Important Dates

Report Writing Day: 12/06/2015
Ramadan Begins: 18/06/2015
Last Day for Students: 25/06/2015
Parent Teacher Interviews: 26/06/2015
Office Closes: 01/07/2015

Message from the Principal

Dr. Abdul M. Kamareddine

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents,

Alhamdulillah Term 1 has been a successful term, and here we are in Term 2 with a busy agenda.

I was very happy to see many of you at the Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 1. Inshallah, there will be Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Terms 2 and 3. Such interviews are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teachers and discuss your child’s performance and areas for improvement.

Inshallah by now the information packs for Term 2 that were sent with your child will have reached you. The information packs are for the parents to know exactly what their children will be learning at school within the term. Inshallah, at the beginning of every term, we will be sending an information pack home with the relevant information.

I would like to focus on the importance of your children arriving at school early in the morning so that they can participate in the morning assembly and not miss out on any part of it. The morning assembly starts at 8:40 am and Alhamdulillah it has been a great success so far with the whole school coming together, reciting Quran, morning dua and getting entertained by amazing student performances. Additionally Important news and announcements are also communicated to children during this time.

As always, my office is always open for you any time, and we are looking forward to making Term 2 another great Term for the students, parents and staff at ICOM.

Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine

Principal
Reminders

- Please ensure that your children wear their winter uniform for Term 2 and 3.
- Construction on the mosque begins this Friday. From that day onwards, parents will not be able to park there.
- Due to lack of capacity and safety concerns, primary children (Prep-Year 6) will not be allowed to purchase directly from the canteen during recess or lunch. Instead they must hand in their order to their homeroom teacher.

School Parents Committee

Becoming a member of the Schools Parents Committee is a great way to become involved with your child’s school.

If you are interested in joining this committee, the preliminary meeting will be held on Wednesday the 29th of April at 5:00pm.

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Year 9 vs Teachers Soccer Match

In the last two weeks of term 1 the teachers were faced with the soccer match of a life time as the year 9 boys challenged their teachers. It was a most thrilling victory from....perhaps we will leave that discussion for another day!

The years 5 to 9 girls fought till the end participating in an impromptu soccer match against the secondary and primary teachers. The ICOM girls and boys cup was an exciting event bringing in a large audience!

Year 7 Mime Show

Throughout Term 1 Year 7 Drama students successfully completed an exciting Mime unit where they developed non-verbal skills such as facial expressions, gestures, postures and body movement.

They used these mime skills to create a wonderfully creative and entertaining piece of mimed theatre called ‘The Birthday’ which they performed in front of an audience of year 5s and year 2s.

As their teacher I was proud of how they worked together as an ensemble to create a seamless piece of theatre that captivated both teachers and students alike. Well done 7A.
Gymnasium Construction

Alhumduliah, we are very excited to announce that we have begun construction on a new state of the art Gymnasium in addition to the construction of Davis Creek Road.

The construction of the Gymnasium is another step towards our goal of making sure our students have access to the best possible facilities.

Due to the ongoing construction, part of the road leading into the school will be closed, and the number of parking spaces available reduced.

New Mosque

Alhamdulillah we are very excited to announce that the construction of the new Virgin Mary Mosque will begin on Friday 24th of April.

As we have mentioned above, due to the construction of the new Mosque, parents will no longer be able to park in that area.

To help alleviate the lack of parking we have created temporary parking at the house next door to the school at 85 Wootten Road. (Please refer to the map on the left.)
Multicultural Day

On Thursday the 26th of March 2015, the students and staff of ICOM participated in Multicultural Day. This day was celebrated by students and teachers by coming to school dressed in their cultural costume.

The day started off with an amazing Nasheed recited by Bakr and Omar Hawwari at the school assembly. Students then had the opportunity to partake in a parade to show others their costumes. Students also participated in many class activities where they were able to explore and learn about other cultures from their peers.

The highlight among staff and students was when some students played the traditional Lebanese drum, as well as the traditional Turkish instrument played by Mr. Mustafa Asik.

Overall the day was a huge success. Thank you to all students and staff that went through a lot of effort to participate.

Late Pickup

Alhumdulilah the majority of parents/carers are very punctual and always pick up their children on time. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed by the College and we are very grateful to them for always being punctual.

Unfortunately though, we have noticed an increase in the frequency of some parents/carers arriving late to pick up their children. We would like to remind parents that the school finish time is 3:20pm, and parents/carers are expected to collect their children by no later than 3:40pm sharp.

We understand that occasionally events outside of your control can cause you to arrive late; if you have a genuine Emergency and cannot pick up your children on time, we ask that you inform the school as soon as possible.

From now on, parents who arrive late to pick up their children from school without giving the school a valid reason will have to pay a fine. The fines differ depending on how late you are; if you are 15 minutes late you have to pay $20, 30 minutes late, $40, 1 hour late, $70. The fine will be charged per child and will be debited against the parents’ account.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding this matter, please call the office on 03 874 739

Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding.
S.R.C Visit

On 11 March 2015 Aisha Elkheir (9A), Adam Elaina (9A), Shayma Kamareddine (8B) and Azhar Shafiz (8B) attended the student representative council (SRC - leadership) forum held at the Grange P – 12 College. This program was hosted by Joanne Ryan the MP for the Lalor electorate.

Students from other secondary schools also attended the program. This gave our students a chance to understand leadership responsibilities, cultural change within the school and the broader community.

Our students were able to share our achievements with other schools and learn from the experiences of the other schools. These students demonstrated real pride in ICOM’s achievements and were able to recommend areas of improvement to the Principal after the forum.

It was a pleasure representing ICOM at the SRC forum.

Human Appeal Year 12 High Achievers Ceremony

The Islamic College of Melbourne participated in the Human Appeal Year 12 high achievers awards ceremony. The secretary of the College Board, Brother Khaled Ajaj represented the Islamic College of Melbourne and gave away two laptops to high achieving students.

The Islamic college of Melbourne is proud to support the young high achievers of our community.

MasterChefs

As part of the Year 5 integrated unit on 'Health and Wellbeing', our master chefs displayed their cooking talents in the new home economics room by making mini pizzas.

The students were very excited, and many were surprised that veggies on a pizza actually tasted great. The Principal and Teachers also enjoyed their pizza delivered to them personally with a letter from the students.
This term the Year Three’s focused on Healthy Eating for Integrated Studies.

We know that food brings people together so we decided to make a healthy snack. We made lettuce tacos which we all agreed were very tasty!