

ICOM INSIDER

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WHAT A WONDERFUL TERM 2: 2022 Annual Quran Competition Awards, Hajj Week, Secondary Arabic Week, Eid Festival, Primary Literacy Week, Character Day & much more!

Principal's Message



Assalamualaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh.

Dear parents and students,

As always, the final day of Term 2 for Primary students was Character Day, a fun-filled day full of bonus Literacy Week activities where students are permitted to dress as their favorite storybook character and take part in a special morning parade.

This year's theme was 'Dreaming with Eyes Open' with the College gym being transformed into a space that would usually only exist beyond the clouds. The perfect way to connect Literacy Week with fun and togetherness, our students had an amazing time capping off the term with style!

Famous authors such as Deborah Abela & Michael Salmon took part in fantastic incursions at the College while The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company put on an amazing show for our Foundation to Year 3 students in the ICOM Library.

In Week 9, we celebrated Hajj Week in both Primary and Secondary Schools. Students were absolutely thrilled to enter our newly transformed Assembly area, housing dozens of Hajj themed activities with our replica Kaaba with black stone taking center stage.

Students enjoyed very special assemblies with insightful speeches into the Hajj ritual and benefits, with some of our Senior Secondary students appearing riding camels, making a grand entrance before making their way to perform Tawaf.

The camel rides continued as all of our Senior Primary & Secondary students were able to experience what it feels like to ride one of these amazing animals. We had 8 Australian camels on College grounds, with Junior Primary students also able to visit the camels learning all about these symbolic & unique animals.

The Islamic College of Melbourne recently held its Annual Quran Competition Awards Night, celebrating all of our students across Primary & Secondary who memorise, recite & excel at their Quranic studies. It was an evening like no other, with performances and celebrations rivalling many of our other large-scale events. All of our super-star students and dedicated teaching staff & parents in attendance made this special ceremony truly incredible.

This year, our Primary & Secondary competitions were more extensive than ever with specific competitions for our general Primary & QAP students with new categories for Secondary students including a Short Khutba/Islamic Speech category and Azan category.

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said 'Allah has His own people among mankind.' The companions said: 'O Messenger of Allah, who are they?' He said: 'The people of the Qur'an, the people of Allah and those who are closest to Him.' SubhanAllah, what a great honour to achieve.

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Principal's Message (Continued)

Events held at ICOM are all part of the wholesome educational experience provided at the College for our students. With the number of enrolments received this year, it is clear that parents and members of the community highly regard ICOM as a quality place of education for their children.

With many families going on holidays this term break, I would like to remind parents that attendance is more important than ever. ICOM has a strong stance on students' attendance as mentioned on the Enrolment form, Enrolment Policy, Attendance Policy and covered thoroughly in the Principal's compulsory info session. We believe that the right place for the student is in class at school especially after the disrupted learning for students over the past 2 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the dangers of social media and to talk to your children about them.

Most popular social media platforms are completely free. If students have access to an electronic device, these platforms are available at their fingertips. This ease of access makes it difficult to know exactly where students are socialising online, as well as why and how they are using the various platforms.

On a lighter note, many parents have purchased their children's school photos and have already received them. Should parents still like to buy their child's photo, please contact National Photography directly. You can email them at info@nationalphotography.com.au or by calling them on [\(03\) 9428 9420](tel:0394289420).

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break. Eid Mubarak and see you all back on 19 July 2022 for another engaging term at ICOM.

Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine
College Principal

2022 Primary Character Day Parade.



Primary: Character Day

As always the final day of Term 2 for Primary students is Character Day, a fun-filled day full of bonus Literacy Week activities where students are permitted to dress as their favorite storybook character and take part in a special morning parade.

Primary Literacy Week continues to grow each year as we plan more and more specific activities for our Primary students. This year we held fundraising events, special incursions with performers and children's authors visiting the college, fairytale readings at recess & lunchtimes and as mentioned, finished the week with an incredible assembly & parade where the College Principal Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine read a very special book in front of all Primary students.

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Primary Students dressed to impress this year, with our 2022 Character Day theme being 'Dreaming With Eyes Open'.

Photos: Primary Character Day



Our Character Day Parade for 2022 saw our gym transformed into a cloudy dreamscape.

Photos: Primary Character Day



Primary students spent their recess and lunch times posing for photos and comparing costumes.

Year 1: Beyond Glass Incursion

On Tuesday the 7th of June The Year 1 Ctudents participated in an incursion called Beyond Glass.

The students also had the option to dress up as a scientist for the day!

During the incursion, Year 1 Students learnt about the different materials and properties of glass. They learnt about where glass comes from and how it's made. Students explored how light behaves with glass, lenses and other scientific equipment. Students then made their own sustainable & biodegradable glasslike to take home. What an educational experience the Year 1 Students had!

Ms Aida El Haouli
Year 1 Team Leader



A different incursion for our Year 1 students, they learnt all about the properties of glass as part of their Science studies.

Primary: PE Semester 1

2022 has kicked off with a semester full of events and activities in the Health and P.E department.

In Term 1 we continued our annual the tradition of our popular Athletics Carnival. As the school grew in size and numbers, so did the event, providing our students with more and more opportunities to engage in fun, challenging activities. Students spent Term 1 preparing for the events during their P.E classes which included a few new novelty events.

The other two major event in the PE calendar for Semester 1 were the Summer and Winter Gala day interschool sport competitions. Both our boys and girls represented the college against other schools in the local area. They competed in Cricket, Football and Soccer. Our students demonstrated a strong and healthy desire to win. They behaved respectfully towards others and were exemplary ambassadors of the College and the faith of Islam. The college is proud of their achievement.

The PE program continues to grow and develop as we look to provide more and more opportunities for our students to improve their physical literacy and movement skills. This semester students were also guided by external instructors who were specialists in their field. We were fortunate to host an expert in Badminton, who conducted sessions for our upper primary students while the younger year levels participated in Football clinics with a representative from the AFL. As we move into Semester 2, the PE program will continue to provide value to your children learning. We will continue to promote an active and healthy lifestyle for your children. The interschool sports program will offer more events and our health lessons will support the well-being component of their education.

Mr Demitrios Sirilas

Primary Health & PE Department



Primary students taking part in various PE activities throughout Semester 1.

Important Reminders

- Re-enrolment forms were sent out. If your child/ren will continue in 2023, please ensure you complete the form and return it to accounts, along with the payment by Friday, 22 July 2022.
- If your child is absent, please contact the College to advise us of the reason. Parents can do this by informing the Administration Office.
- Parents are reminded to install SEQTA Engage to access important messages sent from the College.
- Parents are reminded that if your child is sick, they should remain at home. Should a child present with flu symptoms in the sick bay, parents will be contacted to collect their child.
- Please ensure you are updated on any schools' policies, in particular the uniform policy and restorative behaviour policy. All policies and important information can be found on the parent portal, Seqta Engage.

Closing dua, 2022 Quran Competition Awards Night.



Important Dates

19 July 2022

Students' First Day of
Term 3

26 July 2022

Secondary
Careers Expo

1-5 Aug 2022

Primary
Arabic Week

22-26 Aug 2022

Secondary Literacy &
Humanities Week

7 Sept 2022

General Achievement
Testing (GAT)

16 Sept 2022

Footy Day

19-21 Sept 2022

STEM Week

21 Sept 2022

Students' Last Day of
Term 3

22 Sept 2022

Parent Teacher
Interviews

22 Sept 2022

STEM Fair

23 Sept 2022

AFL Grand Final
Public Holiday

11 Oct 2022

Students' First Day of
Term 4

Primary students during their Badminton training in Term 2.



Foundation: Community Helpers

In Humanities this term our Foundation students have been learning about 'Community'. We have explored important places and people that contribute to our community. On Friday the 10th of June, the Foundation students took part in 'Community Helpers Day'.

Students dressed up as a range of community helpers, including veterinarians, teachers, doctors, builders, fire fighters and more. Our Year 12 students also hosted a presentation, where they dressed as community helpers too while Dr. Abdul spoke to the Foundation students about the importance of helping our community.

Ms Aya Ibrahim
Foundation Teacher



Dressing up and getting involved in this wonderful activity was so exciting for our Foundation students.

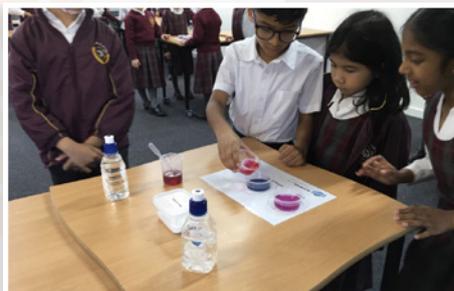
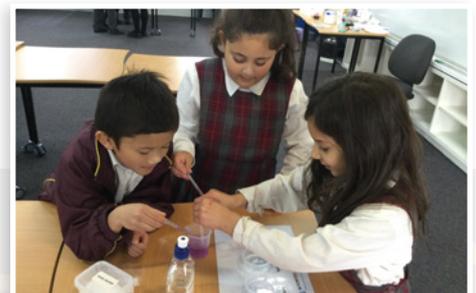
Year 2: Kitchen Chemistry Incursion

During Term 2 the Year 2 Students have been exploring everyday mixtures and their uses in Science.

As part of this unit, students participated in a Science incursion called 'Kitchen Chemistry' on the 17th and 18th of May.

This fun food workshop challenged the students to think about every day food in a whole new way! The students experimented with a variety of food-based chemicals, and even got to make and take home a bag of sweet, tongue tingling sherbet!

Ms Ghiwa El Hawly
Year 2 Teacher Teacher



Our Kitchen Chemistry incursion allowed students to mix familiar liquids and materials found in the home to create something new.

Foundation: Inflatable World

On the 24th and 25th of May the Foundation students visited Inflatable World!

The students and teachers had a fabulous time practicing various movement skills gained during PE class. The students also spent the day building their resilience, independence and risk-assessment skills. Many students made new friends from different classes and bonded with their teachers as staff also took part in many of the games and activities, jumping on the inflatable play areas! This was our first excursion of the year, the students are looking forward to many more exciting experiences outside of school.

Ms Aya Ibrahim

Foundation Teacher



Inflatable World put great big smiles on our Foundation students' faces as they bounced and played together safely.

Secondary: Plain English Speaking Awards

On Friday 27th May, Nosayba Aljibaly of Year 10 and our College Captain Maryam Al-Gburi participated in the Plain English-Speaking Award (PESA) Competition Heats at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

This competition is for students aged 15-18 years. It provides an excellent opportunity for students to build self-confidence and extend their skills in oral communication, speech writing and research.

Both students delivered inspiring speeches that were well received by the judges and audience. The contestants were required to deliver a 5-6-minute speech on a topic of their choosing, and a 2-3-minute impromptu speech for which they only had four minutes to prepare.

Nosayba Aljibaly placed in first position out of the seven participants and will now move on to Regional Finals at Melbourne University. Well done Nosayba and Maryam!



Congratulations to Nosayba Aljibaly & Maryam Al-Gburi on their inspirational speeches that were delivered with great confidence.

Secondary: Hajj Week

To mark the beginning of Hajj Week at ICOM, our Secondary cohort rallied together during a very special assembly this morning.

The assembly was initiated by College Principal, Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine, who gave an insightful speech into the Hajj ritual, its benefits and some of his personal experiences, with our Secondary School Sheikhs Mr Hijazi and Mr Abdulshaheed also addressing students during the assembly.

This assembly became even more memorable when some of our Senior Secondary students appeared riding camels, making a grand entrance before making their way to the Kaaba to perform tawaf.

As part of our Hajj Week activities the camel rides continued as all of our Senior Primary & Secondary students were able to experience what it feels like to ride one of these amazing animals.

We had 8 Australian camels on College grounds, with Junior Primary students also able to visit the camels learning all about these symbolic & unique animals.

The humble camel was the primary mode of transportation used by Muslims for hundreds of years when making the long journey to Hajj, long before cars and other forms of transportation existed.

These domesticated Australian camels can weigh up to 600kg and stand at almost 2 metres tall, however, they're incredibly tame and quite friendly, allowing students of all ages to pat them and have an enjoyable ride to celebrate Hajj Week.



Camel rides were one of the highlights for Secondary Hajj Week this year, their significance in the Hajj Pilgrimage cannot be understated.

Primary: Hajj Week

Spread out over two days, Wednesday the 15th & Thursday the 16th of June, our Primary students are well and truly experiencing Hajj at ICOM, with an incredible amount of detail and preparation going into this year's activities.

Our Primary students were absolutely thrilled to enter our newly transformed Assembly area, housing dozens of Hajj themed activities with our replica Kaaba with black stone taking center stage.

Other activities included a Zamzam water stall, Ramy al-Jamarat and a special Mina tent with calligraphy station & sweets. The day's celebrations ended with a fantastic Hajj Assembly for all Primary students with awards being given to all Hajj Week competition participants, well done to our super-star students!



Our Primary Hajj Week activities were incredible this year, thanks to the spacious College grounds we were able to have many, many activities.

Primary: Ramadan 'My Heroes' Activity

It's well known that most human behaviors are learned through looking up to role models. This highlights the impact of choosing positive role models, for ourselves and our children!

People may admire someone's physique, skills, knowledge, attitude, mindset, or anything else! We admire them, and watch their performances, as a result, it reflects in improving our results. The significant value of having a role model is to get us motivation and inspiration.

People inspire other people, that's why role models are very powerful because they are a source of inspiration. In reality, it's very disappointing when we witness that the people our children admire and imitate are more likely superhero characters, sports, and media celebrities. It is a shock as to how much they love all these people that neither exist nor they know for real.

We all need role models to guide us through our lives, but the best role models are the prophets and what the Quran has to say.

Prophet Muhammed said, "The best of people is my generation, then those who come after them, then those who come after them." The sahabas' differences enrich us and provide us with varieties of choices.

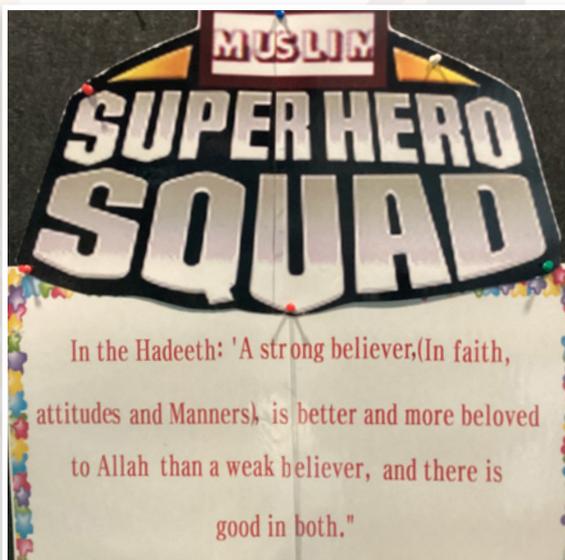
The Ramadan activity aimed to enlighten Senior Primary Quran Department's students, Year 3 to Year 6, to learn from an Islamic perspective how:

- To identify role models from different parts of life!
- To understand and describe what makes a person a role model!
- To distinguish between a hero and a role model!

As a reward, 180 customized and personalized 'My Hero' mugs were created for all students who participated in the activity during Ramadan 2022.

Ms Muna Abubaker

Senior Primary Quran Coordinator



Close to 200 personalised mugs were printed for our students as part of the 'My Heroes' activity.

NAPLAN Testing

During Term 2 our Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students along with 1.2 million other students Australia-wide sat their NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is an assessment program designed to test the literacy and numeracy capabilities of students at various stages of their educational journey.

These standardised tests assess students' reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy and are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN tests are designed to be carried out during the same testing window across Australia. For the first time, apart from the Year 3 writing task, all NAPLAN tests will be taken online as opposed to written this year.

A reminder to all of our superstar students: Remember, there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!



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ICOM Enrolment Information

Please find all information relating to College enrolments below. Parents who submit an Expression of interest (EOI) form will be contacted as soon as possible if a place becomes available.

Foundation Enrolments

2024 Foundation Enrolments are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

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

Year 1–2 Enrolments

Due to the exceedingly high number of students on the waiting list, we are unfortunately unable to offer enrolment opportunities for Years 1 & 2 at this time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year 3–6 Enrolments

2024 Year 3–6 Expressions of Interest are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

2022 & 2023 Expressions of Interest for Year 3–6 are closed (closed 20/5/2021).

Year 7–9 Enrolments

2024 Year 7-9 Expressions of Interest are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

2022 & 2023 Year 7–9 Expressions of Interest are closed (closed 6/4/2022).

Secondary Accelerated Program (SAP) Enrolments

2024 SAP Expressions of Interest are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

2022 & 2023 SAP Expressions of Interest are closed (closed 6/4/2022).

Year 10–12 Enrolments

2024 Year 10-12 Expressions of Interest are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

2023 Year 10-12 Expressions of Interest are now closed (closed 10/6/2022).

Year 11 & 12 IB® Diploma Programme Enrolments

2024 Enrolments for our Year 11 IB® Diploma Programme are now open (closing 6/4/2023).

2023 Enrolments for our Year 11 IB® Diploma Programme are now closed (closed 10/6/2022).

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Foundation
2024
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Year 3–Year 12
2024
EOI Form



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SAP & IB
2024
EOI Form

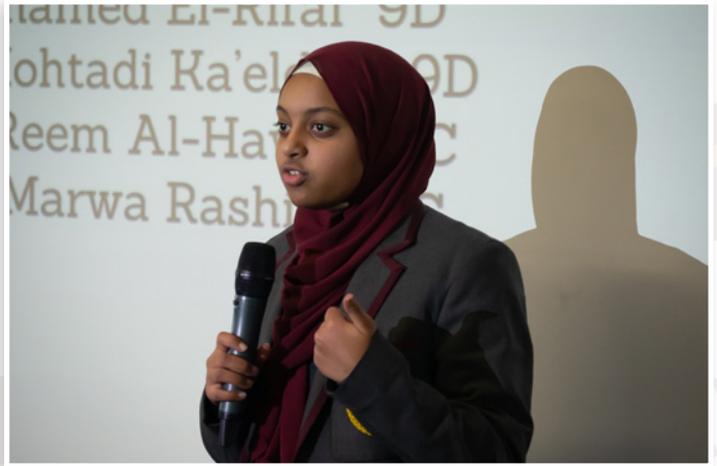


Secondary Arabic Week: Poetry Competition

As part of Secondary Arabic Week which took place during Week 9, our Secondary Arabic Department held what proved to be an amazingly popular Arabic-themed Poetry Competition.

The competition allowed students to showcase their public speaking & performing abilities in front of their peers and teachers. Both the onlookers and the judging panel found this event to be inspiring & entertaining.

Alongside our increasingly strong Secondary Debating program, general public speaking events like this one provide an alternate outlet for students to have their creative voice heard while addressing a larger audience.



A new annual competition, our Secondary students were engaged and all were encouraged to participate.

Primary Literacy Week: Books Make it Better

One of our main focuses for Primary Literacy Week this year was a fundraising effort titled 'Books make it Better'. Driven by our devoted Primary SRC, our Primary students' pre-loved books were collected throughout the weeks leading up to Literacy Week, with all of these amazing book donations being sold during recess & lunch times for a gold coin donation. In total our Primary students raised \$322 which we have donated to Book Aid International, one of the world's leading international book donation and library development charities.

Every year Book Aid International give millions of people the opportunity to read by providing brand new books to thousands of libraries, schools, universities, refugee camps, hospitals and prisons worldwide.

Thank you to all of our Primary students and their families for their donations, it's your continued generosity that enables us to make these amazing donations to worthwhile charities like Book Aid International.



Fundraising efforts are always popular amongst our students who are always eager to support the disadvantaged.

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An enormous event, our 2022 Annual Quran Competition Awards Night brought out the best from our students.

Photos: Quran Competition Awards Night



The event was full of performances from both Primary & Secondary students.

Primary: Quran Competition Winners

Presenting our Primary ICOM Annual Quran Competition winners for the year 2022!

All of our Primary students have done extremely well in their Quranic Studies this year, especially now that we have returned to on-site learning where students can take full advantage of the excellent classes that we have on offer. We commend all of our Primary students for showing extra dedication throughout 2022, it is truly reflected in the results that they have achieved.



Primary: Quran Competition Winners



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Secondary: Quran Competition Winners

Our Secondary ICOM Annual Quran Competition entrants go through countless hours of meticulous preparation during the lead up to their official competition testing. With their Quran teachers always close by to provide feedback and critique, all Secondary students once again showed that perseverance pays off.

The 2022 Secondary winners shine for a number of reasons, some who have naturally excelled from a young age and others who have exhibited significant improvement over their Secondary years only thanks to their own dedication and work ethic in studying the most holy book.

A life long journey which our Secondary students continue to embrace, the teachings of the Holy Quran are endless. Congratulations to all of our Secondary Quran Competition winners for 2022, may Allah reward you!



Secondary: Quran Competition Winners





Primary Library News

Asalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh, ma'sha'Allah how quick was Term 2, 2022 with so many fun and exciting events that happened in the ICOM Library. The Hajj and Literacy week- with the amazing assistance of the LCV and Mrs. Haifa, we conducted fun scavenger hunts during lunchtimes from years 2 to 6. It was great to see the students enjoyed it with great enthusiasm and at the same time learning more about the ICOM Library. Also, Mr. Omer Cancar and Mrs. Haifa had a special scavenger hunt for the year 6E students. It was a delight to see the students' learning to find the answers.

They used the ICOM Library catalogue and books to find the information they needed. The students really enjoyed this amazing experience and learnt deeper about the ICOM Library. Excellent work by all students.

A huge thank you to the ICOM Library Committee Volunteers group who have prepared wonderful bookmarks and activities for students on our Hajj/literacy/ Eid-Al- Adha book display shelf. Students enjoyed completing them.

All ICOM Library books were due on the 15th of June. Please ensure all books are back to avoid a warning letter/library fine. Students can borrow books on the first day back in Term 3, 2022.

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening in the ICOM Library in Term 3. The Ali-gator book fair and the Scholastic book fair will begin on the 28th of August insha'Allah. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Have a wonderful holiday and Eid Mubarak!

Jazak'Allah Kheiraan and Thank you.

Ms Haifa Atatreh

Primary Teacher Librarian



Ms Haifa with students in the Library during Hajj Week.



Primary Library News



Featured Book: Eid al-Adha

Author: Grace Jones **Date published:** 2017

What are you planning to do on Eid-al-Adha? Read this wonderful book explaining Eid al-Adha in our ICOM Library. Also, you can watch this book as a video- how two children celebrate Eid-al-Adha.

[Click here to watch a video of the book on YouTube!](#)



Ms Haifa, with students in the ICOM Library as they enjoy literacy and illustration activities.



Secondary Library News

The end of Term 2 saw ICOM's multicultural school community celebrate the holy month of Ramadan, which the ICOM library highlighted through the creation of a display featuring a wide selection of books from its extensive Islamic section.

Secondary students are encouraged to browse this section of the Library anytime they require texts for either educational or personal purposes, as it contains both fiction and non-fiction reading selections.

With the end of Term 2, the library was also a hive of activity for the secondary students who were either undertaking examinations, completing SACs or preparing assignments. The library staff were impressed with the number of students willing to seek their assistance during this busy time, and we continue to encourage all students in Terms 3 and 4 to seek our help if you need any guidance or advice in the area of resources for your assignments and examination preparation.

Here at ICOM we are fortunate to have such a wonderful hub in the form of our new ICOM Library and all secondary students should seek out its environs when requiring both knowledge and entertainment, whether it be perusing an encyclopaedia, reading a book or seeking silence and solitude for academic purposes.

Wishing all ICOM secondary students a wonderful break and looking forward to seeing everyone again in Term 3!

Mr George Demetrios
Secondary Librarian

Ms Humairaa Suliman
Secondary Library Assistant



After studies are completed, chess & other board games are popular with Secondary students in the ICOM Library.

Secondary: Beyond Year 8 Workshops

Islamic College of Melbourne's Secondary programs, Junior and Senior, are often described as exemplary; these programs are among some of the most strategic, considered & highly valued in the secondary education category.

From the opportunities that we make available for our students to the flexible study arrangements & varied pathways that can be accessed, ICOM is always looking for new ways to improve and build on our Secondary offering.

This week, it was with great honor that our inaugural Beyond Year 8 workshop sessions and official information night were held, with all of our Year 8 students and their parents being invited to take part in special events held by the College.

Year 8 students were involved in a series of workshops to better prepare them for the Senior Secondary studies that await them, with multiple hands-on activities being ran alongside the VET, VCE, IB and SAP stations which continued to give our Year 8 students a feel of what some of their senior secondary subjects will entail.



These developmental workshops aim to prepare our Year 8 students for their Senior Secondary journey, and beyond!.

Secondary: Beyond Year 8 Information Night

Following our Beyond Year 8 student workshops that were held last week, the College invited all parents of Year 8 students to attend the College for a detailed information session to conclude our inaugural Beyond Year 8 event.

The session, hosted by College principal Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine, our Secondary coordinators and talented staff, covered everything that parents need to know regarding their students educational futures including which subjects and courses will be available to Senior Secondary students, potential career pathways & much more.

Thank you to all in attendance especially the ICOM parents who took this extra time to invest in the futures of their children and admirably accompany our students through this transitional period of schooling.



Parents of Year 8 students were invited to the College to attend an information session on the transition into Senior Secondary.

Secondary: 2022 Eid Festival

During our Annual Eid Festival held last Friday our Secondary students also seized the opportunity to participate in the day's events, enjoying many of the larger rides specifically brought onto College grounds for our senior students to engage with and enjoy. We also held a Secondary students VS teachers soccer match which was very competitive, an ICOM tradition which takes place each and every year.

Thank you to all of our superstar Secondary staff who helped organize & plan many of the events, without your efforts our Eid Festival would have simply not been possible.

At ICOM, we believe that celebrating Islamic events is incredibly important for our students' education & wellbeing; this contributes to the exceptional level of education provided here at the College.



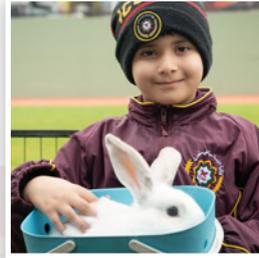
Everyone enjoyed the activities greatly, with many rides being brought onto College grounds just for our Secondary students.

Primary: 2022 Eid Festival

On Friday, 13th of May the College's Annual Eid Festival took place, our biggest celebration to date!

Our Primary students were absolutely overjoyed to take part in all of the activities and festivities that were arranged for them, including many rides, attractions and a petting zoo with many different baby animals including alpacas, rabbits & chickens for our students to care for and enjoy.

Thank you to all of our superstar Primary staff who helped organize this event and make the day what it was, a spectacular effort from all.



The most exciting Eid Festival to date, we spare no expense to make this celebratory day memorable for our students.

Secondary: Counselling Referrals

As Secondary Counsellors at ICOM our objectives are to provide a holistic education approach, by putting forth Islamic counselling services to Secondary students in a manner that is culturally safe, person-centred and confidential.

The Secondary Counselling Team collaborate with staff, students, parents and community agencies in order to enable student's to become critical thinkers, while enhancing their spiritual, emotional, physical and social developmental wellbeing. This is in response to a diverse and complex range of matters. This is addressed through the intention of promoting positive educational engagement and achievements to enable our students to become active, punctual and aspiring Australian Muslim leaders within their future homes, communities, careers and afterlife.

How can you refer a student to a counsellor?

Student Referral

Secondary Students are encouraged to make contact with the Secondary Counsellor voluntarily to seek support, to instil independence and responsibility. Secondary Students can also do this by emailing the Secondary Counsellor (z.shakoor@icom.vic.edu.au), talking to a teacher or visiting the Secondary Counsellor's office to make a session during their free time (recess/lunch). All self-referrals need to adhere to the procedures and forms put in place.

Staff Referral

Staff can complete a referral following the procedures put in place to the counsellors. Thereafter, the Counselling Team will allocate the student to a specific counsellor. In general, allocations will be made based upon the gender of the student.

Parent/Guardian Referral

If someone from home is concerned about the student, the individual can submit a referral to the Counselling Team through the procedures put in place.

The link to refer a student is:

<http://t2m.io/icomrefer>

ICOM YouTube Channel

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ICOMTalks Podcast #4

Basma Alo, Nosayba Aljibaly, Layal El Rifai



ICOMTalks Podcast #3

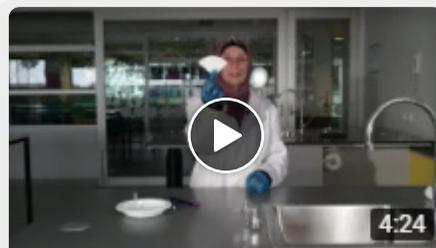
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ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 4: Flame Test



ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 3: Incubators & Conductors



ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 2: Chromatography



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Year 1: Lava Lamps



Primary STEM Week - Magic Milk
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ICOMTalks Podcast #2

Hamza Balali, Khulud Qureshi



Welcome to Hajj Week 2021 @ ICOM

Primary: Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

From 25th – 27th of May, our students went on camp to Sovereign Hill.

At Sovereign Hill, our students were able to experience life during one of the best gold rush era experiences in Australia. Sovereign Hill is a living open-air museum replicating the 1850's Ballarat goldfields.

The students observed and interacted with costumed characters going about daily life in the recreated town. Students panned for gold by the river, watched a gold pouring demonstration, observed how candles and sweets were mad, and explored the Red Hill and Secret Chamber Mines.

The students also viewed the Sovereign Hill's famous nighttime show, Aura- Gold Changes Everything – it is a multi-sensory experience that combines 3D cinema, world-class projections and experiential storytelling to reveal how gold revolutionised Australia. Another great nighttime experience for the students was the Patomime Show, "Blackbeard the Pirate" – a comedic theatre production. For many, this was the first time they had been to a theatre production.



Some captivating photos from our 2022 Year 5 camp to Sovereign Hill.

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Along with all the activities experience at Sovereign Hill, and the over-consumption of the famous boiled lollies, we concluded our trip by visiting our final two destinations:

- The Art Gallery of Ballarat - where students created journals and engaged in understanding artwork using their senses.
- The Eureka Centre where students learned all about the Eureka Stockade and were able to engage in a series of activities and see the famous Eureka Flag.

Alhumdulillah, our camp was successful. Students were able to learn about a historic moment in Australian history and were able to learn about themselves – being away from family. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts as they not only looked after themselves, but they looked after each other and upheld the values of Islam, and the Islamic College of Melbourne.

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