



ISLAMIC COLLEGE OF BRISBANE

# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

Week 4 already and so much happening at ICB. I will try and confine the news to the four pages that make up this newsletter but will be hard pressed.

Below we welcome Sue Scott to ICB as the newly appointed Director of Learning and Teaching. We look forward to working with Sue as we focus further on School Improvement.

Term 3 is always a busy time and, as you can see from the Upcoming Events column, the next two weeks are particularly important. Each Year group have important events whether they be sporting, academic or planning activities. Let's start with Year 12 who are fast approaching the

QCST which takes place on 4th/5th September. In preparation for this students have already undertaken two trials and on Tuesday will have their final coaching afternoon. Year 10 are about to embark on their subject selection process for 2019. On Monday they will have their second information session. Details are included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Year 9 have their Business Venture on Monday so keep your eye out for their food bargains.

Year 8 will be heading off on a Humanities excursion on Tuesday and selected Year 7s will be representing ICB in various Futsal

tournaments. Add to these the various ICAS competitions, Science Week, and Year 10 Leadership training and you can see that ICB is a busy place.

We are keen to involve the wider community to assist with some of these activities and will be working with CPAC to formalise a process to include parents in coaching and similar activities.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Monday 13th August - Year 11 (2019) Subject Selection information session (2.00pm in MPH)*
- *Monday 13th August—Year 9 Business Venture*
- *Tuesday 14th August—ICAS Maths competition*
- *Tuesday 14th August—Year 8 Humanities Excursion*
- *Tuesday 14th August Y12 QCST Coaching course*
- *Wednesday 15th August—Show Holiday*
- *Thursday 16th August—U19 Boys Futsal*
- *Tuesday/Wednesday 21st/22nd August—Eid Holidays*

## TEACHER FEATURE



Mrs Sue Scott joins us as Director of Learning and Teaching. Sue's character trait as defined in Wellness terms is 'Love of learning' so there is no surprise that she has made a career in education. She loves learning and sharing her skill sets with others. Whilst Sue began her teaching career many years ago in a Primary School, her interests in developing curriculum extended to working across different year levels and she found a niche with middle school age students. Being a Primary school

teacher, she can teach all subject areas, however majored in Biology but still loves English. Along with her academic qualifications, Sue can also teach dance, aerobics, Pilates and yoga. She considers herself fortunate to have spent the past 7 years in the UAE. Sue says "This experience has definitely made me a better communicator and given me a deeper understanding of intercultural intelligences. During my time overseas, I climbed Mt **Kilimanjaro**, **walked 500km** of the

Camino across Spain, walked along The Great Wall of China and worked with schools in Pilocopata in the Amazon to help save their beautiful rainforest. I find my energy from reading inspirational books on topics ranging from educating students to leadership and self-improvement. I look forward to getting to know the families here at ICB and how we can work together to make this a brilliant school. to know the families here at ICB and how we can work together to make this a brilliant school."

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Part of our proposed Learner Profile is that students are both taught the skills of leadership and are given authentic opportunities to lead. Still a work in progress, we have locked in year group based activities.

Later this term (Tuesday 28th August) our Year 10 group will be taken through a mentor training day which they will then put into practise with our current Year 6 students (Y7 2019) in Term 4.

Our current Year 11 students will head off campus next term (Monday 15th October) for a Kokoda Challenge experience. This day will then lead into leadership elections for next year's Leadership Team.

In 2019 there are then activities for each year group:

Year 12—February 11th—Servant Leadership Retreat

Year 11 – May 14th—Kokoda Challenge

Year 10—August 19th—Peer Mentoring

Year 9—October 14th—Leadership Check In

Year 8—May 8th—Essential Leadership Skills

Year 7—February 26th—Learning to lead from below

## SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR Y11 2019

Last Monday we held the first of two information sessions regarding subject selection for Year 11 in 2019. Most families would be aware that there is a new system for Senior Secondary starting in 2019 and it is important that families are informed about the important changes and how they affect their learning and assessment.

Next Monday (13<sup>th</sup> August) at 2.00pm we will hold our second information session which will deal more with the specifics of subject offerings here at ICB. This will include senior secondary teachers being available to answer subject specific enquiries and the timeline for completion of selections.

The presentations and associated handouts from last week's session are already posted on the College website and next Monday's will be posted after the session. Please go to Parents/Secondary Downloads/ Subject Selection.

The online Portal will open Monday 13th August. Students will then have four weeks for initial selections. The portal will close on Friday 7th September. 2019 subject lines will then be created based on student selection choices .

## A ZOOM INTO THE GALAXY

On the 19th of July, all the Grade 7s went for a science excursion to the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. We found out that the Planetarium was named after Major General Sir Thomas MacDougall Brisbane, who was a British Army officer, administrator, and astronomer.

When we first reached the Planetarium, we ate our morning tea on the green, sunny lawns while gazing at our own humongous star; the sun.

When we finished up our morning tea, we went inside the planetarium and were allowed to do a bit of exploring to answer our worksheets. At 9:00 am sharp, we lined up impatiently outside the Dome. We were then allocated seats, we were told to relax, sit back and enjoy the cosmic show. Our instructor's name was Peter. He gave us an intro about the Solar System. How and where the sun travels during one whole day [24 hours], which planets can be seen and some of the basic constellations [The Southern Cross, Scorpio and The Big Dipper].

Peter also showed us the phases of the Moon and when during a month they occur. We then learnt about Lunar and Solar eclipses. After the exciting presentation, we had a random Q & A session. Sadly, the world isn't going to end or get destroyed by Planet X! Because now we all know, that there is NO SUCH THING AS A PLANET X!!!

Then, the question about space that everyone is always so intrigued about is about ; The Black Hole. A Black Hole is a place in space where gravity pulls so much that even light cannot get out. The gravity is so strong because matter has been squeezed into a tiny space. This can happen when a star is dying. Because no light can get out, people can't see black holes. They are invisible. Space telescopes with special tools can help find black holes. The special tools can see how stars that are very close to black holes act differently than other stars. The Cosmic Show was so interesting! Even though we already knew some of the concepts, we also learnt more information about them.

When we came back to school, everyone was tired but very glad and happy about their experience at the Planetarium.

Talking about the Planetarium, what would happen if Earth gets sucked into a Black Hole? Apparently they are invisible!!!



# FROM THE ISLAMIC DESK

## From The Islamic Desk

Assalam u alaykum wr wb

With the Haj Season currently underway, it is important to highlight one lesson from this journey. The greatest lesson we can take from the story of Ibrahim (AS) is to sacrifice for the sake of Allah. We need to instil this lesson and philosophy within our homes that the command of Allah is supreme and we need to sacrifice our egos and desires to please Allah.

Please keep the following dates in mind-

**Haj Enactment** will take place on the 16th August 2018 for Primary students but all parents are more than welcome to come and watch. Secondary students will be assisting on the day as well.

**Eid-Ul Adha-** Tuesday or Wednesday (Week 6). Eid prayers will take place at the school. Times and date to be confirmed

**Excursion-** Grade 11 Boys went on an excursion to IONA College on Wednesday 8 August 2018. The boys had to answer questions on Islam to some of the Studies of Religion students at IONA College. Our boys certainly did our college and the entire Muslim community proud.

**Fundraising-** I take this opportunity to thank all Parents, Students and Teachers for the Ramadan fundraiser. Alhamdulillah, an amount in excess of \$20 000 was raised by our School which was handed to Muslim Aid Australia to help Syrian refugees with Iftaar packs for Ramadan. May Allah reward one and all with the best in this world and the hereafter.

We wish one and all the best for this term

Was Salaam wr wb

Imaam Riyaz

### From Earlier in the year—the winners of the quran competition

Grade	Girls	Boys
Seven	Asiya Mohamed	Ayman Arabu
Eight	Nurfathanah Ibrahim	Husain Imran
Nine	Salima Mezensof	Ahmad Adli & Ghanem Aldoseri
Ten	Dalal Issa	Mouhamed Gouicem
Eleven	Zainab Ali	Ali Nidawi, Uzair Shuaib & Abdur-Rahman Seedat
Twelve	Ghalia Aldoseri	Raumaan Ali

# Y7 HUMANITIES EXCURSION

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Year 7 were up early and on the bus by 8.00am. Our destination was Hinze Dam on the back of the Gold Coast. Hinze Dam is the reservoir for supplying drinking water to the ever-growing population of the Gold Coast but also for other areas of South East Queensland. We learned about the three main functions of the dam in Storage, Safety and Supply and about how clean, treated, drinking water reaches our homes. To maintain a reliable supply of water the dam wall has been raised to increase capacity. We were able to walk along the wall and see the full extent of the reservoir. For communities living downstream of the dam we were told about their safety from flooding as the dams absorbs any flood surges. For those living upstream we learned about the importance of keeping the catchment clean and free from pollutants. We actually conducted some chemical tests on water samples to determine its quality.

Our visit gave us an insight into the supply of clean drinking water; something that we often take for granted.



# CPAC NEWS

The next CPAC meeting takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and represents a significant milestone in the life of our parent organisation. For several years, members and the executive have been working towards CPAC moving from a Board Advisory Committee to a Parents and Friends Association. In reality, CPAC has been operating as a P&F organisation in its fund raising and support functions for some time. Therefore, before the next CPAC meeting Dr Barrett will chair a special public meeting at 9am to present a draft constitution for the new P&F. It should be noted that a great deal of work and consultation, including legal advice, has gone into the drafting of this document which aligns closely with constitutions from other school P&Fs and is suitable for membership of peak bodies. Following the meeting, Dr Barrett will make the constitution available to all parents and will allow a period of time for written feedback.

There are a number of co-curricular activities at the school that would benefit from community assistance. There is no doubt that there is significant expertise within our community and to not access that expertise is such a waste. It is important however that any support is 'channelled' effectively. Whilst there will be a wide range of requests for parental help, the immediate needs are in assisting with sport. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will have read about our successes in Netball and Futsal. With those successes, come greater participation and more teams. Mr Burchell is currently coaching all the teams which is unsustainable into the future. We know there are parents and members of our college community with an interest and expertise in soccer that may be able to spare the time to assist with coaching. Similarly, help with Netball teams and on Gala Days is needed. If you think that you may be able to help keep an eye out for sign up details via Signup.com.

## SEQ FUTSAL CHAMPIONS

On 23rd May the Year 7 Girls competed in the Grand Final of the inaugural South East Queensland Metropolitan Championships for Futsal. After a 2-2 draw at Full time the match went to Golden Goal (first to score wins), no goals were scored and penalties were needed to decide the winner. After 7 penalties to each team the score was 4-4 and Hanaa Arackakkunnel ICB Goalkeeper saved another Mansfield SHS penalty and Shaakirah Baki calmly scored for the win.

The following Girls are now South East Queensland Metropolitan Champions for Futsal and if you see them around please congratulate them for their hard work and dedication to get this far.



**DRIVE & SURVIVE**  
STUDENT SAFETY WORKSHOP

DATE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 TIME: 9:30AM –  
VENUE: ISLAMIC COLLEGE OF BRISBANE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL

 

Join your local police for a FREE workshop on road safety and driver awareness.  
This event will feature presentations by the Road Police Branch, the Forensic Crash Unit and representatives from the District Crime Prevention Coordinators.

Queensland Road Safety Week | 27–31 August 2018  
A Join the Drive to Save Lives initiative



Our Year 11 and Year 12 students will attend a road safety presentation from Queensland Police on Wednesday 29th August. The presentation is part of the "Join the Drive to Save Lives" initiative during Queensland Road Safety Week.

The presentation will follow the Primary Assembly on that day (approximately 9.30am) and will start with a talk and then move outside to view police vehicles and some of the tools used in enforcing the law and helping make our roads safer. By scheduling the presentation after the Primary Assembly we hope that lots of parents will be able to attend.

