

Head of Primary's Communication

28th January 2021



The prophet (S.A.W) said, 'Removal from the way of that which is harmful is charity.'
(Bukhari)

As Salaamu Alaikum Wr.,Wb.,

Welcome to the 2021 school year, and a warm welcome to our new families who have joined the ICB community this year. All the best to all new students, and we look forward to getting to know them and their families better over the coming weeks. We know you will enjoy your time at this wonderful school In shaa Allah! Last year, we faced numerous challenges to address COVID-19. We have been successful in delivering on-line learning. Our teachers were trained in a short period of time to better equip themselves to provide online learning effectively. In sha Allah this year will be a beautiful year and may Allah (SWT) guide us all and keep us firm on His Quran and the sunnah.

Newsletters

Our term newsletters will continue to be up-loaded to the ICB website at the start of each term. We encourage you to stay up-to-date on any changes or information. Notices regarding Primary school events and other information can be retrieved from the website.

Welcome to our new staff

As you know, we have a number of new staff this year and I would like to welcome them to the ICB school community. New to the school include Arooba Fatima who has joined the Prep team, Esraa Mohamed and Farida Hashim the Year 1 team, Sadia Bibi Khan the Year 5 team, Nisa Johnson the Year 4 team and Thomas Andersen is our PE teacher.

Information session on 'Separation Anxiety'

Prep families to ICB in 2021 are invited to attend an information session on 'Separation Anxiety' followed by a morning tea. All Prep families will have the opportunity to connect with other new families and members of our school community.

Date & Time: Wednesday, 3 February, 9 am

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying your company.

Impact school Suppliers

Few parents expressed concern about Impact School suppliers. School Supplier is only a suggestion as a convenience to parents, unfortunately the supplier does not allow individual purchases. ICB management will take feedback from parents about the Impact School Suppliers to make decision about School Supplier for 2022. In the meantime, parents can opt to buy from other suppliers of their choice.

Please note that the Primary Booklist for P – Year 6 are available from the following link:

<https://www.icb.qld.edu.au/index.php/blog/primary-downloads/category/10-primary-booklist>

Please note that P – Year 6 Arabic and Islamic Textbooks and workbooks will be handed out to the students from the college library. Cost of these books have been included in the levies.

We thank our parents for their support and understanding.

The prophet (S.A.W) said, 'He who is devoid of kindness is devoid of good.' (Muslim)

Parent Information Afternoons

Beginning week 2, each year level will hold an Information Afternoon to explain class routines, expectations and events for the year ahead. Please make these afternoons a high priority in your diaries, and utilise these opportunities to support your child's education. Each year level Co-ordinator will send out an invitation regarding dates, times and venues for these sessions. We look forward to seeing all parents. Parents are requested to seek an appointment with their child's teacher if needed. A short formal Parent Interview is also scheduled in week 9 of this term. Details will be sent home closer to the date. Remember our teachers are expected to commence instruction at 8:20 am; please consider this when speaking with staff before school. Teachers also have various work commitments at school. Making a specific appointment time to speak with your child's teacher avoids any disappointment.



Students explore at the Greenhouse.

Uniform

All students are always expected to wear the school uniform to school and to any school function. All items of clothing can be purchased from the Lowes Woodridge store. The only exception is shoes which need to be purchased independently – the shoes should be black and socks white. Canvas shoes and shoes with coloured soles or stripes are unacceptable. Students are only allowed to wear their sports shoes on the day they have a PE lesson. All students are required to wear the College hat. Boys are encouraged to wear black belt to keep their shirt tucked in. Students are required to purchase an ICB school bag. Please ensure your child's school bag is clearly named. It is advisable to put a key chain or tag that your child can use to help identify their own bags when on the racks. All students who attend ICB must wear the approved school uniform. If for any reason your child is unable to wear a particular item of our school uniform, parent/guardian should provide a note advising the school of the situation and take appropriate steps to correct the uniform as soon as possible.

Year 3-6 students are allowed to wear their sports uniform in Term 1 (due to hot weather) but they must wear their formal uniform on their school photo day, which will be held in Term 1. Make up, excessive jewellery, tattoos and items of clothing not part of the approved uniform are also not permitted in school. In some cases, items will be confiscated and parents will need to see the office to have them returned.

Hair

All students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Boys' hair must be neat and tidy, above the collar and out of their face.
- Tinting, colouring, streaking, hair extensions, hair wraps etc. are not permitted.
- Punk-styles, undercuts, spikes, dreadlocks, rats' tails, tracks, skin-heads etc., are not permitted
- Styling products e.g. gel, mousse, wax must not be used.

Student Diaries

Yrs 2-6 have the student diary. Learning Curve Wellbeing activities are incorporated in our regular diary. When your child brings their diary home please take the opportunity to have a look at these pages and talk about them with your child. The pages cover many wellbeing topics, goal setting and activities. This link between school and home is valuable in maintaining the wellbeing of your child.

School Photos

The Primary School Photo Day is on Thursday, 18th February.

Photo Form will be sent home with children once we receive them. These **need to be handed directly to the photographer at the time of their individual photo, even if you have opted not to purchase photos.**

Please ensure the correct money is enclosed in your envelope as NO change can be given on the photo day by the Photographer or the School. All payments are to be made to Academy Photography with the options being cash or credit card.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed under any circumstances, please make sure you have specified this on the PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO FILM CONSENT FORM, which can be obtained from the class teacher.

Arrival Procedures G Block (only Prep with siblings)

Only prep students with their siblings can be dropped off in front of the G block.

- Please join the queue to drop-off your child at the curb and remain in the driver's seat. Please do not let them out where all the cars are parked. If your child is unable to open the car door, please drop off at Bay 4 or park in the parking lot and walk them in.
- There is NO OVERTAKING after you turn right at the school gate as this is very dangerous. Please wait in the queue.

Departure Procedure

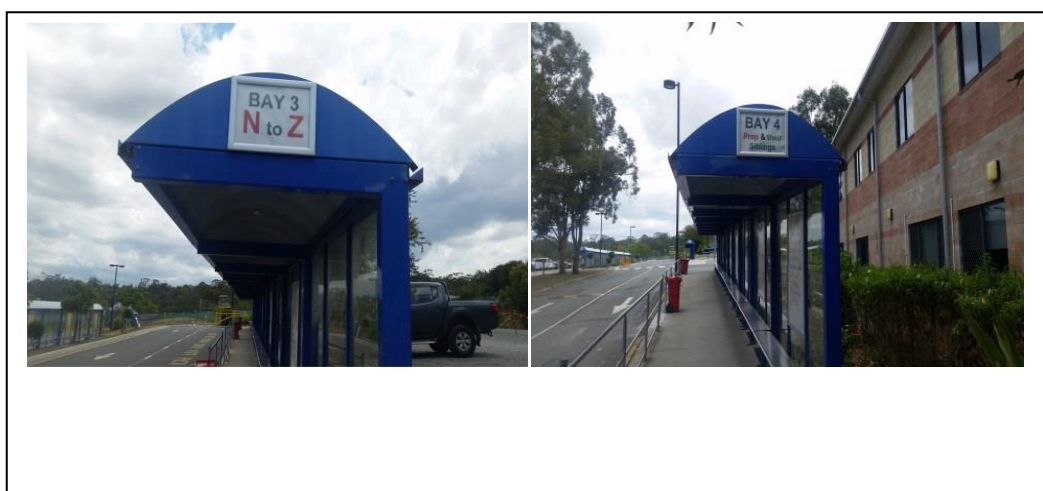
There is NO RIGHT TURN after 2 pm towards G block and no child is allowed to be collected from this area. Could parents please ensure that they do not park out in front of G block. Pick up bays are organised and based on the first letter of the surname. Your child will be waiting for you in their allocated bay. At dismissal time, we require all parents to remain in their vehicle (do not leave your car). Please do not park at the pickup area and block the traffic. Please make sure you stop in the allocated pickup bays and not on the roadway. You may park in the visitor parking for appointments or other school business. As parents, we all need to ensure that our children are safe. This means that all students must be physically collected from the collection bays so that they remain safe at all times. Please don't call them from the car; walk over and collect them personally. We have to all work together for the safety of our students.



Bay 1: H to M



Bay 2: A to G



Parent Lounge

The Islamic College of Brisbane has a portal for parents called the Parent Lounge. School events, bulletin items, progressive and final academic assessments, timetable information and much more are available via this portal. Parent Lounge access will allow checking and updating of your child's information, such as home address, phone numbers and emergency contact details (Please note: Your updates will be effective after it has been reviewed by the Admin officer's review.). We ask that you log in and verify your child's details and make any necessary changes so that the college has the most up-to-date information. We also have a parent notification system, which will send you an SMS if your child is absent from school without parent notification. Notification to the college about an absent student is very easy; simply call the college from 8:00 am. This will ensure that the college's records are accurate at all times.

Instructions

Log on to the ICB's website – www.icb.qld.edu.au

Click on the **Parent Lounge** link which can be found under the **PARENTS** tab

or

Click on the link below:

<https://sms.icb.qld.edu.au/parentlounge/login.cfm>

Type your username _____ and your password

_____ and click on Login button (**please call Admin for your username and pass-word**).

You will be able to navigate to necessary pages to check and update contact details using the menu on the left of the page. After a successful login, please change your password from the Parent Details menu.

Student Supervision by Staff

Our college hours are between **8:00 am** and **3:10 pm**.

Parents are strongly advised **not** to drop their children at the college before 8:00 am. There is no supervision prior to 8:00 am and the college does not assume any duty of care until this time. The Scholars Group will operate Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service on site. The service will be available for Prep to Year 6.

Parents who pick up their children daily are to do so between 3:10pm and 3:40pm.

Supervision is provided in the pickup bays until 3:40pm. After this time, for safety reasons, children who are not collected, will be required to attend the Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service or parents will need to make alternative arrangements.

To find out more about Outside School Hours Care service, please contact the Regional Manager Skye Ible skye@thescholarsgroup.com.au

'Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)' program for Year 4 & Year 5

Last year we rolled out the BYOD Program in Year 4. We would like to invite all Year 4 (in 2021) students to be part of it.

All Year 4 students are required to bring their College specified device to class daily, by 19th March 2021. More information about the device is available from the following link:

<https://www.icb.qld.edu.au/index.php/parents/surface-pro>

As part of the program, Islamic College of Brisbane has undertaken the following:

- Provided training to staff in using common programs and applications, so that they are familiar with the processes pertaining to the BYOD Program;
- Provided lockable areas to store devices.

Any programs and/or apps that are needed, will be provided by ICB. At this stage we are concentrating on the use of Windows 10 (One Drive, Teams etc).

BOYD policy is available from the following link:

<https://www.icb.qld.edu.au/index.php/administration/policies/school-policies>

Students who are in Year 5, should continue to bring their device to school in 2021. If your child is new to the school and does not have a device, please check the above information about the device.

If you have questions, please contact our IT Manager, Orhan Camkara.



Visit by Registered Nurse for Free Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening checks for common eye conditions that may impact your child's ability to see and therefore impact their learning and development.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on/between **8/2/21 and 22/2/21** to conduct vision screening for children in their prep year. If you wish to have your prep child participate in this free vision screening program, please complete the online consent form before 1/2/21. The school will email a link to access the online consent portal. Parents do not need to be present for screening, however if you would like to be, please contact the school to arrange this.

If your child's vision is screened, you will be advised of the results in writing. If a vision concern is found, you will receive a phone call from the nurse to discuss referral to an eye health professional for further assessment. If a vision concern is identified and your child requires glasses, eligible health care card holders may be assisted with free basic glasses through the Spectacle Supply Scheme.

Participation in vision screening is not compulsory. If you do not wish for your child to participate in screening, please complete the consent form and indicate that you wish to decline screening.

If you have any questions, please contact the Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program on 1800 687 372.

From The Library

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and parents and welcome back to everyone else. Our library is a lively and colorful place full of wonderful books that children can borrow and read.

Just a reminder that ALL students must have a library bag to borrow. Please ensure your child's name is CLEARLY written on the front in permanent marker.

Prep to Year 2 students borrow each week with their class and can take home two books.

Year 3 and 4 borrow each fortnight and can borrow up to 4 books at a time.

Years 5 & 6 also borrow each fortnight and can borrow up to 5 books at a time.

The library team look forward to seeing your smiling faces when you come to visit.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know! The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

Lynda Rifai
Library Coordinator

WELFARE AND WELLBEING IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Introducing the Team



Assistant Principal (Operations and Welfare) - Ms Malka Dean
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P-12 Wellbeing Coordinator- Ms Zeena Ackland
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School Counsellor – Br Akrim Akrim Mahouachi
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School Counsellor -Ms Aida Nicevic
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School Nurse – Ms Catherine Wakefield
(nurse@icb.qld.edu.au)



WELFARE AND WELLBEING IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our team is dedicated to ensuring that all who attend ICB are well both physically and mentally. Our Team provides a range of student and family mental health supports, as well as building a network of services and community links. Our team:

- Builds strong relationships with students, teachers and families.
- Liaises and documents outcomes, plans and strategies
- Increases staff awareness of mental health interventions and strategies.
- Provides small group, individual and peer support/counselling
- Enables a strong team approach to case management of students.
- Provides support for teachers and learning and development teams by supporting students with complex needs; medication, referrals and liaison with medical specialists
- Utilises a wide range of physical, learning and mental health assessments.
- Adopts and develops frameworks to shape appropriate intervention strategies to enable the best outcome for the student, family and school in line with the school values.
- Provides input into Social and Emotional learning programs.
- Compliments the school's health, social and emotional curriculum.
- Supports the transition of students' movement through the campus from P-12 and beyond.

Other aspects that the team members look after include:-

- Sun safe activities
- Active school travel/road safety/pick up and drop off
- Before and after school care
- Pandemic management and infectious disease management
- First aid measures and training, maintain first aid kits and defibrillators
- Provide first aid to students, staff and visitors
- Provide health care, support and advice on asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis, diabetes, cardiac conditions, epilepsy or seizures, etc
- Medication administration guidelines
- Referral to the Welfare Team/SWAN team
- Privacy and confidentiality- maintaining sensitive information
- Incident management and documentation
- Suicide and self-harm- intervention and postvention
- Behaviour management and support student self-regulation
- Vocational/Alternate education pathways

Health Matters

The College Health Centre is a first aid station and designed for short term care only. If you receive a call from the nurse or administration staff regarding your child, please organise prompt pick up. Your child may require medical assistance or a visit to the doctor.

It is a requirement that the person who collects your child for early departure signs the register at the reception desk. The College requests that parents and carers update their telephone numbers and those of their emergency contacts, so that the College can make contact quickly in the event of an illness or injury.

The College requests that you please keep children who are unwell or contagious at home. If you are unsure please speak to the College Nurse or your doctor. Queensland Health has recommended exclusion times for certain illnesses and conditions and the College is required to follow these guidelines for infection control.

The College is only allowed to administer labelled medication:

- as directed by a medical practitioner with a written request by a parent or carer
- when emergency first-aid medication is needed.

Please complete the Medication Administration form available on our website or see the nurse. The College discourages self-administration of most medications except asthma puffers. Medication in the wrong hands can be dangerous.

You must inform the College if your child has any specific medical needs and/or requires medication during school hours. Action Plans and labelled medication must be provided for the following conditions:

- Asthma
- Allergies
- Anaphylaxis
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Any other severe medical condition

If you have any questions about health matters you can contact the College Nurse on Email: nurse@icb.qld.edu.au or by calling the Islamic College of Brisbane on 07 38413645.



Apply for School Transport Assistance

School Transport Assistance Scheme embraced by Queensland parents for daily school run for parents living outside Brisbane Local Government Area boundary.

Website www.tmr.qld.gov.au

Students with Additional Needs

The role of the Diverse Learning team is to support students in classrooms so that they can access the curriculum the same way as all other students. At ICB we are committed to the development of a high-quality curriculum for all Australian students, which promotes excellence and equity in education.

To ensure all students can access the curriculum on the same basis, Our specialist support teachers:

- case manage students with a verified disability
- provide support to students with learning difficulties
- support classroom teachers with curriculum differentiation
- liaise with stakeholders such as staff, parents, administration and other professionals.

We offer intervention for students experiencing short-term problems with literacy, numeracy or learning. We also offer long-term support and program options for students with identified learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

Individual and small group support is provided by the specialist support team. From Prep to Year 12, this support focuses predominantly on building students' language skills required for reading and writing in all subject areas. Specific intervention is offered as needed.

Please feel free to email either Mrs S Scott or Mrs L Maritz on the following emails:

sscott@icb.qld.edu.au

Lmaritz@icb.qld.edu.au

Upcoming Events

Term 1

January

27 Term 1 begins
29 Primary Assembly

February

1 - 12 Parent Information Afternoons
15- 26 Life Education Van
18 Primary Photo Day
23 Primary Assembly

March

1-3 Life Education Van
4 Family Photo Day
22 - 26 Yrs 1 - 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
24 Primary Assembly
30 Primary Quran Competition (Year 1-3)
31 Primary Quran Competition (Year 4-6)

April

1 Last day of Term

*We look forward to a positive and enriching year for all In shaa Allah!
Regards, wasalaam, Mrs Ashraf*