

Term 3 Newsletter

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BACK IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT

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PRIMARY**

Dear Parents & Guardians,
As Salaamu Alaikum Wr. Wb.,

Welcome back to Term 3. Another busy and industrious term filled with learning and growth.

This term will bring to you your child's semester report, presenting you with information about your child's academic strengths as well as their areas of improvement. This is an excellent opportunity to sit and discuss with your child some of the goals they made at the start of the academic year, reflecting on their journey to attaining it.

To further discuss your child's educational and wellbeing journey, do not hesitate to contact teachers. Our partnership is paramount for the success of our students.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This term's Parent-Teacher interviews will be held throughout week nine. Notes will be sent via students in week six, regarding the online booking system and available time slots. The parent-teacher interviews are an excellent opportunity for parents to engage first-hand with the teacher(s) educating their child. By engaging in these interviews, parents can obtain more information about their child's academic progress and tactics that can be implemented to further support the child's learning progression throughout the year.

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THIS TERM'S VALUE

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful. Allah (SWT) says in the Quran, "Verily, God does command you to render back your Trusts to whom they are due." (Quran 4:58)

Being trustworthy means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. A clear and easy way to develop trustworthiness in your children is to give them age-appropriate responsibilities or tasks that you keep them accountable for. It might be a chore or two or making their bed, picking up their toys, etc. Giving your children something that they can 'own' will learn to follow through with their projects and carry out what is expected of them. Trustworthiness further enhances the integrity and sound moral conduct that is inherent in the notion of honesty. Being trustworthy implies being honest, fair in dealings and punctual (in terms of both regularity and timeliness) as well as honouring trusts and keeping promises and commitments. An important part of the noble Islamic character is trustworthiness.

For young children, a great way to start out talking about trustworthiness is to read books or tell your children stories about trustworthiness; such as *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, *The Berenstain Bears*, *the Truth* by Stan Berenstain or *Tommy the Trustworthy Turtle* by the Oklahoma State Extension Character Critter Series.

"Verily, God does command you to render back your trusts to whom they are due"

QUARAN 4:58

Talk about the characters from these stories explain to your children what trustworthy means; emphasize the qualities of a trustworthy person:

- Always keeps a promise.
- Is always kind, never mean
- Never takes what doesn't belong to us

We all need to live the school values to have a safe and happy school environment. This forms the basis of our beliefs and the expectations of children's behaviour.

ICAS TESTING

YEAR 2-6

We are delighted to inform you that the Islamic College of Brisbane will participate in the world-renowned International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly-owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years of experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

2021 participation:

Primary students have the opportunity to participate in a range of subjects:

Subject	Year level	Date	Cost per test
ICAS Writing	3-6	Monday 9 Aug 2021	\$21,45
ICAS Digital Technologies	3-6	Tuesday 10 Aug 2021	\$17.05
ICAS English	2-6	Wednesday 18 Aug 2021	\$17.05
ICAS Spelling	2-6	Monday 23 Aug 2021	\$17.05
ICAS Science	2-6	Thursday 26 Aug 2021	\$17.05
ICAS Mathematics	2-6	Thursday 26 Aug 2021	\$17.05

These assessments will take place during the day. If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the online Parent Payment System <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>.

Our school's unique access code is YLW372.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name correctly as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

THE COSTS FOR THESE TESTS WILL NO LONGER BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL

ICB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- YEAR 6

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering an Academic Scholarship for Year 6 in 2022. Primary school students at ICB in Year 5 2021 can apply for Academic Scholarship, which commences in 2022. Applications are also open for prospective students enrolling to start Year 6 in 2022 at Islamic College of Brisbane. Scholarships cover partial remission of tuition fees, usually up to 50%. In some cases, more significant remission may be awarded to an outstanding student at the School's discretion.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ICB Primary Scholarship is awarded based on a test, interview and evidence of other academic achievements. Scholarship applicants should be prepared to:

1. Sit the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) scholarship test on 2nd August 2021 at Islamic College of Brisbane.
2. Shortlisted students are to attend an interview.
3. Successful students will be informed by mail.

\$95 Online registration and payment to be made directly to ACER through the link provided.

Primary Scholarship Test

<http://scholarships.acer.edu.au/intro/2204>

Please note that parents can access the link on our website through the parent's tab. The application portal will remain open until **midnight on Wednesday: 14th July 2021.**

No late applications will be accepted.

PRIMARY NEWS

Prep Information Session 2021

This free event is open to ICB's families and the whole community with children starting Prep in 2022 and beyond.

Islamic College of Brisbane will be conducting Prep Information Sessions in 2021 to inform parents about what to expect as their child enters Prep in 2022 and beyond. Starting Prep is an exciting time! Our staff will provide an introduction to this exciting first year of formal learning and discuss ways to prepare your child for commencing school.

Our Prep Information Sessions for 2022 enrolment will be taking place on **Wednesday, 18 August** and **Tuesday 12th October** at the Multipurpose Hall. The session will commence from **3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**.

Note: The same information will be covered in both sessions.

The information session will cover the following:

- Prep Readiness Assessment – purpose
- What can you do to help your child get ready for Prep?
- What's the value of a Perceptual Motor Program?
- What does the school need to know?
- How can you help the school help your child?
- What should you expect in the first few weeks?
- How do you (the parent) get through the first few weeks?

Come along to the next Prep Information Session!

Prep Readiness Assessment 2022

This year the Prep Readiness Assessment will be held twice – one block from **13th September to 17th September** and another block from **1st November to 3rd November**.

Parents are to book in for the Prep Readiness Assessment. An orientation letter will be provided to parents after the Prep Readiness Assessment if they succeed.

The purpose of our Prep Readiness Assessment is to give parents and teachers advice on whether a child is ready to start Prep and to assist in making informed decisions about how to proceed. We look at the following aspects in our Readiness Assessment and on the Prep Orientation Day:

Physical readiness: A child needs to be somewhat self-sufficient. We look at whether a child can go to the toilet alone and do things like put a book in their bag and feed themselves.

Emotional readiness: A child needs to be able to cope with separation and be able to relate to other children.

Social readiness: A child needs to be able to socialise and play with their classmates. We look at whether a child can take turns, share, compromise and work with others as part of a group.

Academic readiness: Although children do not need to read and write to start Prep, we look at whether a child has early alphabetic and general number sense skills. We also look at whether a child can do things like hold a pencil and use scissors.

Concentration: A child needs to be able to focus on activities for an extended period of time. We look at whether a child can sustain engagement on table activities and at mat time.

Language skills: A child needs to understand and be able to communicate with teachers and peers as well as follow instructions and directions. We look at whether a child can follow three step instructions (e.g. 'go to the toilet, wash your hands and get your lunch').



PRIMARY NEWS

Under 8's Day

On Wednesday, 26 May, our P – Year 2 students celebrated Under 8s day. Through this event, students got to enjoy a range of activities, including face painting, sports, arts and crafts and many more. A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for organising and running the under 8's day. Our students had a blast!



PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Quran Competition

Congratulations to all our Quran Competition Participants and Winners! Sincere thanks to our wonderful Islamic Studies teachers for their hard work and dedication.



Quran Competition Winners

We are pleased to announce the following Primary Quran Competition winners:

Year 1- boys

1. Muzammil Khan
2. Muhammad Seedat
3. Adam Asfour

Year 1 Girls

1. Khadijah Coovadia
2. Nooriyah Naqvi & Fariidah Fathi Salah
3. Eileen Saqib

Year 2- Boys

1. Shafiq Lim Parfitt
2. Adam Arabu
3. Suhaib Jaqandi

Year 2- Girls

1. Safiyyah Laila Killath
2. Subaida Hussein
3. Aya Rajhuru

Year 3- Boys

1. Yunus Khan
2. Tariq Lim Parfitt
3. Yaseen Ghumra

Year 3- Girls

1. Sheza Islam
2. Fatima Merchant
3. Aya Salih

Year 4- Boys

1. Abdussami Mohammed
2. Hamza Jalaludin Ahmadi
3. Almontaser Bellah Said

Year 4- Girls

1. Aysha Arbu
2. Fadeelah Sheikh
3. Rania Khan

Year 5- Boys

1. Shafiq Lim Parfitt
2. Adam Arabu
3. Suhaib Jaqandi

Year 5- Girls

1. Nabiha Ali
2. Muniba Alam
3. Hannah Khan

Year 6- Boys

1. Shafiq Lim Parfitt
2. Adam Arabu
3. Suhaib Jaqandi

Year 6- Girls

1. Aisyah Ahmad
 2. Omaira Aqeel
 3. Auila Husna
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PRIMARY NEWS

From the classroom; year 4

Term 2 started with the blessed month of Ramadan. Year 4 students earned multiple rewards and blessings by fasting, reading Quran, learning Hadiths, and creating art of quranic verses. Students worked hard and strived to learn new, exciting concepts and gain the most from their valuable time during Ramadan early departure. They enjoyed memorising, framing actions and performing humorous poetry in front of their classmates. Students examined the history of Australia by mapping the route of the first voyage and experienced 'prison life' in Queensland during their excursion to St. Helena Island. They investigated how the surface of the earth changes over time through weathering, erosion and human activity. They examined types of rocks and learnt the rock cycle by participating in Starlab incursion. They identified influences that strengthen identities and explored strategies they can use to improve their own and others confidence and self-esteem. We had a busy and wonderful term Alhumudlillah.

Mrs Faiza Masood
Year 4 Coordinator

From the classroom; year 5

Term 2 started in the holy month of Ramadan; it was a busy term for Year 5. With two incursions, BrainStorm Performance and Graffiti art, our students engaged with new educational and artistic concepts. Our students also part-took in NAPLAN during the holy month of Ramadan. In science, our students learned about planets, their sizes, and their planet Earth. In history class, they explored the events that greatly impacted Australia in the 1800s.

They then researched an influential character and presented their findings as part of their assessment. In Art, they explored all forms and styles of Graffiti Art. It was a term filled with fun and learning.

We look forward to another busy term!

Ms Ruchi Goindi
Year 5 Teacher

From the debaters; first win

Islamic College of Brisbane's Primary Team made its debut in the first round of QDU debates. I am pleased to announce that our aspiring debaters won the debate by 3 points which is a phenomenal achievement for the first-timers. Our main speakers for the evening were Laiba Qureshi, Abdullah Sayed and Safiyah Mohamed and Mumtaz Ahmedi (timekeeper) from Year 6. Being on the negative team, their task was difficult. They had to persuade the adjudicator with substantial facts and rebuttal arguments on the topic of "We should shorten school holidays". They debated enthusiastically and were awarded the win. The team was awarded for accomplishment by Mr Kadri.

With three more debates coming up this term, we request you all to keep us in your duaas as we work towards going to the knockout phase.

Mr Muhari and Ms Khan
Primary Debating Coaches

PRIMARY NEWS

From the Library

We are very excited to announce that all of our primary students will participate in this writing festival and ICB will pay for each student to be involved! This will take place in WEEK 3 of this term.

This mini-festival runs over 5 days with 15 published authors running workshops online directly into our student's classrooms. Each author will be demonstrating a different style of writing and will then give our students the skills to create their own stories. Students work can be published onto the "Story Wall" for others to read.

This is the link to what will be happening over the week.

<https://www.littlescribe.com/lp/mini-writing-festival/>

Thank You

Firstly a very big thank you to all parents who supported our Ramadan Book Fair. It was our most successful fair yet. We raised nearly \$3000 to support projects around our wonderful school. Our first purchase has been to buy good quality shelving for the primary resource rooms. All their shared resources can now be housed in one place and are easily accessible by teachers.

Book Week – Week 9

We celebrate Book Week at ICB with a week of performances, author visits, book character parade and a special activity day for Years 4 to 6. The dates are Week 9 September 6 -10. The book character parade will be on Thursday, September 9. More details will be sent home closer to the date. The theme this year is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" so a lot of scope for costumes.

National Simultaneous Storytime:

This exciting event brought outer space into our classrooms. The book this year was read live from the International Space Station by NASA astronaut Shannon Walker.

Our students were fascinated with the way the book and her pony tail floated and yet she stayed in her chair! It certainly created lots of interesting questions. Over 1,980,280 readers from 33,418 places across Australia and New Zealand watched this at the same time.

Diverse Learning

As part of our Enrichment program, we have given the top 5% of students in Year 4 to Year 8 inclusively, an opportunity to participate in Maths Olympiad. These students have been chosen in collaboration with teachers, using data collected from internal and external exams. The students display specific attributes which include self-motivation, superior reasoning powers and marked ability to handle ideas, outstanding problem-solving ability, and persistent intellectual curiosity. They learn quickly and easily and show insight into mathematical problems that require careful reasoning. These students show initiative and originality in intellectual work; flexibility in thinking and consider problems from several viewpoints. The selection process is a rigorous one so that the challenges presented in the exams do not de-motivate or deflate our young aspiring learners.

As part of the program, they participate in 5 exams over the course of the year. In their lunchtimes, they get together to "talk Maths". They get excited "doing" Maths. They deconstruct ideas and learn from each other sharing ideas. The competition is rewarding as students compete with other Enrichment students all over the country. At the end of the year they may be eligible to receive trophies, badges and certificates based upon their level of achievement.

Louisa Maritz

Diverse Learning Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Events

12/7: Term 3 begins

16/7: Hajj Enactment

20-21/7: Eid Holidays

28/7: Primary Assembly

August Events

5/8: Australian Mathematics Competition

9/8: ICAS Writing

10/8: ICAS Digital Technologies

11/8: Ekka Holiday

18/8: ICAS English & Prep Information Session

23/8: ICAS Spelling

24/8: Year 3-6 Carnival

25/8: Primary Assembly

26/8: ICAS Science

31/8: ICAS Mathematics

September Events

3/9: Student Free Day

6-10/9: Prep to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Book Week Events

13-17/9: Prep Readiness Assessment

17/9: Last day of Term 3