

# ICOM INSIDER

*The Official Newsletter of Islamic College Of Melbourne*



**OUR 2021 RAMADAN ISSUE:** Ramadan Art from Primary & Secondary, Multicultural Day events, Interschool Football, Secondary Iftar, Debating Results & more!



## Principal's Message



*Assalamualaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh.*

Dear parents and students,

I welcome all our students, staff and parents back from the Term 1 break and I hope that everyone is refreshed and ready for another successful term at ICOM.

With the new term upon us, I look back at the many events we held at ICOM in Term 1. An event I always look forward to is the Parent Teacher Interviews, which occurred on Thursday, 1 April. It was great to see the number of parents attending the interviews to discuss their children's progress with the teachers. A strong and positive relationship between parents and teachers is the main ingredient in the recipe of producing excellent students.

Another annual event that the College looks forward to is the Multicultural Day festivities. The annual Multicultural Day was held on the last day of Term 1 for students, Wednesday, 31 March. This year, the theme was "Connecting Roots" where the College chose 7 countries to represent the background of the majority of our students. Our focus was to get our students to learn about the incredibly rich culture that their grandparents' countries have to offer. In the spirit of multiculturalism, we had this year on Parent Teacher Interviews day our first "Multicultural Fair" which was received well by our parents, students and staff and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Alhamdulillah we have completed another successful Ramadan and insha'llah our prayers and duas are accepted. We thank Allah (swt) for the blessings he has given us and the time we can spend with our family and loved ones while we celebrate Eidul-Fitr.

At ICOM, we welcomed Ramadan in several special ways this year. These included:

- A Primary Ramadan Assembly where all Primary students and staff were presented with several Quran recitations, performances and videos.
- The annual visit from the Ramadan Man who visited every primary classroom greeting students and handing out a special Ramadan gift for all primary students.
- In Secondary, students were welcomed with a specially decorated Secondary Village. The village was beautifully decorated with balloons and displays of art banners. Students were also gifted a Ramadan Pack which included dates, zamzam water, miswak, Ramadan Mubarak pen and Ramadan booklet.

This year, we were pleased to hold multiple student Iftars: Primary school Iftar, Secondary school Iftar and Year 12 students Iftar. A big thank you to the Islamic Studies and Wellbeing Departments for organising such amazing Iftars and experiences for our students.

To celebrate the conclusion of another successful Ramadan, the College will be having its annual Eid Festival on Friday 21 May. A letter has been distributed to parents regarding details of the festival, I hope students will enjoy this day filled with lots of joy, rides and activities.

Our PE departments were as busy as always participating in on and off campus sporting activities. Our boys AFL team were overall winners of the Wyndham Cup for AFL and will be progressing through to the regional finals at the end of the term.

Another department the College is extremely proud of is the ICOM Debating department. This year, we have 10 debating teams, mashallah. Debating grants many great benefits including improving students' communication skills, solving problems creatively and providing students with the opportunity to think critically and increase self-confidence.

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that the new library/cafeteria building is complete and the College will be having a grand opening to celebrate this outstanding milestone. A library is a gateway to information and plays a fundamental role in enhancing the learning experience while providing students with the resources and services they need to increase their knowledge. I would like to invite all our parents to this special opening on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 which will commence at 9:00am in the College gymnasium.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to another amazing term at ICOM.

**Dr Abdul M. Kamareddine**  
College Principal

# 2022 Enrolment Information Update

Unfortunately, due to the number of students currently enrolled at the Islamic College of Melbourne, the College will only be accepting expressions of interest for students wishing to enrol in Years 1–12 for 2022. Parents who submit an expression of interest form will be contacted as soon as possible if a place becomes available for their child in 2022.

## Foundation Enrolments

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

## Year 1–7 Enrolments

Expressions of Interest for Year 1–7 in 2022 are now closed. (Closed 20/5/2021)

## Year 8–12 Enrolments

Expressions of Interest for Year 8–12 in 2022 are open. (Closing 30/7/2021)

## For Year 11 IB Diploma Programme Enrolments

Expressions of Interest for Year 11 & Year 12 IB in 2022 are open. (Closing 30/7/2021)

## For Secondary Accelerated Program (SAP) Enrolments

Expressions of Interest for Year 7, 8 & 9 SAP in 2022 are open. (Closing 30/7/2021)





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# ICOM Library *Grand* OPENING

*When?*

Wednesday 26th May, 9–10am.

A large red ribbon is tied into a bow in the center of the page. To the right of the bow, a pair of gold scissors is shown cutting the ribbon. Red and gold confetti is scattered around the ribbon and scissors.

*Join us...*

**RSVP:** <http://t2m.io/library-go>

**Location:** 83 Wootton Road Tarneit VIC 3029



## Important Dates

**20 May 2021**

Enrolments for  
Foundation-Year 7  
(2022) close

**21 May 2021**

ICOM Eid  
Festival

**26-28 May 2021**

Year 5  
Camp

**7-11 June 2021**

Secondary  
Arabic Week

**14 June 2021**

Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**21-24 June 2021**

Primary  
Literacy Week

**24 June 2021**

Primary  
Character Day

**24 June 2021**

Last day of Term 2  
for all students

**1 July 2021**

Admin Office  
closes for Term 2

## 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.

## Important Reminders

- A very important reminder that all students must arrive to school by 8:35 am. Students arriving after 8:35 am must proceed to gate 3 near the administration building to obtain a late pass. The College takes attendance seriously and consequences for frequent late arrivals includes actions up to and including cancellation of enrolment.
- To ensure the safety of students, parents and carers at dismissal time after school, when the main parents car park is full (around 3:15 pm), the College maintenance team will close this car park. Parents and carers arriving after 3:15 pm can park along Butterfly Boulevard or nearby streets. Please ensure you follow all traffic and parking rules including not making a U-turn on Butterfly Boulevard.
- Please note that the College is currently in the process of transitioning to a new Parent Portal under the name "Seqta Engage". As such, please note that not all functions of the current parent portal are operational.
- Parents are reminded that school commences for students at 8:35am. Parents are not allowed on the school grounds, so please drop your children off at one of the available gates.
- A reminder that in Term 2 and Term 3, students are to wear the winter uniform, this includes the dark grey and maroon winter tunic/skirt.





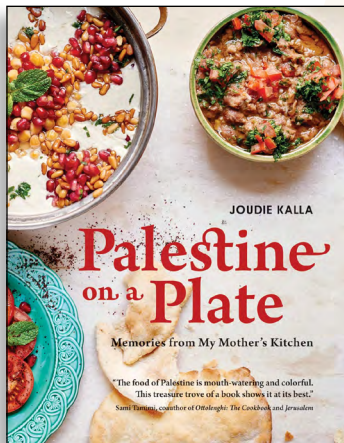
# ICOM Library News



As-salamu Alaikum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh,

Very exciting news for all of us – The new ICOM Library for 2021 has re-opened for Term 2, Ma'sha'Allah. The new ICOM Library is very spacious and is the 'state of the art' modern school library. The ICOM Library started back in 2013 with 0 books and now it has approximately 37,687 books and resources, and yes we are still increasing our collection.

We would like to thank our ICOM school community (students, parents and the staff) for their wonderful support and assistance throughout the years in making it into the best dream school library, al hamdu'Allah. May Allah (s.w.t) reward you all the very best. Feel free to give your suggestions and feedback to the library e-mail: [library@icom.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@icom.vic.edu.au).



## Featured Book

### Palestine on a plate: memories of my mother's kitchen

**Author:** Joudie Kalla

**Date published:** 2016

The amazing delicious dishes of Palestine. Try one of these recipes.

[Watch it online here](#) to listen/read the book and find out more recipes.

Do you remember what the call number is for this book? Come to the ICOM Library and find out!

There are 4 library staff members that will be in the new ICOM Library. The Library team would like to introduce themselves to you for this library section newsletter. We look forward in seeing you and assisting you in the new library.

Jazak'Allah Kheiraan and thank you.

**Ms Haifa Atatreh**  
*Teacher Librarian*

# ICOM Library News

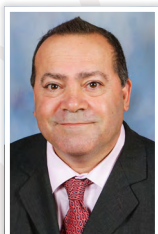


## 2021 Library Staff

### Mr George Demetrios

**Head Teacher Librarian**

**Achievements:** Indulging my love of literature by working in a bookshop whilst completing my Information Management degree.



**Favourite Animal:** Mouflon

**Favourite Colour:** Aqua Blue

**Favourite Book:** A month in the Country

**Favourite Database:** JSTOR

**Favourite Movie:** Muriel's Wedding

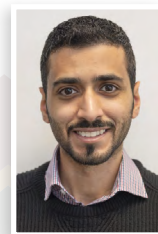
**Favourite Library:** State Library of Victoria

**Favourite Quote:** "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

### Mr Abdelbaset Nazzal

**IT Technician**

**Achievements:** Won the best graduation project when I graduated from my engineering degree.



**Favourite Animal:** Horse

**Favourite Colour:** Dark Blue

**Favourite Book:** Talking to Strangers

**Favourite Database:** Harvard Business Review

**Favourite Movie:** Takers

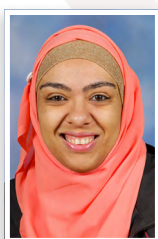
**Favourite Library:** State Library of Victoria

**Favourite Quote:** "The best view comes after the hardest climb."

### Ms Haifa Atatreh

**Teacher Librarian**

**Achievements:** Setting up the ICOM school library from scratch back in 2013, while teaching Year 4 students who are now currently in Year 12.



**Favourite Animal:** Cat

**Favourite Colour:** Red

**Favourite Book:** Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

**Favourite Database:** EBSCOhost

**Favourite Movie:** Matilda

**Favourite Library:** Library at the Dock (Docklands)

**Favourite Quote:** "You should never give up. No matter how hard the situation is, always believe that something beautiful is going to happen."

### Ms Humairaa Suliman

**Assistant Librarian (Secondary)**

**Achievements:** Has completed a degree in Information Management.



**Favourite Animal:** Maned Wolf

**Favourite Colour:** Cobalt

**Favourite Book:** Two Cats

**Favourite Database:** ProQuest

**Favourite Movie:** Anastasia

**Favourite Library:** Museums Victoria Library

**Favourite Quote:** "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default."



# Free Wyndham Library E-Memberships for Secondary Students

Islamic College of Melbourne and Wyndham City Libraries are working together to provide free eMemberships to all secondary students. As part of Wyndham Council's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, all Wyndham City Libraries are closed to the public.

## What are eMemberships?

eMemberships allow students to access Wyndham City Libraries' online books, audiobooks, study help services, educational games and movie streaming for free. We will soon have a range of online programs for you to join in.

## How do eMemberships work?

Once your child has completed the sign-up process, their membership number and password will provide access to the Library's online resources. This eMembership will be valid for one year.

## When will my child receive an eMembership?

The school will assist students in signing up online for eMemberships, Wyndham City Library staff will be providing step by step guidelines showing you how to sign up and use our online resources.

## How can my child receive a full Library membership and Library card?

If you would like your child or any member of your family to have a library card please visit your local library and speak to our friendly staff once our libraries have re-opened. For now, all new memberships will be eMemberships.

## I don't want my child to receive an eMembership, how can I opt-out?

If you would like to opt-out, please send an email to [library@icom.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@icom.vic.edu.au).

## Benefits of eMemberships include:

- Studiosity get live, expert assistance from tertiary qualified tutors with subjects including writing, maths, science, economics and more.
- Encyclopaedia Britannica easy to use, and easy to find trusted information for all ages.
- eBooks, eAudiobooks and Video of school texts and recreational reading.
- Lynda.com premium online learning platform with thousands of hours of professionally produced video courses covering business, computing/IT and creative subjects.
- Plus, many more online free educational and learning resources and Apps.

For any further assistance regarding eMemberships, please email [Sharyn.wheatcroft@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sharyn.wheatcroft@wyndham.vic.gov.au). Wyndham City Library staff remain on call to answer any questions you may have between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday on 8734 2600 or email: [libraryadmin@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraryadmin@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

**Wyndham Libraries & Islamic College of Melbourne**

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## Year 3: Ramadan Performance

In Term 2, our Year 3 students have been learning all about Ramadan. Students performed *Marhab Marhab Ya Hilal* during their Year 3 weekly assembly to reflect their learning about Ramadan activities. Performances such as this help with students learning the Arabic vocabulary in relation to Ramadan and understand some grammatical rules. Allhamdulillah, the song was achieved successfully by all four classes of Year 3.

Great job my beautiful students!

Inshallah we will keep up such interesting activities for our students.

**Ms Anwar Almera**  
Primary Arabic Teacher



Our Year 3 students practised their lines and the dance to go along with the song *Marhab Marhab Ya Hilal*.



## Year 10: Cate Kennedy Incursion

On Friday the 7th of May our Year 10 Bridging English students had the honour of author Cate Kennedy attending the College. The students have been studying her short story collection *Like a House on Fire* and have been taking inspiration from it to produce their own creative pieces.

Cate shared her insights into how to be an excellent creative writer, encouraging the students to look for inspiration wherever they can find it. Cate delivered an exciting lecture that encouraged the students to take on the challenge themselves. She then ran two smaller workshops with the students to allow them to put into practice the new insights they had learnt from her.

The students found the experience valuable and we welcome Cate back to the College in the future.

**Mr Jarrod Carrington**  
Year 10 Bridging English Coordinator



Cate Kennedy during her visit to ICOM with our Year 10 students.

# 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 Chcker**

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



## Secondary: Recess Ramadan Art Club

My intention to bring awareness of Art serving as food in the holy month of Ramadan was ignited when Mr Hijazi approached me at the end of Term 1 to propose if I could open an Recess Ramadan Art Club dedicated to the holy month. I couldn't have been happier! The Recess Ramadan Art Club was opened and ready to go by the first day of Term 2 in the Secondary School Assembly area.

During the holidays, as I was preparing my ideas for this new adventure, my growing determination was to replace food with art, and take part in the fasting ritual of Ramadan, while inspiring my students with my painting sessions throughout the course of the day and until the end of Ramadan.

Every day, during Recess, all of our Secondary students were welcome to join the Recess Ramadan Art Club. They are encouraged to simply enjoy the experience of applying colourful paints on specially stretched canvases.

Our main purpose was to celebrate and honour the holy month of Ramadan through the expression of art.

Secondly, another important purpose of the Recess Ramadan Art Club was for our students to let go of their fear to paint and perform like some famous artists, or in a certain way, instead, they are encouraged to relax, let go, and embrace their mistakes, that are so needed learning steps, and that can always be covered with renewed layers of colourful paints.

There is no judge in art, only original ideas, and unique skills, fuelled by the amazing creativity that all our talented students hold so diversely, Mash'a'Allah!

**Ms Mihaela Ranga**

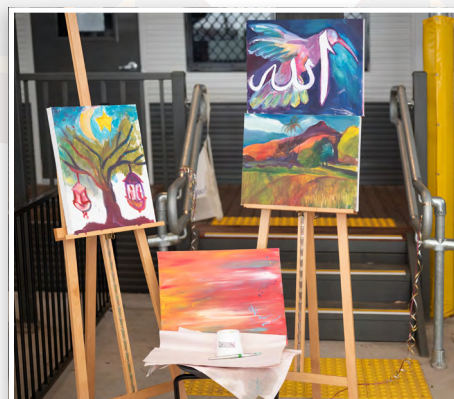
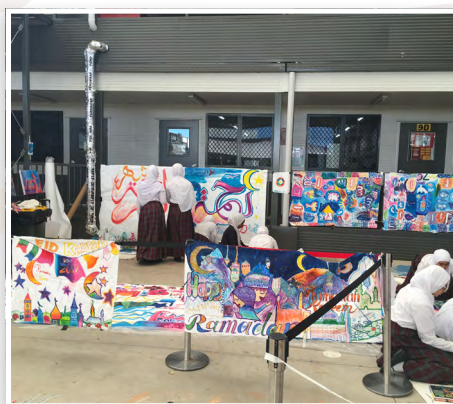
*Secondary Vis. Arts and Design & Technology Teacher*



Secondary students were deeply engaged during our Recess Ramadan Art Club.



## Secondary: Recess Ramadan Art Club



Secondary Students also took part in excursions this term to further their learning in Art & Design.



# The 2021 ICOM PRIMARY Quran COMPETITION



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**Foundation Surah:**  
Al-Feel

**Year 1 Surah:**  
Al-Qaari'ah

**Year 2 Surah:**  
Ad-Duha

**Year 3 Surah:**  
Al-Ghashiya

**Year 4 Surah:**  
Al-Burooj

**Year 5 Surah:**  
An-Nabaa

**Year 6 Surah:**  
Al-Mulk

**Y3-4 QAP Surah:**  
Al-Ma'arij

**Y5-6 QAP Surah:**  
Al-Haqqah



**First Round Testing:** Term 2, Week 3.

**Final Round Testing:** Term 2, Week 7.

The ICOM Quran Awards Night will be held on the 11th of August during which the winners will be announced.

# The 2021 ICOM SECONDARY Quran COMPETITION



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**Year 7 Surah:**  
Luqman

**Year 8 Surah:**  
Al Kahf

**Year 9 Surah:**  
Yaseen

**Year 10 Surah:**  
Taha

**Year 11 Surah:**  
Yusuf

**Year 12 Surah:**  
An-Nur



## Prizes

1st: \$300  
2nd: \$200  
3rd: \$100

**First Round Testing:**  
Term 2, Week 6.

**Final Round Testing:**  
Term 3, Week 2.

The ICOM Quran Awards Night will be held on the 11th of August during which the winners will be announced.



## Secondary: Multicultural Day

On the 31st of March, ICOM celebrated students' cultural heritage. A huge number of students came to school dressed in clothes that displayed the vibrant styles and colours of countries like Pakistan, Somalia, and Lebanon. I myself came to school in a white 'peran tunbon' outfit, coming from Afghanistan. Students also had a chance to munch on some typically western delicacies during recess time, as we had popcorn, ice cream, fairy floss, and Krispy Kreme donuts for sale on the external basketball court.

Other students decorated their homerooms according to different countries, with house points being given to the rooms best decorated. Well done to 8C for winning that competition.

It was a huge pleasure to see so many student participating, and I look forward to, in future, seeing many more cultural outfits grace the grounds of ICOM.

**Mr Ahmad Siddiqi**

*Secondary SRC and College House Coordinator*



Our Secondary students embracing their respective cultures on Multicultural Day.



## Secondary: Multicultural Day Photos



Our Secondary students and staff were both involved in the festivities for Multicultural Day.



## Primary: Multicultural Day Parade

On Wednesday the 31st of March we celebrated Multicultural Day here at ICOM with activities taking place all across the college.

The highlight of the day for our Primary students was our Multicultural Day Parade being held in the ICOM Gymnasium. We focused on 7 countries this year, Bangladesh, Somalia, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Lebanon and Palestine.

Each primary year level were given the task of representing one of these great countries throughout the parade. The students took up this

challenge with a high level of enthusiasm and pride, representing the diversity of their peers while gaining a greater understanding of the cultures of the countries mentioned.

As part of our Multicultural Day tradition we gave our students the opportunity to make a charitable donation towards our Orphan Sponsorship Program by bringing a gold coin with them to school.

Other fundraising efforts were also held around the college making this year's Multicultural Day impactful on many levels.



Our Primary Multicultural Day Parade was an enormous event organised by the entire Primary department.



## Primary: An Exciting Ramadan at ICOM

As always, Ramadan has been one of the most special times at ICOM. The students of ICOM Primary welcomed the Holy month with a brilliant Welcome Ramadan assembly on the first day of Term-2. Students performed role plays, nasheeds, Quran recitations, and many more, to the delight of their audience. In addition, the Islamic Studies department had organised a series of special events all throughout Ramadan to enrich the spirit of Ramadan at ICOM.

The events included the visit of Ramadan Man, Ramadan Info-desk, Iftar, Ramadan Corner, Special ICOM Broadcasting Service, Ramadan Quiz, Ramadan Reminder, Charity Drive, Ramadan Arts and crafts and much more.

Alhamdulillah, the events were truly memorable and added more excitement as we approached the Eid!

**Mr Ajwad Hashim**

*Primary Islamic Studies Coordinator*



Our Welcome Ramadan Assembly was one of many special events held by our Primary departments for Ramadan this year.



## Secondary: Ramadan Fundraising

Ramadan Cultural dress day was an initiative put forward by our SRC students to help keep feelings fresh throughout Ramadan. As part of the day, students also decorated their homerooms according to the culture and history of certain countries. Those that were best decorated earned house points, with 8C in first place for their exciting and contemporary approach to celebrating Pakistan.

Once again, it was a wonderful sight to see so many students in cultural wear. All funds raised on the day will be used to build a water well done through Human Appeal International, hoping to give access to clean water to three needy communities in Bangladesh.

**Mr Ahmad Siddiqi**

*Secondary SRC and College House Coordinator*



Funds raised by our students will be used to build multiple water wells in Bangladesh to provide clean water.



## Primary: MCD World's Greatest Shave

To end our Multicultural Day celebrations at ICOM the Primary team got together to complete a fund raising effort, with staff members and students agreeing to have their head's shaved for a good cause.



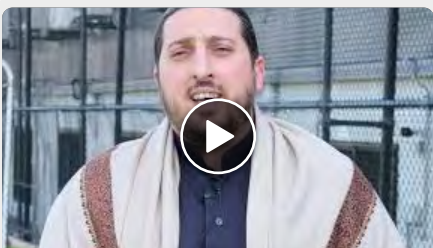
Now an annual fundraising event at ICOM, the students loved gathering around in anticipation as their peers lost their hair.



# 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.*



Ramadan Reminder 2021  
Secondary Quran and Islamic Studies Dept



ICOMTalks Episode 4  
Obstacles at school & the right Mindset



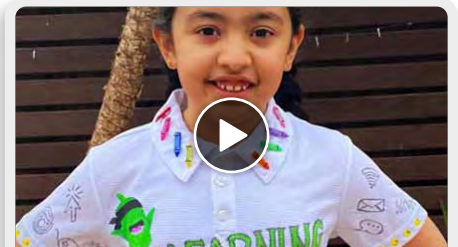
ICOM Primary Arabic Week



Welcome Back to our Primary students  
for Term 4!



2020 ICOM Quran Competition  
Secondary Highlights & Winners



ICOM Wellbeing Department T-Shirt  
Design Competition Winners



ICOMTalks Episode 3  
Students and Covid-19 Lockdowns



ICOMTalks Episode 2: Dismantling  
Discrimination Discussion



STEM Week - 3D Printing with  
Mr Mutassem





## Primary: Ramadan In Arabic Class

The Arabic department welcomed Ramadan by teaching students the greeting of Ramadan and decorating classrooms with special greetings.

Students greeted each other each day by using the terms that they had learnt in class. Students created lanterns to welcome Ramadan in their classrooms and at home. Throughout the month students studied a specialized curriculum tailored to include Ramadan and Eid festivities.

In the second week we focused on Ramadan actions and practices and ending with a lesson all about Eid.

Throughout this time students engaged in many fun activities relating to the Ramadan related content for the week, this included song and creating posters. Each class created an Arabic display wall both inside their classrooms and outside too, this enhanced their Arabic reading and writing skills.

All of our students worked very hard during the month of Ramadan and improved in reading and writing greatly. The behaviour of students in Arabic classes also improved. It was hard to choose one prince and one princess award so our Arabic teachers chose multiple students to be rewarded and to be the princes and princesses of the month.

Ramadan is now over, Eid Mubarak to all of you and happy Eid!

**Ms Asma Herzalla**  
Primary Arabic Coordinator



Primary Arabic lessons led by our Primary Arabic Coordinator & team.

## Year 5: Professor Bunsen Science Incursion

On April 29th all students in Year 5 participated in a Chemical Science incursion called Professor Bunsen to complement their study of Chemical Sciences in Term 2.

The objective of this incursion is for students to investigate the properties and behaviours of chemicals and materials and develop their scientific inquiry skills through observation and experimentation. They explored reversible and irreversible changes that occur when chemicals are mixed to extend their knowledge of matter and chemical properties.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt many scientific facts in the process. Hopefully we have inspired some of our students to become scientists in the future!

**Ms Jane Pritchard**  
Year 5 Team Leader



Year 5 students with an enthusiastic Professor Bunsen during their exciting incursion.



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FRIDAY 21 MAY

# ICOM EID FESTIVAL

Basic Showbags.....\$8	Muffins.....\$4
Deluxe Showbags:..\$30	Falafel.....\$7
Face Painting.....\$4	Mini Chicken Slider..\$3
Henna.....\$5	Chicken Wrap.....\$7
Lolly Bags.....\$2	Meat Pastry.....\$2
Subway.....\$5	Ice Cream.....\$2-\$6
Donuts.....\$3	Water and Prima.....\$2
Truffles.....\$2	Sausage Sizzle.....\$3

**Activities:** Ping Pong Pringle, Guess the M&M's, Minute to Win It, Quran Recitation, Eid & Ramadan Poems, Nasheeds and Drumming Performances.

**Activities organised by the ICOM Primary SRC.**



## Primary: Ramadan Art Displays



Various Ramadan-themed art displays from our Primary building this Ramadan.



## Secondary Debating: Term 2 Results

On Wednesday the 5th May, eight teams from ICOM participated in debating at Williamstown High School. We are excited to report that ICOM scored three wins with many other debates decided by only one point. Congratulations to the following students for getting best speakers on the night: Ali Ali, Qistina Amani, Zainab Raza, Nosayba Aljibal and Caliph Bempah-Marten.

**Mr Jarrod Carrington**  
*Debating Coordinator*



## Primary: Eid Festival Reminder

This year for the Eid Festival our Primary SRC representatives are organising a range of stalls and activities to add to a day that is already every students favourite ICOM event! In 2021 the Primary SRC will be running donut stalls, subway stalls, lolly and baked goods stalls, Minute to Win It Competitions, Guess the amount of M&M's in the Jar, Pie Eating Contests and much more!

All proceeds from the stalls and competitions will be going towards the 'Build A Water Well' Charity Drive.

The SRC will also be organising student performances such as Quran Recitations, Nasheeds, and other Islamic performances. We look forward to reporting back a successful and enjoyable day in the next newsletter Insha'Allah.

**Mr Danny Gray & Ms Sarah El-Sabaa**  
*On Behalf of the Primary SRC Team*



## Primary: Ramadan Man

On Tuesday the 20th of April our Primary students were welcomed back to school by Ramadan Man to mark their first day of Ramadan with us for 2021.

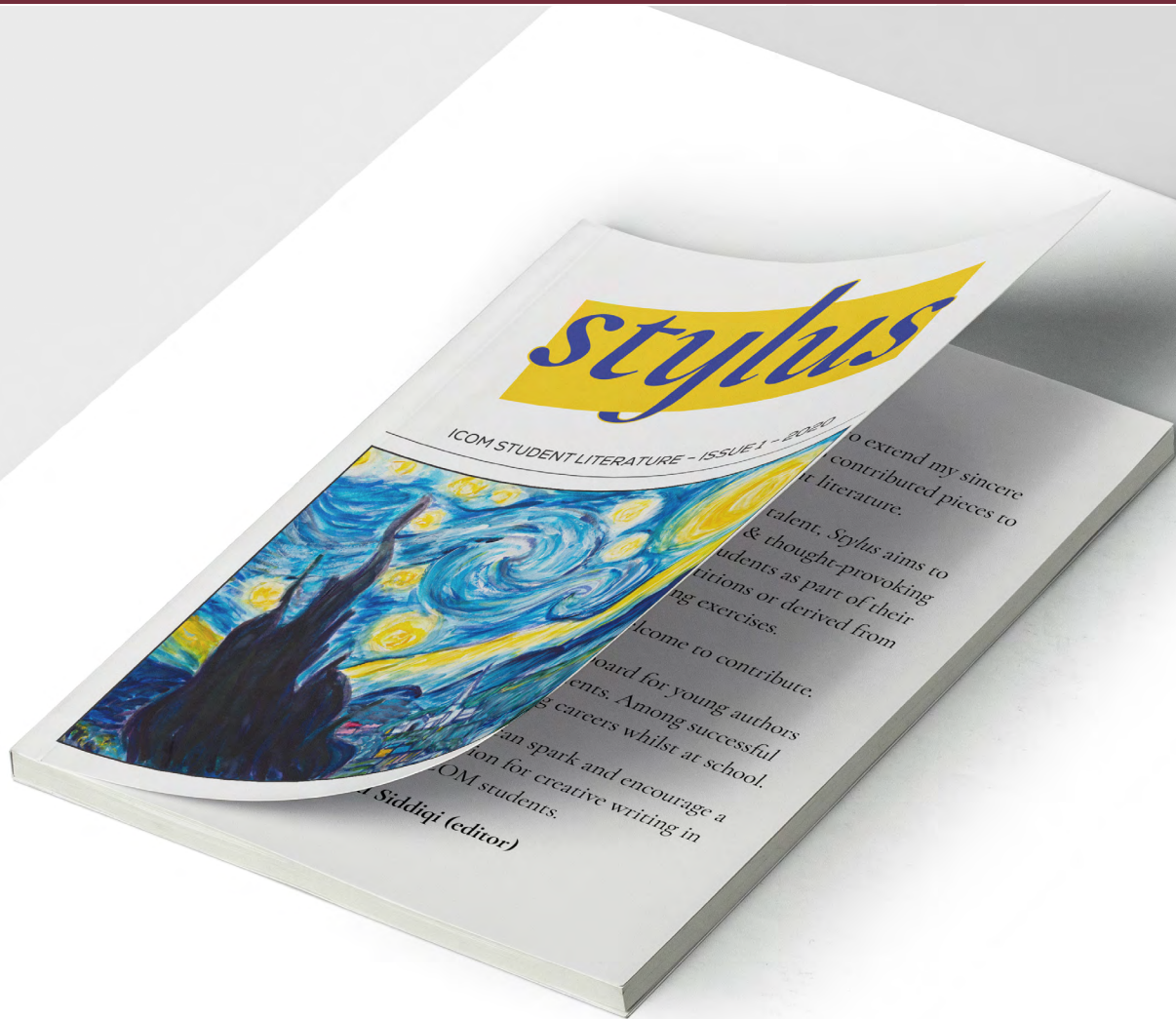
Ramadan Man visited all of our Primary classrooms throughout the morning, delivering a very special gift for all students which they could take home and enjoy after breaking their daily fast.

Our students were overjoyed to have Ramadan Man with them in their classrooms, they were extremely grateful to have received such a sweet reward.



To mark the beginning of Ramadan, Ramadan Man visited students in their classrooms as a surprise.





## 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.

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## Secondary: Interschool Football

This month we've had both our Junior Secondary & Senior Secondary Interschool football teams out competing around our local area, both of which had great results in all of their games with the Junior Secondary boys winning the Wyndham Cup and progressing on to the regional finals. Most valuable players from our Junior Secondary side were Koda Hawli, Ibrahim Abou-Zeid & Youssef ElHawli.



## Secondary: Junior Public Speaking

Years 7–9 students were recently offered the opportunity to compete in an online public speaking competition run by the Debater's Association of Victoria.

Year 7 and 8 students were asked to complete a 4–5 minute persuasive speech on either *it's a small world*, *the power of a dream* or *the lost arts*. We wish Iraj Rizvi of 8C, Syeda Fatima Zehra of 7A, Asliyah Amin of 7C, and Yasmine Mohamed of 7A the best of luck with their entries.

Year 9 students were asked to complete a 5–6 minute persuasive speech on a topic of their choice. We wish Mulyeka Fawad and Khadra El Hawli, both of 9C, all the best with their submissions.

**Mr Jarrod Carrington**  
Public Speaking Coordinator



## Secondary: After School Iftar

To commemorate the month of Ramadan, on the 30th of April, ICOM hosted a secondary students' iftar in the school gymnasium. The night began with enthusiastic volunteers setting up the room and the students became even more enthusiastic as they saw the boxes of pizzas slowly stack up on the gym stage as they were delivered. Alhamdulillah it was a successful night with different student roleplays highlighting different social concerns that we should have as Muslims, among other activities. Suffice to say there was lots of food left over which was no doubt delightfully devoured during the boys' qiyam.

I would like to thank the Islamic students department and all students that helped make this night a success.

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