcements**

- **Mental Health Week at Ilim College**

With the initiative of the Counselling Department, Ilim College celebrated mental health week in order to raise awareness about mental health. Various presentations were scheduled for students from Grade 5 to Year 12. The topics of the presentations ranged from awareness about anxiety, depression, stress management, the process involved in changing our thoughts from negative to more positive, recognising our character strengths, fixed mindsets vs growth mindsets and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

- **eSmart Initiative at Ilim College**

eSmart an initiative of the Alanah and Madeline Foundation aims to make cybersafety a normal part of everybody’s life. This is done by equipping students to use technologies in ways that are positive and that protect them from the potential risks. The first major focus of eSmart is to help schools create a cultural norm of smart, safe and responsible use of digital technologies. Ilim College has begun their eSmart journey and is already seeing the benefits to the school community.

- **Yr 9 PSD Fundraising Project**

In term three, year 9 students were required to fundraise money to help those in need as a part of their Personal and Social Development unit on ‘Being a responsible citizen’. Year 9 students exceeded their teachers’ expectations with their enthusiasm for the project raising over $3570 dollars so far. Some of this will be used to build a well in Africa, supplying a Muslim community with one of the most basic human needs: clean drinking water and some will be sent to those in need. We would like to thank our teachers for supporting us.

**Yr 8 Puppet Show**

As part of PSD classes, year 8 students produced puppet shows around the theme of ‘getting along’ and anger management. They performed these shows to some lower primary classes. Primary students were able to ask questions after the puppet show was performed. The aim was to maintain and strengthen the connection between primary and secondary students and to reinforce the importance of respect and getting along amongst students.
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4r 8 Sleepover

A School Sleepover is the only time you’re expected to fall asleep in class but do you think that’s what happened when we organised a year 8 girl’s sleep over?

The girls were given an excellent opportunity to build on their relationships, develop resilience and take on some responsibilities in a safe environment. After settling down, they were involved in a soccer tournament amongst themselves. This was then followed by dinner, a movie, some free time and a day at Luna Park on the following day. I’m sure most of the girls enjoyed their time at school and have made some memories they will cherish forever.

Yellow Elephant Memory Competition

On the 23rd of October six lucky Ilim College students were given the chance to take part in a competition prepared by two time Australian Memory Champion Tansel Ali. The Yellow Elephant Memory Competition was run for the first time amongst Muslim Community run Colleges in Victoria. The Ilim College students came third in a competition that was run on the day. It was a great event which taught students memory techniques which they will be able to use in their school lives.

VCAL News

Term 4 started well for VCAL students with the year 12’s experiencing a mixture of emotions relating to the completion of the secondary schooling years. A number of the VCAL students have applied for Tertiary places (some of whom have had offers) as well as apprenticeships. This term the students ran a stall as usual at the Eidul Adha Ilim Festival and part of the proceeds were given to charity. We also formally farewelled the year 12 students by going on an excursion to Sorento via Queens Cliff.

We pray for Allah’s guidance for all 2014 Year 12’s and wish them all the best for the future.
Assalamu Alaikum

Since we have returned from our school holidays the children and educators have been so busy sharing, exploring and learning new and exciting aspects of our community life. The focus for Term Four covers three key areas of the Early Years Framework. Belonging, Being and Becoming.

Educators organised a wonderful dinner at the centre to celebrate Eid-ul-Adha. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the children’s learning journey through term 3. It was a beautiful experience for the children, families and all Ilim Learning Sanctuary Educators.

As a part of our continued exploration of multicultural literature, the Bilingual staff from the Age Library, visited our children. The librarian shared several stories with the children in their home languages of Turkish and Arabic further developing their oral language and their sense of identity.

Our children hosted and cared for two pets within the Sanctuary – exploring the concept of responsibility, care and survival. Children explored and discovered how to take care of pets and applied their new found skills to care for pets in our centre. Children were hands on with patting, feeding and taking her for walks and they were asking many questions about how to handle and take care of animals.

This Term we will be focusing on Road Safety. Children and educators will visit a local traffic school developing the children’s awareness of road safety.

School Transition: for our children ready to leave the Sanctuary and start their next phrase of their educational journey this is a time of great excitement, self-discovery and new beginnings.

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Had We sent down this Qur’an on a mountain, you would surely have seen it humbling itself and rent asunder by the fear of Allah. Such are the parables which We put forward to mankind that they may reflect.

[Surat Al-Hashr: 21]