

# ICOM INSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of Islamic College Of Melbourne*



**IN THIS ISSUE:** Important information for parents, STEM Week, RU OK Day, Updates from the ICOM Library, Foundation Clubs & more!

## Principal's Message



*Assalamualaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh.*

Dear parents and students,

I hope all parents, students and the ICOM community are well, and everyone is keeping safe Insha'Allah. Even though the majority of Term 3 was conducted online, it has been a successful term packed with lots of activities, events and initiatives Alhamdulillah.

The whole school community was looking forward to the College's annual Quran Awards night to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of our students and enhance their love for the book of Allah SWT. Due to the lockdown, we were not able to hold this special night. However, we still wanted to celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements and hard work especially the great effort they put for the competition. Therefore, the Quran Awards, plaques, gifts and money envelopes were delivered to students' houses.

A big thank you and Jazakom Allah Khairan is due here to: 1. Teachers and support staff of the Quran departments who put in an outstanding effort to make this event a success 2. Our dear parents who supported the students and instilled in them the love for Quran and 3. Our superstar students who tried their best and did the most honourable of all tasks: Read and memorise the verses of the everlasting miracle of Prophet Mohammed PBUH, the glorious Quran. And remember, with the Quran, everyone is a winner. The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, will receive one good deed as ten good deeds like it."

In week 10 of Term 3, the College celebrated STEM Week. Students in both Primary and Secondary schools enjoyed and participated in activities, videos, quizzes, events and much more to enhance their curiosity in the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Another significant event that we had this term was R U OK Week, which provided an opportunity for students and staff to check up on each other. There were a number of activities held for students and it was great to see the number of students participating and wearing their yellow outfits and changing their backgrounds throughout online learning.

On Friday, 17 September, students supported their favourite AFL team by wearing their team's colours. Parents were informed over Class Dojo of the event and students participated in AFL activities during their PE lessons.

With the final stages of enrolments for 2022, the College held the Information Session for new Foundation students earlier this term. Early next term, there will be another Information Session for the new students enrolling for Year 1 to Year 12 in 2022. These information sessions provide parents with insight into the College, including important information in relation to practices, policies, procedures and the curriculum.

Finally, the second Parent/Teacher Interviews for the year has been scheduled for Thursday, 23 September. All parents were asked to book their interviews with Teachers through the new parent portal, SEQTA Engage. Alhamdulillah, many parents were able to book, and a great number of teachers are fully booked for the day. Attending these interviews provides an opportunity for parents to follow up on their child's progress and agree with the teachers on strategies for improvement.

I would like to thank our parents, students and staff for the hard work they have put in to ensure that our student's learning is not deeply affected by the pandemic. Your efforts to ensure that your child and students continue to learn the best in this difficult situation is something we should all be proud of. Insha'Allah next term, with the road map set in place by the state government, we will see all students return to onsite learning.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday and insha'Allah I get to see you all next term.

**Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine**  
*College Principal*

## Important Reminders

- If your child will not be returning in 2022, please submit a **Student Withdrawal Form** to the Administration office by emailing it to [admin@icom.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@icom.vic.edu.au).
- Please ensure you inform the College if your personal details have changed, including emergency contact numbers, phone numbers and addresses.
- Parents are reminded to check up on their child's learning at home. The College has noticed a number of students regularly absent or missing from zoom sessions.
- A reminder for when students return to on-site learning that in Term 4 we switch to the summer uniform. This includes wearing the school hat.

## Lost Property

We have many uniform items in Lost Property at the College.

Parents can access the ICOM lost property area before or after school during gate opening times via Gate 3 once we return to onsite learning.



# ICOM Enrolment Information

Unfortunately, due to the number of students currently enrolled at the Islamic College of Melbourne, the College will only be accepting expressions of interest from students wishing to enrol in Years 1–12.

Parents who submit an expression of interest form will be contacted as soon as possible if a place becomes available.

## Foundation Enrolments

2021/2022 Foundation Enrolments are now closed (closed 20/5/2021).

2023 Foundation Enrolments are now open (closing 6/4/2022).

## Year 1–6 Enrolments

2021, 2022 & 2023 Expressions of Interest for Year 1–6 are closed. (closed 20/5/2021)

2024 Year 2–6 Enrolments will open on 7/5/2022. (closing on 5/4/2023)

## Year 7–12 Enrolments

2021 & 2022 Expressions of Interest for Year 7–12 are closed (closed 20/5/2021).

2023 Expressions of Interest for Year 7–12 are now open (closing 6/4/2022).

## Year 11 IB Diploma Programme Enrolments

2021 Expressions of Interest for International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme Enrolments are closed (closed 20/5/2021).

2022 Expressions of Interest for International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme Enrolments are now open (closing 15/10/2021).

2023 Expressions of Interest for International Baccalaureate® Diploma Programme Enrolments are now open (closing 6/4/2022).

## Secondary Accelerated Program (SAP) Enrolments

2021 & 2022 Expressions of Interest for Secondary Accelerated Program (SAP) Enrolments are closed (closed 20/5/2021).

2023 Expressions of Interest for Secondary Accelerated Program (SAP) Enrolments are now open (closing 6/4/2022).

Foundation  
2023

DOWNLOAD  
Enrolment Form



Y7-12  
2023

DOWNLOAD  
Expression of Interest Form



IB DP  
2022

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Expression of Interest Form



IB DP  
2023

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SAP  
2023

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Expression of Interest Form



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# Stranger Danger – A message to all Parents

Here are some tips you can give to young children to help them stay safe from strangers:

- Strangers are people you don't know. Most strangers are good people. But you don't have to always trust or believe an adult.
- If a stranger wants to talk to you, always check with your parents first.
- Strangers may make up stories or offer treats to make you go with them. Never go with a stranger – no matter what they say. Never, ever, get in a car with a stranger.
- If you are on your own, always stay somewhere busy and well-lit where other people can see you.
- Make sure your parents or carers always know where you are.
- Sometimes you might need to talk to a stranger for help, for example if you are lost. Look for a mum with children or go into a shop, police station, service station, library or school.
- If someone is following you or grabs you, scream for help as loud as you can. Shout 'Go away, I don't know you' so other people will understand.

**More information: [www.safety4kids.com.au](http://www.safety4kids.com.au)**

**Safety 4 Kids**

**Safety Zone**

- [Road Safety](#)
- [Stranger Danger](#)
- [Bullying](#)
- [Pool Safety](#)
- [Internet Safety](#)

**Resources**

- ★ [Daniel Morcombe Foundation](#)
- ★ [Kids and Traffic](#)
- ★ [Kids Helpline](#)
- ★ [Lifeline](#)

Select a topic to view our stranger danger tips!

**S.M.A.R.T**  
Strangers in Cars  
Yell & Tell  
Know a Safe Zone

When Playing Outside  
Using a Computer  
Using the Phone

Gifts from Strangers  
When at Home  
Care for Your Friends

## Primary R U OK Day

Recently ICOM ran its annual R U OK Day along with Primary running two R U OK Day competitions. Students were able to dress up in yellow, learn about how to have important conversations with each other and learn how to check in with themselves and their friends.

We ran art and writing competitions across all of Primary and year Level winners took home some awesome gift cards!

Our themes for the art competition were;

Foundation to Year 2: Draw an act of kindness or caring.

Year 3 to Year 6: Draw your Wellbeing Superhero!

Our themes for the writing competition were;

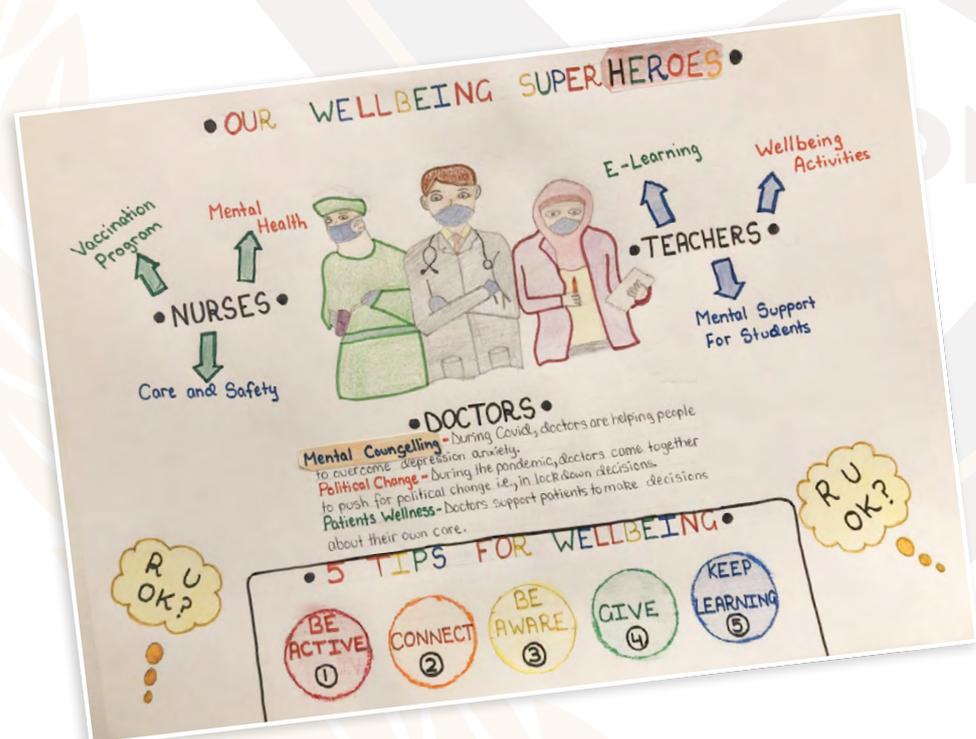
Foundation to Year 2: Record an R U OK Day message for your class.

Year 3 to Year 6: Write a story about an act of kindness or a persuasive text about student wellbeing.

R U OK Day will continue to be an important date on the ICOM calendar and we look forward to having an even bigger event in 2022.

**Mr Danny Gray**

Head of Primary Student Services



## Important Dates

**24 September 2021**

AFL Grand Final  
Public Holiday

**5 October 2021**

Admin Office Reopens for  
Term 4

**5 October 2021**

VCE General  
Achievement Test (GAT)

**12 October 2021**

All Students Commence  
Term 4

**27 October 2021**

VCAA Exams Commence

**2 November 2021**

Melbourne Cup  
Public Holiday

**3 December 2021**

Report Writing Day  
(Student free day)

**6 December 2021**

2022 Primary  
Orientation Day

**6 December 2021**

2022 Year 7-12 Transition  
Week Commences

**9 December 2021**

Last day of Term 4 for  
Foundation Students

**10 December 2021**

Last day of Term 4 for  
students (Year 1-12)

**20 December 2021**

Admin Office Closes for  
Term 4 & 2021

# Primary STEM Week

***Alhamdulillah we have made it to the end of Term 3!***

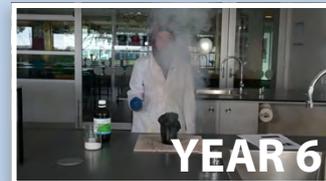
As you know this week at ICOM we celebrated STEM Week which is an important week on our calendar.

Although an important week, STEM is a core part of the ICOM curriculum and an important asset for our students to have as they progress in their studies. This year ICOM recorded videos for each year level and we thought this would be a great opportunity to share those videos with parents and students so you can watch and perhaps have a go at some of them over the holidays!

**Click the videos to watch Primary STEM Experiments!**



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If you have a go at any experiments over the holiday's feel free to upload a photo on your Class Dojo Portfolio so we can check out your STEM skills!

We also wanted to pass on some great resources for parents who want to encourage their child's STEM skills over the holiday period. These experiments can easily be done at home and with materials I'm sure you have around the house!

**EXPERIMENT 1**

**EXPERIMENT 2**

**EXPERIMENT 3**

**EXPERIMENT 4**

We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday as ICOM gears up for Term 4!

**Mr Danny Gray**

*Head of Primary Student Services*

## Secondary Wellbeing Deliveries

On Friday, August 20th, to give our Year 12 students a boost through week 7, we delivered Wellbeing Care Packs to the homes of all of our Year 12 students.

*"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient."*

- Steve Maraboli



## **Covid-19 Resources & Helpful Links**

**Latest Federal Updates on Covid-19 (Updated regularly):**

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

**Victorian Government DHHS Twitter page (Updated regularly):**

<https://www.twitter.com/vicgovdhhs>

**Covid-19 Government Home Safety Plan**

<https://t2m.io/home-safety-plan>

**ICOM COVID-19 Wellbeing Pack:**

<https://www.t2mio.com/icomwellbeing>

**Mental Health Support for those in Isolation:**

<https://www.t2mio.com/covid-mentalhealth>

**Official Victorian Government Key Updates and support:**

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/>

**Covid-19 Information for older Australians:**

<https://www.t2mio.com/covid-elderly>

**Information on Covid-19 Vaccines for Australians**

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines>

**Covid-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker**

<https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>



# Primary Library News

The ICOM Library is empty without all of our wonderful students and staff. We hope to see you all soon, back in the ICOM Library. We have been busy stamping, putting stickers, cataloguing and contacting the 4,000 new take home reader books. A reminder to read every day as it increases knowledge. It is fantastic to see that students are borrowing books and using the amazing ICOM Library. If you borrowed books from the ICOM Library rest assured it has been renewed for you until you come back in Term 4 Insha'Allah.

Please make sure you return books into the return chute not back onto the shelves.

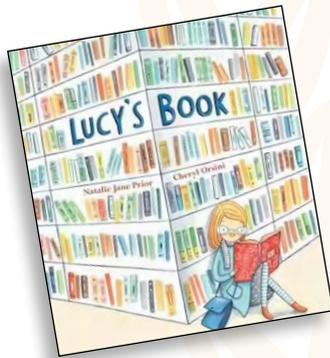
Before the lockdown, we had the opportunity to create an ICOM Library Committee Volunteer group. They are the amazing 13 hard-working and fantastic Year 6 students. Mrs. Haifa has trained them in library duties and they know some of the behind the scenes of the ICOM Library. These include organising the books on the shelves, stamping, putting stickers and contacting books. Thank you so much for your amazing assistance. Insha'Allah that one day you all become teacher librarians.

We also had the Hajj Week displays and activities. Students enjoyed these fun activities. It is great to see that students are answering the library quiz questions every week with their teacher. Primary students receive ClassDojo points for the correct answers.

**Jazak'Allah Kheiraan and Thank you.**

**Ms Haifa Atatreh**

*Primary Teacher Librarian*

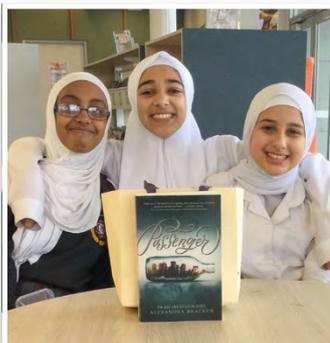


## Featured Book: Lucy's Book

**Author:** Natalie Jane Prior    **Date published:** 2017

Lucy's mum takes her to the library. Lucy loves to read, but there is one special book that she borrows over and over again. The book is read by everyone. But what will happen when everyone's favourite book goes missing? Watch it online to listen/ read the book to find out what happens in the story. You can find this book in the picture book section. Which letter would it be under? It will be under the letter 'P', the first letter of the the author's surname.

[Watch Lucy's Book on YouTube here!](#)



ICOM Students spending time in the Library, the Hajj Week display.

## Secondary Library News



Unfortunately, this term, in line with the current State Government lockdown guidelines, the ICOM library has had to operate without the presence of our most valuable resource – our students.

Despite the Term 3 lockdown, the library staff have been busy on site ensuring that the library will be in full operation the moment student's return.

Amongst the activities that have been undertaken has been the introduction of study carrels into the Year 12 study rooms, which will allow students to focus on their studies without interruption from those students sitting around them.



ICOM Library Volunteers Committee with Ms Haifa.

Another really positive note in Term 3 at the library has been the number of students contacting the library to receive assistance in accessing articles from the library databases. The ICOM library now has a range of top tier academic databases, such as JSTOR, World Book Encyclopedia, etc., that are all available through accessing the Library website. Please remember that library staff are more than happy to take email queries to help students with their database research.

It is also great to see that students are answering the library quiz questions every week with their teacher. Secondary students receive House points for their correct answers.

**Mr George Demetrios**  
*Head Teacher Librarian*

# Commission for Children and Young People: New Child Safe Standards Resources

New Child Safe Standards are coming to better protect children and young people from abuse. The Victorian Government has announced that the new Standards will commence on 1 July 2022, giving organisations time to plan, prepare and comply. Follow the links below to find out about the new changes to the Child Safe Standards, Frequently Asked Questions and an overview of the New Child Safe Standards.

**Follow the links below:**

**[New Child Safe Standards Information Sheet](#)**

**[New Child Safe Standards FAQ](#)**

**[Overview of the New Child Safe Standards  
\(What's New\)](#)**

**[What's Changing  
\(Comparison of the old and New Child Safe Standards\)](#)**



# ICOM YouTube Channel

Click here to subscribe to the Islamic College of Melbourne YouTube Channel or feel free to browse through 9 of our most recent YouTube videos below, click the images to view the videos through YouTube directly.

*Subscribing to the ICOM YouTube channel with notifications on will allow you to receive helpful notifications from YouTube whenever we upload a new Islamic College of Melbourne Video.*



Primary STEM Week  
Magic Milk Experiment



Welcome to Secondary STEM Week



Welcome to Hajj Week 2021 @ ICOM



ICOMTalks Podcast #1 - Faith, Knowledge  
and Success during the lockdown



Ramadan Reminder 2021  
Secondary Quran and Islamic Studies Dept



ICOMTalks Episode 4  
Obstacles at school & the right Mindset



ICOM Primary Arabic Week



Welcome Back to our Primary students  
for Term 4!



2020 ICOM Quran Competition  
Secondary Highlights & Winners



## ICOM's annual Student Literature magazine, *Stylus*.

Available digitally via [issuu.com](https://issuu.com) or collect a printed copy from the ICOM Admin Office.

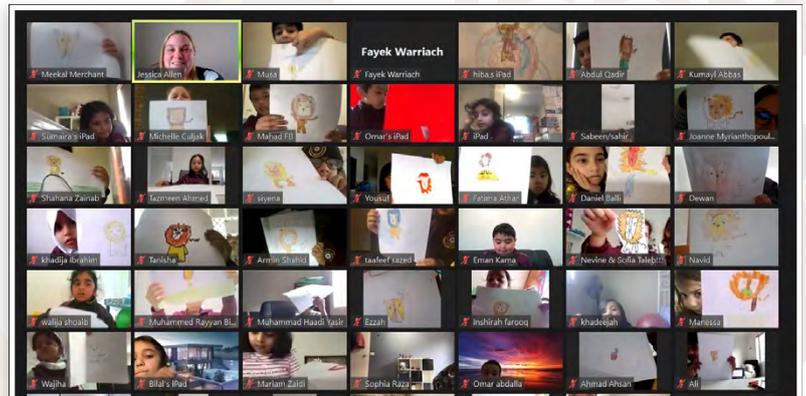
[READ IT HERE](#)

# Foundation Clubs

During remote learning, Foundation students have had the opportunity to participate in drawing club via Zoom. On Wednesday afternoons, we have enjoyed learning how to draw and make different items. So far we have learnt how to draw a koala, a lion, an elephant, create a three-dimensional snake, a dolphin, a crab and a fish. We even learnt some interesting facts about the animals we have created together. It has been great fun seeing the wonderful masterpieces that Foundation students have created along the way.

**Ms Jessica Allen**

*Foundation Behaviour Coordinator*



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