An exciting upcoming event for the school is the multicultural day which is scheduled to take place on Friday, 22 April 2016. This year, we plan to make it a major event for the college students, staff and community.

For parents who wish to participate in the planning of this event, please email Karen at k.khairul@icom.vic.edu.au with your ideas, suggestions and proposed level of involvement.

I look forward to seeing you at the parent/teacher interviews today and I would like to thank you for your trust in our school and ICOM community.

Dr. Abdul M. Kamareddine
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Enrolments for 2017 close on Friday 17 June 2016
7A Science Class

During Science class, students from 7A learnt about different types of mixtures and how they can be separated. They were able to demonstrate some separation techniques in the science lab.

Mrs Sahrina Shafiz
Science Teacher and Coordinator

Year 7A Vegetable Patch

Year 7A girls planted seeds with the help of Mr Taoufik. Year 7A as a class did some research about what to plant in Autumn and we planted peas and radishes in the 7A vegie patch. Hope they germinate soon!!

Mrs Sahrina Shafiz
Science Teacher and Coordinator
Year 10 Forensic Science

This term the Year 10 students studied Forensic Science as part of their electives. The students learnt about how detectives analyse crime scenes and were able to display some of their detective skills!

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Late and Early Dismissals

Students are to be at school no later than 8.35am in time for morning assembly. The daily assembly consists of the Australian Anthem, recitation from the Quran, du’a, student performances and important announcements.

Any student who arrives after 8.50am needs to obtain a late pass from the administration office. If a student is late on 3 occasions, parents/guardians will be called and a meeting organised with the college principal or delegate to discuss the lateness.

Students are dismissed from school at 3.30pm. Parents/guardians should collect their child promptly or no later than 3.50pm.

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. The fine will be charged per child and will be debited against the parents’ account.

The fines are as follows:
- 3.50pm to 4.05pm - $20 per child
- 4.05pm to 4.20pm - $40 per child
- Any time after 4.20pm - $70 per child

Also, the college has noticed that parents are still dropping their children off to school very early. Teachers are not on yard duty until 8:20am every morning, so it is in the best interest and welfare of your child that they arrive no earlier than 8.20am.

Prep Teddy Bear Picnic

On Tuesday 8 March, the Prep students celebrated a very special day called ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’.

The students enjoyed bringing their teddy bear friend to school and we had an amazing, fun and exciting day making teddy bear puppets, fairy bread, teddy bear biscuits as well as sharing a special picnic lunch with our teddy bear and friends at school.

Mrs Michelle Culjak (Prep Team Leader) & Miss Stephanie Allen (Prep C Teacher)
Art Club

We are excited to begin the New Year of 2016 with our innovative art curriculum here at the Islamic College Of Melbourne. Through art and creativity, the club will take them to a level of learning that will enhance their thinking skills through the use of the imaginative and creative way of thinking Insha'Allah.

Ms Lamia Al-Asaly
Primary School Art Teacher

Every Child is an Artist

Beautifying the School Grounds-Murals Project

During Term 1, at ICOM, a selection of gifted Secondary students have been working with skill and determination on the mural project to beautify the school grounds.

Ms Mihaela Ranga
Secondary School Art Teacher
First Aid Incursion

On Monday 29 February, primary students were invited to participate in a special First Aid incursion that was delivered by St John Ambulance. The eager students of ICOM learnt about the basic life skills of First Aid, which catered to their level.

They were able to conduct CPR with specialised dummies, and understand the importance of their role in saving lives.

Concluding their First Aid lesson, they were presented with a certificate of attendance. All students thoroughly enjoyed their time with the St Johns Ambulance team.

Miss Joanna Vella
Year 6B Teacher

SRC Forum

On Wednesday 9 March students representing the school were invited to take part in the Regional SRC forum run by the Office of Joanne Ryan, Federal Member for Lalor.

The Primary students who attended the Forum were Sammy 5B, Shafreen 6B, Mahmoud 6A and Khola 6A. There were a number of topics discussed during the forum. The students first highlighted what strengths the school has and the values the student body was trying to achieve. They were then asked to compare the similarities and differences with the other schools in the area and list the issues that they feel they have at their school.

The secondary students who participated in the afternoon session geared towards the need of High School students. Qaida 10A, Mohammed 10A, Warsame 9B and Hamdi 9A. The students were tasked with writing a 90 second “lift” persuasive piece.

Mr Mostafa Haroun
Student Welfare Coordinator
Library News

We are very happy to see all the students and staff borrowing books from the library. Alhamdulillah we have 400 new books that arrived in our library this year, bringing our number of books and resources to a total of 19,400. We are continuing the library lessons teaching students how to search for books using our Destiny catalogue. We guide and help students to find the right book for them according to their interests. We need to make sure that we look after every book. If you have recommendations for books, please send a request to the Library team via our e-mail: Library@icom.vic.edu.au

Jazak’allah Kheiraan and Thank you,
Mrs Haifa Atatreh (Teacher Librarian) and Mrs Zetty Latip (Assistant Librarian)

Breakfast Club

During term one the Health and P.E department have introduced the Secondary Breakfast Club. It has been a great success with a lot of interest from students and teachers. Research shows that eating breakfast has significant positive outcomes in regards to student behaviour, academic achievement and the school learning environment.

Children who eat breakfast are more likely to: Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math, concentrate better, be more alert, retain more of what they learn, and participate in class.

The Breakfast Club is held at the Food Technology room Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8am and 8.30am. All secondary students are welcome.

Mr Mustafa Asik Health & PE Coordinator

Fruit Fridays

On Friday 15 April 2016 all primary students from Prep to Year 6 will be introduced to a new program; Fruit Friday.

Each student will be given a piece of fruit to eat during their morning class. This is to promote healthy eating habits and the importance of eating fruit on a daily basis.

Mrs Layla Beik & Mrs Julie Grima Health & PE Teachers
Sports Carnival

The annual 2016 Islamic Schools Sport Carnival took place at Coburg Stadium over three days where year 8 and 9 boys and girls participated in Futsal indoor soccer and basketball.

All students who played a part did an amazing job in showing positive sportsmanship.

A special mention to the girl’s soccer and boy’s basketball team who both finished third in the competition, narrowly missing out on a grand final appearance. Well done everyone.

Mr Mustafa Asik
Health & PE Coordinator

Box Fit

Throughout term one of 2016, secondary students have completed a box-fit unit where they have increased their endurance, strength and stamina.

Mr Mustafa Asik
Health & PE Coordinator
Primary PE Class

Primary students have been working on their eye and hand coordination with target throw practice as well as short speed stepping through obstacles.

Mr Mustafa Asik
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2016 SRC

Earlier this term the college appointed its student representative council (SRC). We take this opportunity to congratulate our SRC members:

High School Captains/ SRC
Year 7A Captain: Lina Taha & Vice Captain: Muhammad Armaghan Mir
Year 7B Captain: Ammar Qidwai & 7B Captain: Eshal Jahangir
Year 8A Captain: Ahmed Ahmed & Vice Captain: Samia Taha
Year 8B Captain: Isse Husen & Vice Captain: Nadia Muhammad Rifki
Year 9A Captain: Hamdi Mohamed & Vice Captain: Abdul Azhar Shafiz
Year 9B Captain: Warsame Ali & Vice Captain: Naziek Zoghaib
Year 10A Captain: Qaida Mohd Azizan & Vice-captain: Mohamed Ibrahim

Primary School Captains/ SRC
Year 4A Captain: Marwa Al-Khalidi & Vice Captain: Mohsin Assafi
Year 4B Captain: Adam Ghates & Vice Captain: Haneen Zoghaib
Year 4C Captain: Zainab Raza & Vice Captain: Aman Berberovic
Year 4D Captain: Mahmoud Chehade & Vice Captain: Faiza Saleh
Year 5A Captain: Omar Abdalhamid & Vice Captain: Rima El-Hassan
Year 5B Captain: Sameeh-ur-Rahman Imran & Vice-Captain: Rahemah Danish
Year 5C Captain: Sammy Sayour & Vice-Captain: Reehanah Ibrahim
Year 6A Captain: Mahmoud Bey & Vice-Captain: Khola Zanib
Year 6B Captain: Shafneen Rahman & Vice-Captain: Mohammed Al-Khalidi

The college would like to further congratulate the following students who were chosen by their peers to be the college captains and vice-captains. The Senior College Captain is Mohamed Ibrahim and Vice-captain is Qaida Mohd Azizan. Also the Junior College Captain is Sammy Sayour and Vice-captain is Shafneen Rahman.