**Principal’s Message**

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatu Allah Wabarakatuhu

Dear Parents,

The end of Term 2 is almost upon us. It has been another great and busy term, Alhamdullilah. Also, the blessed month of Ramadan is about to conclude. We ask Allah (SWT) to accept our worship and good deeds during this holy month. Insha’Allah we have many more Ramadan’s to come.

The Prep Community Helpers incursion was an inspirational one. Everyone was impressed with our junior prep students dressed up in the costumes of what they inspired to be when they grow up. I was happy to see that a few of them wanted to be Principals!

The International Children’s Day was celebrated by the Year 4’s at the college. It was great to see how affectionate and interested the students were for the welfare of all the children of the world. They wrote inspiring messages to world leaders implored them to save the children. In addition to these letters, the students also sent inspiring messages to the children in conflict affected zones.

The 2016 camp was a great success, Alhamdullilah. I visited both camp sites and gave a talk to both the girls and boys. The boys enjoyed their talk around the campfire that night. I was pleased to see them enjoying their time, learning and benefitting from the different activities offered at the camp. School camps teach students independence and provide them with life skills, in addition to creating unforgettable memories.

Also this term, ICOM witnessed the first “Meet the Professional” session where the Year 10 students had an excellent opportunity to meet with a number of Muslim professionals. Such sessions play an important role in linking the students to their future, helping them focus on their studies and mature in their actions.

As with every year, Ramadan is a very special time that is warmly welcomed at our college. All classes, students and staff were involved in various Ramadan activities, from the Annual Ramadan Classroom Decoration Competition to the daily quizzes and students performances. This is in addition to integrating Ramadan and its rituals into teaching. For example, in science, students learnt the health benefits of fasting and the best diet for Iftar and Suhoor.

The students will have a break from school for two weeks. During this time it is important for the students to play and have fun whilst still doing their homework and helping around at home with their parents and siblings.

I wish you all a happy Eid-ul-Fitr and see you all next term, insha’Allah.

Dr. Abdul M. Kamareddine
Principal
Reminders

- Parents are reminded to inform the college of their child’s absences. Parents can do this in person, calling the college or by responding to the absence SMS sent.
- Parents who have still not paid the School Fees or Bus Fees are to do so as soon as possible.
- Please ensure that students in Prep to Year 4 are given a packed lunch and snacks during Ramadan, in case they need to break their fast at school.
- Secondary students must wear the winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3. PSW (the uniform shop) has informed the college that all items are available, with the exception of size 18 and larger for the winter skirt.
- Parents are welcome to visit the Lost Property Basket to see if there are any items their child might have misplaced. The basket is located near the Prep classes. Please make sure your child’s name is clearly marked on their uniform and school items.
- Any medical conditions, including asthma and allergies must be disclosed to the college immediately and any action plans and/or medications your child may require must be provided to the Administration Office.

2017 Enrolments

The college has decided to extend the closing date for new enrolments for Prep for 2017 as mentioned below. For parents wanting to enrol students in Year 1 to Year 11 the college will only be accepting expression of interest for 2017.

Parents who submit an expression of interest form will be contacted if a place is available for their child next year.

For parents who have already enrolled their child but have not returned all the documentation please do so before the closing date.

Enrolments for 2017 close on Friday 24 June 2016

ICOM Eid Festival Postponed

Unfortunately, due to the unfavourable weather conditions expected when we return from the Term holidays, the college has decided to postpone the Eid Festival. The ICOM Eid Festival will now be held on Friday, 7 October, 2017.

On behalf of all staff at ICOM, we wish you a Happy Eid-ul Fitr and we look forward to seeing you all next term, insha’Allah.
**Year 1 Incursion - Fairytale Cookbook**

The Fairytale Cookbook incursion was related to narrative writing. Students were given the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity to think outside the box and create characters and stories.

“My favourite part of the Fairytale Incursion was when the wizard showed the goblin her family.” - Daniyal Sohail 1C

“My favourite part of the Fairytale Incursion was when the ghost got stuck in the hole. I enjoyed the Incursion because it was funny.” - Hanan Dennavi 1C

“My favourite part of the Fairytale Incursion was when the fish saved the mermaid. I laughed so much and had lots of fun.” - Sidra Muntaha 1C

“My favourite part of the Fairytale incursion was the mermaid. I liked the mermaid best because of her voice. I also liked the robot because he kept falling down.” – Sarah Matar 1A

“At the Fairytale Cookbook Incursion a lady was dressed up as a chef. It looked like she was mixing something in a big bowl. There was a big sheet and it had a lot of different characters on it. All the Year 1’s attended the incursion. Some more friends came to help us with the story. Altogether we made two different stories. All the Year 1’s made a story. But the stories were all made up. I liked it very much!” – Maliha Tasneem 1D

“I liked it because it was funny when the man was acting as the dragon and screamed. It scared me too! I liked the cook because she was nice.” – Amani Abou Hasna 1B

**Miss Farah El Sabaa**
Year 1A Teacher and Year 1 Team Leader

**Year 2 Incursion - Chemical Science**

On Tuesday, 24 May, the Year Two students had an exciting incursion based on this terms Science unit “Chemical Science”. This unit allowed students to learn about the chemical reactions that occurred when mixtures were combined. The students took part in many experiments in the classroom, as well as making their own mixtures and were able to observe, record and analyse their findings.

This incursion allowed them to build on their knowledge, as students were able to experiment with different everyday kitchen materials. They enjoyed watching their instructor conduct the yeast and balloon experiment, and observed what happens when warm water and yeast are combined.

Students had the opportunity to watch the colour and flavours of ingredients change. Their favourite part was making their own sherbet, using everyday ingredients to create the mixture.

**Mrs Aisha Abdo**
Year 2A Teacher and Year 2 Team Leader
Health and PE students have participated and enjoyed a term full of active and healthy activities.

Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Year 6 to Year 10 students have joined the PE team in the food technology room for a healthy breakfast. This will continue in Term 3.

Each Friday, the primary students receive fruit to munch on in the morning to kick start their day.

During week 6, Year 5, 7 and 9 girls attended The summit in Trafalgar for a three day adventure. The students and staff all enjoyed themselves and were exhausted by the time they arrived back at school.

The Year 5, 7 and 9 boys also attended a camp on the same three days. However, they went to camp Jungai in Rubicon. The boys and staff had an amazing time too.

Year 5 and 6 students caught a bus to Coles during weeks 9 and 10. This was to promote healthier eating as well as a learning activity to aid in the navigation of aisles in a supermarket. Students discovered that there are healthier alternatives hidden in different aisles.

Mrs Julie Grima
H&PE Teacher
Prep’s Fairy Park Excursion

On Thursday, 2 June, the Prep students went on an excursion to Fairy Park.

We were all keen and very excited to get onto the bus for our big adventure. When we got to Fairy Park, we followed the sweeping pathways and discovered the fairytale stories. The students enjoyed pressing the buttons and became dazzled as the characters came to life. We enjoyed listening to the stories and we sang along with the fairytale music. There was so much for us to discover as we explored the castles, caves and cottages.

After lunch we visited the Camelot Playground which had many secret passages and dark tunnels. We could climb the daring towers, creep through the darkest tunnels and play on the merry go round and slide.

We had a lot of fun together and enjoyed our learning experience.

Mrs Michelle Culjak
Prep A Teacher and Prep Team Leader

More from the Girls Camp

On Wednesday, 1 June to Friday, 3 June, our Year 5, 7 & 9 female students attended The Summit.

This was a fantastic experience for our students, which enabled them to develop their communication, teamwork, leadership and independence skills through participating in challenging activities that some of them had never tried before.

The growth of our students’ confidence and knowledge, as a result of attending this camp, will serve each of them well beyond the camp experience.

I would also like to thank the dedicated team of staff who planned and attended this camp. Their thorough organisation and participation lead to everyone having a safe and successful learning experience.

Mrs Layla Beik & Mrs Julie Grima
H&PE Department
Community Helpers Incursion

Our amazing Prep Firefighters

Prep A’s doctors and nurses

Firefighter Mark showing the Prep’s the firetruck

Prep 2016 Community Helpers

Firefighter Mark showing the Prep’s all the water hoses

Secondary Semester 1 Exams

The semester exams for secondary school was conducted in week 9. Students were assessed on the content taught during terms 1 and 2. The exams were conducted in strict exam conditions. The next semester exams will be conducted in term 4 - at the end of semester 2.

Mrs Sahrina Shafiz
Maths and Science Coordinator
International Children’s Day

On Tuesday, 31 May, 2016, our Year 4 students participated in the celebration of International World Children’s Day.

A whole group photo was held of the students, our principal, Dr Abdul Kamared-dine, Sofara Tanmia Global Academy, World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY) and Year 4 teachers. All students held a certificate of participation signed by WAMY, Sofara Tanmia Academy and ICOM. Students enjoyed learning interesting information about the work that Sofara Tanmia Global Academy does for the children of the world. Students were encouraged to be peace ambassadors for a brighter future of childhood in the world.

As students of ICOM, we had to express our intention, interest and ways to support the children in our own country and the world. For example, writing a letter to our Prime Minister encouraging the government to support the children of the world by sponsoring activities such as: Clean water, food, shelter, education, safety, etc.

Jillnar Elbob (4A) wrote comments encouraging and supporting all children of the world to stand for their right to a decent life where all their needs are met. Afifa Khan (4A) who loves reading encouraged all children of the world to read books, stories, newspapers and articles.

Prepared by: Jillnar Elbob and Afifa Khan (4A)

The Science Achievement Award

The students below have been awarded “The Science Achievement Award”. This award recognises students who demonstrated an outstanding and innovative contribution to the science curriculum at ICOM during semester one. They have expressed an interest in science as a means of expanding their curiosity and a willingness to explore, participate and ask questions. They also obtained high scores for all their tests and their semester one science exam. Well done.

Mrs Safa Osman
Science Teacher
Meet the Professionals

On Thursday, 19 May, the Year 10 students were visited by a number of professional young Muslims. These young Muslims came from diverse working backgrounds, such as entertainment, law, social work, technology, photography and the tertiary education sectors.

The school recognises that our Year 10 students are ever focused on the future and what it has in store for them. The guests came to speak about what it was like to be a professional in their fields, as well as how they were like as students in Year 10. Both the students and guests found the sessions to be extremely informative and eye-opening. "It's good to know that if you muck up, it never too late to get back on track" Taha Taha, Year 10A.

"They seem like a really good bunch of kids, I like how bright they are" Nazeem Hussain, Comedian and Lawyer.

Mr Mostafa Haroun
Student Welfare Coordinator

Prevent cold’s and flu’s this season

According to http://www.kidspot.com.au, there are a few of ways to try to avoid getting cold’s and flu’s this season.

“Get an annual flu shot: Vaccination is recommended for anyone over the age of six months and particularly for those with underlying illnesses or conditions or who work closely with children.

Practice and teach hygiene: Now’s the time to have the talk with the family (if they’re old enough to understand) about how germs are spread, and to go about instigating some practices like regular washing of hands and surfaces, not sharing personal items like utensils, food and drink bottles and keeping family members home if they’re sick.

Boost immune systems: There’s no denying a healthy diet rich in everything the body needs, particularly iron and Vitamin C, will help the body fight off infection.”