

ICOM INSIDER

The Official Newsletter of Islamic College Of Melbourne



ICOM principal Dr Abdul Kamareddine with Year 11 students Sumaiyya Baloch and Rahemah Danish. CREDIT: SCOTT MCNAUGHTON - THE AGE

THROUGH TERM 3: Annual Careers Expo, Werribee Mansion Excursion, Managing COVID, Interschool Girl's Soccer, Year 9 camp, Year 7 Trip to You Yangs and more!

Principal's Message



Assalamualaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh.

Dear parents, guardians and students,

As we return to another term at ICOM, I pray that you are well, safe and healthy and thank you for your ongoing support.

We ended Term 2 on a great note with the celebration of Primary Literacy Week and Character Day. Primary Literacy Week saw many incursions and events take place at the College which aimed to nurture and encourage our Primary students' passion for reading & writing. Famous authors such as Deborah Abela & Michael Salmon took part in fantastic incursions with us while The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company put on an amazing show for our Foundation-Year 3 students in the ICOM Library.

As usual, Character Day was 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!

In early term 3, we held our annual Careers Expo.

Dozens of representatives from exhibitors including Universities, Government bodies and educational facilitators arrived on-site to inform our Senior Secondary students on potential career pathways and future educational endeavors.

Our Year 9 to Year 12 students had a careers-oriented full day program and parents of Year 9 students attended an exclusive information session. Thank you to all of our exhibitors & staff who made this event incredibly successful.

Primary Arabic Week was another successful week at ICOM, with an enormous amount of new and improved Arabic activities for our Primary students being planned to enhance students' learning of the Arabic language in a fun and engaging way.

With themed Primary assemblies for Year 2-6 students, Arabic Quizzes with prizes, Arabic story-telling scheduled for recess & lunch times and a special Arabic Amazing Race activity for Primary students to participate in.

All of our Primary Arabic Department staff have done a great job in organizing Primary Arabic Week this year, we thank them for all their efforts in making this Primary Arabic Week the very best yet.

This term, Foundation to Year 4 students commenced their gymnastics program. The program runs for weeks and students learn a range of skills from balancing, somersaults and flexibility. Gymnastics is a great way for students to build strength and overcome any fear from trying new skills. It also allows students to have self-confidence and encourages them to set goals and achieve them.

On Tuesday, 16 August, our Foundation students reached a great milestone in their schooling. Foundation students celebrated the 100th day of school. Students dressed up in special homemade t-shirts and had a special assembly at school to commemorate this special day.

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Our Year 9s learnt some vital life experience this term where they all attended and finished a full First Aid course. The year 9s then attended school camps which are a great way for students to develop independence skills, build strong and positive relationships with their classmates and teachers, develop social skills and assist with decision making. During the camp, students participated in a number of team building activities and had an amazing time.

On a more serious note, with the increase of Covid cases in Melbourne, I remind our dear parents that they are responsible to inform the College if there is a positive case in their household. Please directly email nurse@icom.vic.edu.au. Once informing the College, parents are reminded that students who are close contact can still attend school but must complete a negative RAT test every morning before coming to school and must always wear a mask. This will insha'Allah decrease the spread of the new strain amongst the classroom and the teachers at ICOM. Your cooperation in this matter is important to ensure all students, staff and family members at home remain safe and healthy.

On another serious note, parents and students are strongly expected to abide by the instructions of the two designated supervised crossings on Wootten Road for the safety of students walking home or to their parents/carers cars. Please cross only at these areas and while driving, please ensure speed limit of maximum 40km/h is respected during school zone times.

On 1 July 2022, the Victorian Government has announced the new Child Safe Standards to better protect children at home and at school. These standards replace the previous seven standards that were in place. The new standards in effect are:

- Child Safe Standard 1 – Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued
- Child Safe Standard 2 – Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture
- Child Safe Standard 3 – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously
- Child Safe Standard 4 – Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing
- Child Safe Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice
- Child Safe Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice
- Child Safe Standard 7 – Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused
- Child Safe Standard 8 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training

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- Child Safe Standard 9 – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed
- Child Safe Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved
- Child Safe Standard 11 – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

As mentioned in the last issue, most parents have purchased their children's school photos and have already received them. Should parents still like to buy their child's photo, there is instructions on page 9 to order them. If you have any other queries, please contact National Photography directly by email at info@nationalphotography.com.au or by calling them on 03 9428 9420.

Finally, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine
College Principal

College Principal Abdul M. Kamareddine with Year 12 Boys during the ICOM Annual Career Expo, 2022.



ICOM: Annual Career Expo

On Tuesday, the 26th of July, ICOM held its annual Careers Expo for our Secondary Students, Year 9 and up.

By the time our students have graduated Year 12 they would have had the opportunity to have attended 4 of these incredibly invaluable events, equipping them with more than enough experience & knowledge to confidently choose the correct path after their Secondary learning has been completed.

Every year the College invites dozens of exhibitors from Government bodies, recruitment agencies and the higher-education sector to attend this event where Secondary Students are invited to learn more about their future careers and the pathways that will lead them there.

This year's event was amazing with more exhibitors than ever, giving students an abundant amount of information and a Year 9 information session for parents to attend.

Thank you to all of our exhibitors & staff who made this event incredibly successful.



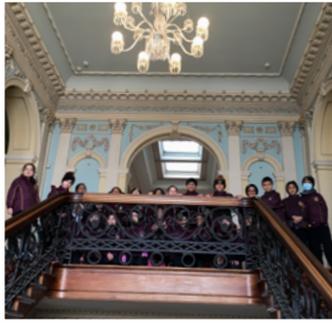
ICOM Secondary students taking in all that the Careers Expo had to provide. Experience and knowledge to confidently choose the correct path.



Year 2: Werribee Mansion Excursion

Year 2 students visited Werribee Mansion this term. During the visit, students learnt about what life was like in the olden days. Students were able to experience how children lived in the past and were able to compare it to present day times. Students enjoyed venturing around the mansion, gardens and farm buildings. Overall, the students had a fantastic time and learnt a lot about life in the olden days.

Ms. Stephanie Allen
Year 2 Teacher, Team Leader



Our Year 2 students during their visit to the Werribee Mansion visit. So much joy while exploring life before their time.

Important Reminders

- If your child will not be returning in 2023, please submit a Student Withdrawal Form to the Administration office by emailing it to admin@icom.vic.edu.au
- Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 22 September, in order to book an appointment and participate in Parent Teacher Interviews, parents will need to ensure that school fees are up to date.
- For students catching the school bus, parents are reminded to inform the administration office if your child will not be catching the bus afterschool. By informing the College, we can inform the staff on bus duty as well as the bus company of this arrangement.
- However, if your child will be absent for the day please inform the bus driver either the morning of or the night before so the bus can skip pick-up from your house for that day and carry on to picking up the next students on the route.
- As the weather gets colder, PSW has restocked on the ICOM neck scarfs and beanies available instore and online.
- If your child is absent, please contact the College to advise us of the reason.
- Parents are reminded to install SEQTA Engage to access important messages sent from the College.
- Please ensure you inform the College if your personal details have changed, including emergency contact numbers, phone numbers and addresses.
- 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.

Important Dates

**29 August - 9
September 2022**

Book Fair Weeks

7 September 2022

General Achievement
Test (GAT)

8 September 2022

R U OK? Day

16 September 2022

Primary Footy Day

19 - 22 Sept 2022

STEM Week

21 September 2022

Last Day of Term 3
for Students

22 September 2022

STEM Fair

22 September 2022

Parent Teacher Interview

11 October 2022

Students' First Day
of Term 4

19 October 2022

Year 12 Last Day of
Formal Classes

24 October 2022

VCAA Exams Commence

1 Novemeber 2022

Public Holiday
(Melbourne Cup)





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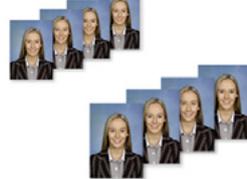
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- 3 Enter Access Key: RQQNRFZ9
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- Portrait Prints 3 x (13x18cm), 1 x (6x9cm), 4 x (4x6cm), 4 x (3x4cm).
- Digital Portrait Download • Class Group Print 1 x (17x25cm).

Group Only and Portrait Only Options also available.

<p style="background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Packages & Add Ons</p>	<p>See online for full package and Add On options</p>	<p style="background-color: #00a68f; color: white; padding: 10px; font-weight: bold;">Group Photo 2022</p>	 <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">Composite Class Group</p>
 <p>Digital portraits will be sent via email when the Photo Packs are delivered.</p>	 <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">Traditional Class Group (Foundation Classes Only)</p>		

If you have more than one child you need to order photos for, click 'Order for Another' on the top right of the page and repeat the process for each child.

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Managing COVID at Home and School

What to do if you've symptoms but the RAT at home is negative?

Stay home, go for a PCR, and await results. Do not come to school until the result is back.

If the PCR and RAT are negative but you're still sick. What do you do?

Stay home until you're better, as we don't want to make the teachers sick.

If the PCR is POSITIVE what do you do?

Stay home isolating for 7 days. Let school / work know immediately.

If someone is POSITIVE in the house but everyone else is well. What do you?

As long as close contacts (e.g. family members) test daily are negative and wear a mask they can come to school/work. Foundation and grade 1 students are also required to wear a mask as close contacts. If they struggle to wear the mask correctly, they will be sent home.

Registering your positive RAT at home.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report-your-rapid-antigen-test-result>

Information on COVID.

<https://www.rch.org.au/ccch/covid-19/>



2022 Interschool Girls Soccer

During the last week of July our Secondary Year 7-9 girls took part in an Interschool Soccer Tournament involving teams from all across the region.

While at Hummingbird Reserve our ICOM girls team performed incredibly well, bringing a fierce level of competition and determination to each of the three matches that they played.

With Alice Miller School, Oberon High School & Maribyrnong College bringing their A game, our girls matched the intensity and once again made the College proud.



Secondary: Year 9 Camp – Boys

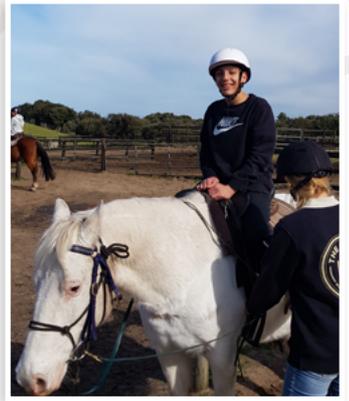
Our Year 9 students adventured on a 4-day camp early in Term 3. The boys' camp was held in The Peninsula at Ace-Hi Ranch between the endless green hills of The Shire within the Cape Schanck locality. Although in the middle of winter, we were blessed with beautiful sunshine and gentle breezes. For some of our students it was the first time being away from their families for such a period of time, returning home at the end of the week as young men with a greater sense of independence and responsibility. The camp was exciting, fun and challenging, where all students participated in various activities, including:

- Horse Riding
- The Giant Swing
- Leap of Faith: Climbing and jumping from a 20-meter pole
- Making Bush Tucker Damper on a Stick
- Making Their Own Pizza
- Night Hike
- Hut Building
- Mountain Boarding
- Camp Fires

The students were in charge of leading the prayers throughout the day, in addition to other responsibilities such as cleaning the kitchen after the main meals. The camp proved to bring out the best in our students from leadership and tolerance to taking healthy risks and developing brotherhood. A special thanks is given to our camp leaders Mr Salih Hasanacevic, Mr Abdulshaheed Drew and Mr Mutassem Eid for nurturing the students and returning the home safe and sound.

Mr Omar Dennaoui
Year 9 Coordinator





Our year 9 boys out and about exploring and challenging them selves in various activities in the Peninsula at Ace-Hi Ranch

Secondary: Year 9 Camp - Girls

As part of the year 9 curriculum at ICOM, the Year 9 girls visited Camp Allambee in West Gippsland.

The girls enjoyed a 2 night stay at their cabins and were able to take part in activities such as flying fox, giant swing, geocaching, billy carting, initiative course, etc. These activities developed the ability for girls to be self-reliant, be a team player, make decisions and have fun safely.

As part of their camp program, the girls partook in horse-riding and archery excursion. The girls had brief lessons on how to shoot an arrow and how to handle a horse. They were able to shoot few arrows and had fun riding the horses in the open paddock.

Under the guidance of Mrs Zainab, Ms Nicole, Mrs Nour and Miss Aisha the girls creating a memorable experience: the winter weather did not deter.

Ms Sahrina Shafiz
Head of Junior Secondary





A collection of memorable moments, our year 9 girls being self reliant as well as great team players, holding hands to support one another in various activities.

What the girls have to say:

“Camp was an amazing experience, since it helped me forgive people I had troubles with, and it helped me believe that not everything is as hard as it seems after you give it a shot. I loved being able to connect with my friends and teachers on a new level. I am thankful for ICOM having camp.

Horse riding was fun to do with all my mates and so was archery because they made it relate so much to my faith.” Aya El Hassan

“Driving the carts down the hill was a new experience which I enjoyed. When you take the first leap at flying fox you think you're falling but then you start moving forward and increase in speed until you reach the end, it was very exciting. The horse riding and archery experience was something new and enjoyable, would definitely do again.” Hafsa Bhatti

“I enjoyed going to camp as it taught me not to judge something before trying it out, for example the vertical challenge as it looked harder and scarier than it was.

Horse riding was a new and first-time experience for me. It taught me that not all easy looking stuff are easy and that there are multiple steps that may seem small but make a huge difference.” Mona Abdalla

“What I liked about camp was that all the activities I learnt to enjoy. I liked the giant swing the most. Camp also helped me realise that there is more than just staying on technology all day.’ Shada El Haouli



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 1-6 Enrolments

Due to the exceedingly high number of students on the waiting list, we are unfortunately unable to offer enrolment opportunities for Years 1 & 6 at this time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Year 7-9 Enrolments

2024 Year 7-9 Expressions of Interest are now open (closing on 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 on 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 on 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
Enrolment Form



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Year 7-Year 12
2024
EOI Form



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SAP & IB
2024
EOI Form



Primary: Arabic Week

Primary Arabic Week was a great success here at ICOM, with an enormous amount of new and improved Arabic activities for our Primary students being planned to enhance students' learning of the Arabic language in a fun and engaging way.

With themed Primary assemblies for Year 2-6 students, Arabic Quizzes with prizes, Arabic story-telling scheduled for recess & lunch times and a special Arabic Amazing Race activity for Primary students to participate in!

All of our Primary Arabic Department staff have done a great job in organizing Primary Arabic Week this year, we thank them for all of their efforts in making this Primary Arabic Week the very best yet.



Eventful Arabic Week was very well received by the students where they learned, benefited a lot whilst having loads of fun.



Primary Library News

Asalamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh,

Many fun events happened in the ICOM Library Ma'sha'Allah. At the end of Term 2, 2022- the famous Australian author Deborah Abela came. She spoke to the students and she signed the books we have in the ICOM Library, which was very exciting. We had the Flying Bookworm Theatre performances where they performed classic books. Also, we had the primary character day where we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. It was wonderful seeing the amazing book characters.

It has been a great busy start to term 3, 2022. Students who participated in the ICOM Library scavenger hunt all received bookmarks and ClassDojo points. Well done to all the students.

There were Arabic books on display with activities in the ICOM Library. Students enjoyed doing the activities and the fun Arabic games. This gained their knowledge and skills in the Arabic language.

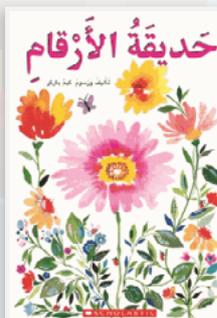
A friendly reminder for students to bring their library card and library bag when borrowing books. Students can borrow the books for 2 weeks. When returning, they must put it inside the return chute- (book drop off).

Very exciting news- the Ali-gator book fair and the Scholastic book fair are coming to our ICOM Library for the seventh year. The book fairs will start from the 29/08/2022 to the 9/09/2022. This is where students can purchase English and Islamic books, stationery and gifts that they can enjoy. Primary students will have the opportunity to purchase during their scheduled library session.

Jazak'Allah Kheiraan and Thank you.

Ms Haifa Atatreh

Primary Teacher Librarian.



Ramadan & Eid Book displays, the ICOM dabke group, ICOM Iftar and Eid festival in the ICOM Library.



Secondary Library News

The ICOM Library would like to welcome back everyone for Semester 2. Once again we look forward to helping all staff and students to be able to obtain all their resource requirements in the sphere of teaching and learning.

Recently the ICOM Library was part of the 'ICOM Amazing Race', where 7 teams of Teachers attended the library as one of their challenges, seeking to find a specific list of library stock. We would like to congratulate the winning team and I am sure that those involved, as well as having a fun time, certainly now know their way around the library a lot better than they did before!

Mr George Demetrios
Secondary Librarian

Ms Humairaa Suliman
Secondary Library Assistant



Our ICOM teachers in their competitive positions, working in their teams to win the 'ICOM Amazing Race'.

Secondary: Year 7 You Yangs Trip

On Tuesday 16th August 2022, our Year 7 students hopped on their coaches bound for the You Yangs National Park. What lay ahead was a hiking adventure that was linked to their Humanities Geography Curriculum, as they learnt about mapping skills and liveability.

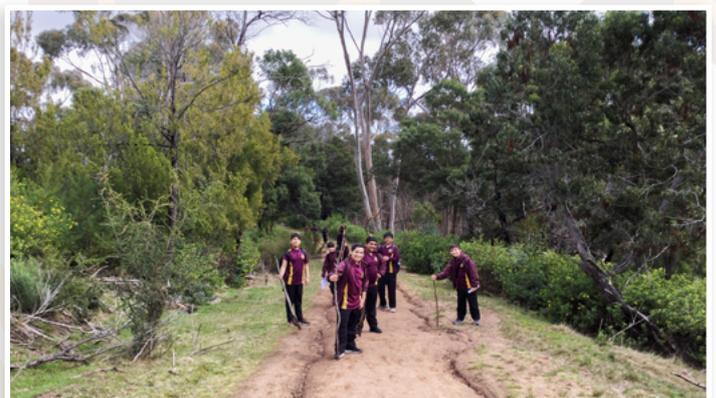
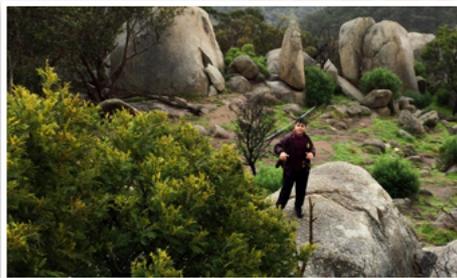
The first walk the students tackled was the East-West walk. What the students saw were views, views and more views, full of panoramic landscapes and vistas. The walk circumnavigates Flinders Peak, the highest mountain in the You Yangs (named after the explorer Matthew Flinders).

The second hike the students went on was the Flinders Peak walk. The students witnessed an excellent view from here across the park and flat western volcanic plains. They climbed up 450 steps to the summit.

Near the top, the students enjoyed a lookout over the Bunjil Geoglyph far below. This is a large rock sculpture depicting Bunjil, the creator spirit of the Wathaurong people, in the shape of a Wedge-tailed Eagle.

Although there was a bit of wet weather most students were able to complete the 15km or 17,000 steps of walking. The Year 7 Teaching Team are all proud of their determination and effort!

Mr Jarrod Carrington
Year 7 Coordinator



The wet weather did not stop our Year 7s from completing the 17,000 steps of walking. The You Yangs.

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:

<https://bit.ly/3R8CM91>

Ms Zainab Shakoor
Secondary College Counsellors

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ICOM Multicultural Day
Palestine



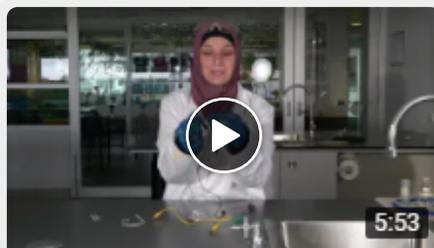
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ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 4: Flame Test



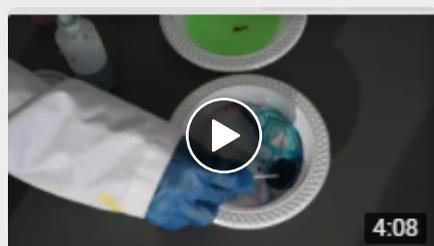
ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 3: Incubators & Conductors



ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 2: Chromatography



ICOM Primary STEM Week -
Year 1: Lava Lamps



Primary STEM Week - Magic Milk
(Foundation)



ICOMTalks Podcast #2
Hamza Balali, Khulud Qureshi