

YEAR 4/5

The theme the year 4/5 have been studying is about Australia. The two classes organised and prepared morning tea for the junior primary classes and teachers. The menu for the morning tea consisted of vegemite sandwiches, lamingtons, fairy bread and pumpkin scones. The students enjoyed the cooking and for some, tasted their very first vegemite sandwich!



YEAR 6/7

FRIENDLY RIVALS AND SPECIAL VISITORS

What a term the Yr 6/7's at Langford Islamic College have had. The students trained very hard in netball and soccer. The class went to Yale Primary school and had a friendly game against their netball and soccer team. Although the students didn't win they managed to have lots of fun and learnt a lot about team work.

The students also had a visit from the West Coast Eagles football team. The West Coast Eagles came and did a presentation for the Year 1, 2, 4/5's and 6/7 the kids loved it. It is still a talking point in the classroom especially when the eagle mascot came out the kids absolutely enjoyed it. The week after we had Jaymie Grahame one of the players from the West Coast Eagles come to do a football clinic with the students they were taught all types of football skills. The students later took photos, they asked questions and Jaymie was nice enough to sign autographs.

YEAR 8/9/10

BASKETBALL AT LANGFORD ISLAMIC COLLEGE

The Year 8, 9 and 10 girls have been playing basketball this term and have all increased their skills and confidence, individually and as a team. The leadership skills shown by our Captain, Natasha Youssef (Yr 10) have been exemplary. She has been ably assisted by Vice Captain Nur Nabilah Hashim (Yr 8). The WA Opals have some worthy competition! Stay tuned for more information about our emerging team, Langford Lightning.



SOCCER AT LANGFORD ISLAMIC COLLEGE

At Langford Islamic College, students in the upper primary school and secondary school team up to display their skills and talents in soccer at the school oval. This is a vital aspect of their individual, physical and mental development. This sport also enables the students establish the spirit of very good sportsmanship and strong interpersonal relationships with their peers within the school environment as well as with the community at large.





Malek Fahd Islamic School Environmental Activities

Streamwatch/Cooks River

Malek Fahd Islamic School (MFIS) joined the Streamwatch program in June 2005 and originally monitored the Cooks River at Freshwater Park. However, MFIS Streamwatch group moved their monitoring to the Freshwater Creek Wetlands at Chullora, which is closer to school.

The Freshwater Creek Wetlands is a natural, self-sustaining system. The Wetlands is a nutrient filter for the Cooks River and a haven for native fauna and flora.

At present MFIS group is testing at two sites in the Wetland, at the entry point and exit point of the ponds. The students monitor the health of the Freshwater Creek Wetlands every fortnight using water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen, turbidity, faecal coliform, electrical conductivity, phosphorous, temperature and pH.



Year 10G1 students monitor the health of the Fresh Creek Wetlands

The data gathered is loaded onto the Streamwatch website then used by the Bankstown City Council and Sydney Water's Stormwater team to manage the sight.

MFIS group is a committed and a dedicated group. In 2005, at Streamwatch Open Day and Awards Ceremony, the group won the Best New Group award.



Year 9G1 students monitor the health of the Fresh Creek Wetlands

MYRiveR Cooks 2007

MYRiveR Cooks program is an initiative of Oz GREEN and it is supported by Orica Community Foundation.

The Program allows the students from different schools to work together, to assess the health of the Cooks River and to develop an action plan to care for the river.

Malek Fahd Islamic School was invited to participate in MYRiveR Cooks 27th-29th March

program. Three students from 9B1 represented the school and were supervised by Ms Fieldman and Ms El Ahmad.

Day 1: Eco-snapshot

The students checked the health of the Cooks River using water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen, turbidity, faecal coliform, salinity, pH and nutrients

Day 2: Regional Youth Congress

The students conducted community surveys, interpreted results, identified the importance of the river, the threats to the health of the catchments and developed youth vision for the future of the river.

This program recognizes the importance of youth participation and focuses on providing opportunities for our young to enhance their leadership skills.

All sections of the community, including our young people have a great contribution to make to create a better sustainable environment.



Year 9B1 students checking the health of the Cooks River



Our students working with Banksmeadow from the lower eastern suburbs



Randwick boys on future visions for the Cooks River



Our students conducting a survey in the community about the state of the Cooks River



Year 9B1 students checking the health of the Cooks River

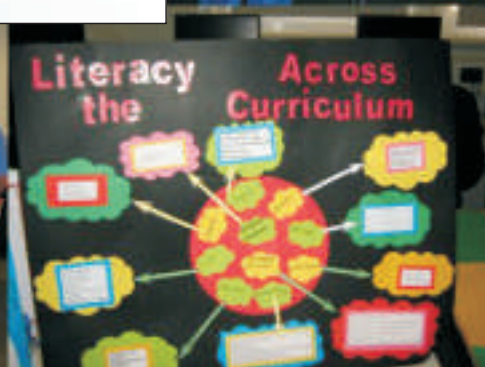
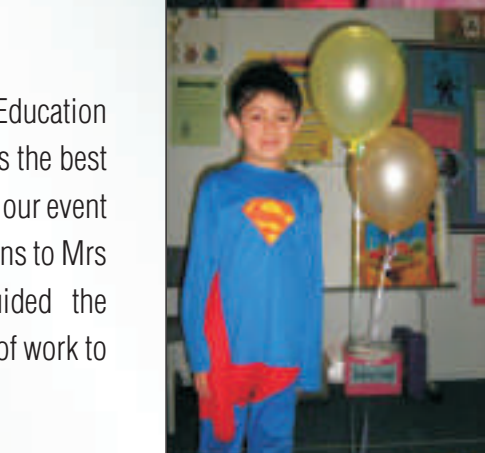


LITERACY, NUMERACY & VALUES EDUCATION FORUM

We had a wonderful Literacy and Numeracy Values Education Forum on Thursday 6th September. It was wonderful to see so many parents enjoying the various events through the morning. We are proud of the wonderful work being done by our students across the school. These are some of the activities involved in the day.

- Junior Primary Book Week Parade
- Year 5 Boys Anti Bullying Song
- School Choir Performance
- Year 9 Girls Snow White Performance
- Year 11 Video Storyboards incorporating Values and Oral Literacy
- Year 11 Sort Stories depicting the Values

One of the guests Mary Hudson who oversees Values Education across schools in South Australia said our forum was the best one she had attended and that she wants to document our event as a resource for other schools. Special congratulations to Mrs Hanan Dallah and Mrs Julia Abdelale who guided the development of our forum and put in a great amount of work to ensure it success.





OFFICIAL OPENING

The Islamic College of South Australia is enjoying a brand new library, new staff amenities and four new classrooms in the two story building.

The Commonwealth Government provided funding toward these renovations and also funding toward creating two new computer rooms.

The students and staff are enjoying our new facilities. Our Year 12 School captain Aise Sert gave a lovely speech saying how grateful and proud the students are of our new facilities.

The facilities were officially opened by Senator Mary Jo Fisher, Senator for South Australia on 23rd August. The day was a great success. Many parents and members of our community were present along with our year 12 students. Our college choir sang the National Anthem and the College Song.



YEAR 9 STUDENTS

In today's society I think the media is portraying the wrong message about our religion and cultures. As for me (I wear the scarf), it is very hard to go a week or a month without someone giving me weird stares, as if I'm an alien. From my point of view the media is advertising the wrong message about Muslims, even though Australia is supposed to be a multicultural country. It is mainly because of the prejudice comments that 'Arabs' are always involved in fights. If it weren't for the media advertising that every Muslim that they see are terrorists, then this country would be a peaceful place. As for me 'I am half Egyptian and half Aussie, if people harass me because I look Arab or because I wear a 'cloth' on my head, what can I do?

As I am a growing teenager this is going to affect the way I live and all the other teens not just Muslims but other young people that have different beliefs. It is because of that the Australians have the wrong impression of us even before they know who we really are.

Khadijah Elchalakani, 13 - Islamic College of South Australia

The thing that worries me the most is the fact people judge by assumptions, not facts. People should know that you can't judge by looks but you can by actions. For example, a Muslim would be perceived as a terrorist because of the "assumptions" people make across the globe. People are judging by thoughts and influences.

Despite the fact groups are pleading to the world that they mean 'no harm,' people are still portraying them as what they are perceived not what the facts display. My opinion is that the world can be unified once people act on the facts and not on the accusations. Just talk to a Muslim and see what they are really like!

Adam Perotta, Year 9 - Islamic College of South Australia

It's hard living in a country, where the media labels people who practice their Islamic faith as "terrorists." I don't pay much attention to it any more. I am frightened to walk in the streets sometimes especially to and from school. Even though Australia claims to be a multicultural country, it still has its issues towards Muslims. As a teenager I don't worry about what the outside world has to say, and what they think, I still practice my religion the best way I can.

I respect all other religions and accept what they say, so why can't others be the same?

Mosab Osman, Year 9 - Islamic College of South Australia

YEAR 6 GIRLS

The year 6 girls have learnt to write Japanese Haiku poetry and here are some for you to enjoy:

The garden flowers
gracefully blow in the breeze
side by side they talk. **(Daleelah)**

Red cherry blossoms
look so very beautiful
in the golden sun. **(Fazilat)**

Cherries shining red
hanging, swinging in the tree
how tasty they look. **(Kareema)**

Blossoms and flowers
as peaceful as paradise
waving in the air. **(Dilek)**





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APPEAL FOR DARWIN ISNT BUILDING PROJECT - Building Project DON'T MISS IT !!! DON'T MISS OUT TO DONATE DURING RAMADHAAAN !!!

15 Sep 2007

Dear Brothers and sisters,

Assalaamu alaikkum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakatuhu.

Since 2003, Islamic Society of Northern Territory was trying to construct new building comprising Community hall / Madharasa, Janaza Room, Imam's Office and Imam's residence. Accordingly plans were prepared and submitted to local government for a 2 storied building. Because of non-availability of local funding and other building regulations we couldn't get approval for a 2 storey Building. Hence the plans were revised for a single storey building without Imam's residence and Alhamdhulillah we got approval during August 2007 for a single storey building.

The works now include the Community Hall, Janaza Room, Imam's office & Library Room, Visitors Room with basic amenities of Toilet & Bath rooms and Car park facilities. The total cost of the building project with a least minimum car park is about \$745k at this moment. To achieve this noble goal, ISNT had approached all funding agencies from NT and Federal governments. Alhamdhulillah we are proud to say that we got approval for about \$ 579k from the above funding agencies. We are thankful to them.

However to complete this gracious project **we are in short of \$166k** which would be a little bit tough task as it is not realistic to hope that all required funds would be raised locally, as Darwin is a small Community.

In this regard, ISNT would appeal to all of you to take an active role in this Amaal for establishing this project successful in the City of Darwin. May Allah S.W.T will reward you and your family for this good deed. **Donations could be made directly to the following account.**

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Allah, the Most High said: "Those who spend their wealth by Night and Day, in secret and in public, shall have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear nor shall they Grieve." [Al-Baqarah: 274]

Wassalaam

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MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN BRUMBY



I am honoured by this opportunity to send my greetings to the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils and the readers of Muslims Australia on the occasion of holy Ramadan, observed by Islamic communities throughout the world.

In the fast of Ramadan the symbolism inherent in the very real abstinence from food, drink and all indulgences between the hours of dawn and sunset is the unspoken Muslim message of self-sacrifice for the benefit of others less fortunate than oneself.

Ramadan offers participants not only spiritual comforts but also social benefits as Muslims and their guests gather to break the fast, strengthening the bonds of family, of friends and of community.

In another sense, Ramadan is also a vivid expression of the remarkable cultural, linguistic and religious diversity that is evident in every aspect of our society: in big and small business, in local, state and federal politics, and everything from media, marketing and music to fashion, travel and sport.

What's more, multiculturalism and the many distinctive community commemorations, celebrations and invitations to join in has opened our hearts, expanded our minds, broadened our perspectives and provided us with the Australian way of life we all enjoy and the inclusive values my Government proudly stands for.

Multiculturalism is in fact a national reality and migrant and refugee communities continue to contribute in countless ways to our economic, educational, cultural and social development.

With your assistance, my Government remains committed to breaking down barriers of ignorance and prejudice that mar Victoria's otherwise remarkable multicultural success. We know that there is no inherent conflict between being a Muslim and being a Victorian.

I commend the membership of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils on its policy of reaching out to non-Muslims and fostering a better understanding of Victoria's remarkable cultural, linguistic and religious diversity among all Victorians.

HON. JOHN BRUMBY MP

Premier of Victoria



MESSAGE FROM MUFTI OF AUSTRALIA

SHEIKH FEHMI NAJI IMAM



Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu

My dearest brothers & sisters in Islam,

It is with the Grace and Mercy of Allah SWT that Muslims have had the opportunity to fulfil one of the pillars of Islam by fasting during this holy month of Ramadan and reap numerous rewards from Allah SWT. We farewell, Ramadan, with some sadness, we are more cognisant of our brothers and sisters who have so little, most of the time. Let us make a pledge InshaAllah for the coming days and months to set aside a little of our time and resources for those less fortunate in our global community.

May Allah SWT accept all our fasting, prayers and good deeds.

We can continue seeking Allah SWT blessings and reward by observing the following, InshaAllah.

Ayyub (Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him, his family, and companions) said, “Whoever fasts Ramadan and follows it with six days from Shawwal it is as if they fasted the entire year. Whoever does a good deed shall have ten times its reward.” [*Muslim, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, and Ibn Majah; Ahmad transmitted it from Jabir, Muntaqa*]

It gives me immense pleasure to wish all Muslims a joyous Eid-ul Fitr and InshaAllah may the gifts of Allah be plentiful in our lives to share. We also pray for recognition of social justice values and human dignity, for peace, prosperity in Australia and throughout the world.

Kul Aam Wa Antum bi Khair,

Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Baraktuhu.

Sheikh Fehmi Naji Imam
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