



AICS CONNECT

11th September 2026

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Celebrating an Outstanding Achievement: We are exceptionally proud to celebrate one of our students, **Jamaal Osikoya** from Year 12 who has been awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Order of Australia Association (NSW Branch) in recognition of his achievements and service to the community. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a wonderful reflection of his dedication and commitment. We congratulate him on this well-deserved honour and wish him every success in his upcoming HSC examinations. May Allah bless his efforts and grant him continued success.

Primary School Athletics Carnival: Despite being postponed from its original date due to rain, our Primary School Athletics Carnival went ahead on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and was a wonderful day of participation, teamwork and sportsmanship. It was fantastic to see our students competing enthusiastically and earning valuable points for their teams. Congratulations to all students for their efforts!

1st Red Redtails

2nd Yellow Wallabies

3rd Blue Bluebottles

4th Green Crocs

A special thank you to our dedicated staff for their hard work organising such a successful event.

Student Book Launch: We were honoured to celebrate the Book Launch of *The Comfort in Dotted I's*, on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 as one of our very own student, **Afizah Mansur** from Year 12 has achieved the incredible milestone of publishing her own book. We are extremely proud of her achievement and wish her every success in her upcoming HSC examinations. May Allah bless her efforts and future endeavours. You can access a copy from the Date Palm Tree's website.

Year 9 Commerce Market Day: Our Year 9 students put their Commerce knowledge into practice during their Commerce Market Day on Monday 7th September 2026. Market day gives students the opportunity to experience what it is like to plan and operate a small business. Students developed business ideas, considered pricing and promotion, managed their products and interacted with customers. The experience helps them develop valuable skills in teamwork, communication, organisation, problem-solving and financial decision-making. Well done to our Year 9 students for their enthusiasm and hard work!

2027 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening Session: We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful Kindergarten teachers for their efforts in hosting a successful 2027 Kindergarten Information Session for prospective parents. The session provided families with an opportunity to learn more about our Kindergarten program, meet our teachers and gain an insight into their child's first year of school. We also thank all the parents who attended and look forward to welcoming their children to our school community in 2027, Insha'Allah.

Senior Pathways 2027 Subject Selection Information Night: Our Year 10 students and parents were invited to attend our Senior Pathways Subject Selection Information Night on Thursday 27th August 2026, providing families with important information to assist students as they prepare for Years 11 and 12. The evening offered guidance around subject choices, senior pathways and future opportunities. We sincerely thank our parents for attending and engaging in this important process, and for our dedicated teachers for their commitment, preparation and ongoing support of our students and their future goals.

Student Extended Leave: Please be reminded that extended leave during term time is not allowed. Any requests for holiday leave will not be approved. It is important for students to attend school regularly, as missing exams and assessments could result in receiving a mark of zero and potentially impact promotion to the next grade. Please refer to our student leave policy on our school website for further information.

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Mathscup School Mathematics Competition: Alhamdulillah, our selected Year 6 students, had a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Maths Challenge Competition on 2nd September 2026 putting their mathematical knowledge, problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test.

Although we did not take home a prize, the students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and gained valuable experience and exposure. We are proud of their enthusiasm and positive attitude and look forward to seeing them return even better prepared next time, Insha’Allah.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Imad Ahmad (6A)
- Ayaana Haque (6A)
- Abdul Adnan (6B)
- Jamaima Hossien (6C)
- Manha Zaman (6D)
- Zoya Syed (6E)

Chess Tournament: Our Primary school Chess Club students represented the school proudly, at the NSW Primary Schools Chess Competition at Smithfield Public School achieving an impressive **6th place out of 27 teams** from a range of schools. The competition was challenging, and every match kept the students on the edge of their seats as they carefully planned their next moves. Despite the tough competition, they remained focused, determined and supportive of one another. It was a wonderful experience that allowed them to strengthen their chess skills, build confidence and enjoy competing against talented players from other schools. Congratulations to our participating students:

- Zainab Fatima Syeda 6A
- Imad Ahmad 6A
- Abdul Hadi Adnan 6B
- Ayyoub Sjam 6B
- Saad Abdullah 6D
- Rehan Ahmed 5D
- Eman Faizan 5E
- Zaydan Khan 4E

Parking and Consideration for the community: We ask all parents to demonstrate courtesy and patience during drop-off and pick-up times. Please:

- Do not block neighbouring driveways.
- Follow designated pick-up and drop-off zones.
- Comply with directions from staff and security.
- Avoid double parking or unsafe stopping.
- Do not park on other peoples property.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining safety and good relationship within our surrounding community.

AICS Anti-Bullying Campaign: At AICS, the wellbeing, safety and dignity of every student is a priority. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful environment where all students feel valued and supported.

Our school has clear anti-bullying policies and procedures in place to address bullying and inappropriate behaviour. Students are encouraged to speak up and report any concerns to a trusted staff member so that matters can be addressed promptly and appropriately.

Parents must not approach other children to discipline them.

We remind all students that kindness, respect and looking out for one another are important responsibilities we all share. By working together with students, staff and families, we can continue to foster a positive school environment where everyone feels safe, respected and included.

Community Announcements: We encourage families to check the Community Announcements section at the end of the school newsletter to stay informed about activities and opportunities available within our wider community.

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Students,

We are excited to continue the next phase of **Term 3**, with many wonderful opportunities ahead for our Primary students. The coming weeks will be filled with engaging learning experiences, exciting events and opportunities for students to **learn, achieve and grow**. We look forward to celebrating their efforts, achievements and successes throughout these weeks.

Important Announcement

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

We are excited to welcome our 2027 Kindergarten students to their Orientation Sessions, commencing on Monday, 7 September and concluding on Friday, 25 September. Parents are requested to check the SEQTA message sent to them and confirm the specific dates their child is scheduled to attend the Orientation Sessions.

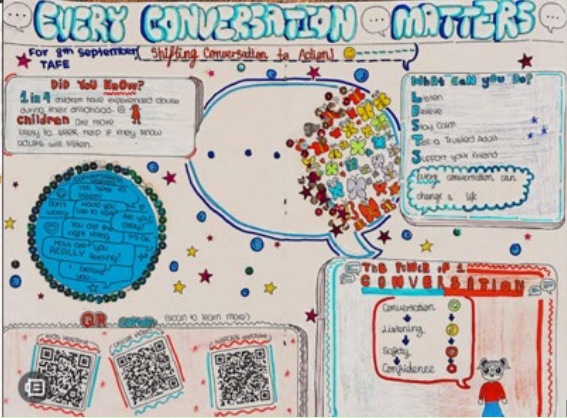
We look forward to welcoming our little learners and helping them become familiar with their new school environment in preparation for their Kindergarten journey in 2027.

Term 3 Assessment

Weeks 6–8 will be assessment weeks, providing students with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and progress across their learning areas. We wish all our students every success and encourage them to approach their assessments with confidence, preparation and a positive mindset.

Blacktown City Council Child Protection Poster Competition-Every Voice Matters!

We are delighted to celebrate the wonderful achievement of **Amal Asad from Year 6C**, who has been awarded First Prize for her poster and cover page design. Congratulations, Amal, on this fantastic accomplishment! Your creativity, effort and talent have made our school community very proud. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavours.



Maths Cup Competition

Selected students proudly represented AICS in the **Maths Cup Competition**, demonstrating their mathematical skills, problem-solving abilities and determination. Our students **performed well** and made us very proud. Congratulations to all the students who participated and represented our school with such enthusiasm and commitment!

Primary School K-2 Star Student Award Recipients

Here is a list of recipients of the Primary Star Student Awards. Congratulations to all our award winners on this fantastic achievement!

Kindergarten

KA	KB	KC	KD	KE
Haniya Raza	Ella Rasic	Zahraa Amer	Adam Abdelrahim	Mariama Jalloh
Jacob Akl	Zayan Mollah	Inshirah Khan	Azaan Butt	Abdullah Islam
Rayan Atif	Aqeeb Khan	Nour Hejazi	Mirha Salman	Mehmet Junaid



Year 1

1A	1B	1C	1D	1E
Zoya Mohamed Bashir	Khadija Imran	Nader Ali Rezek	Noah Gananim	Hawra AL- Obeid
Sumaya Paikar	Yumna Hossain	Aminah Shahid Puthawala	Aashir Ali	Humarya Ariadi
Sajdeh Abdullah	Eyad Al Charif	Nazan Mohammad Sarker	Mahad Imran	Sayhan Sadit



Year 2

2A	2B	2C	2D	2E
Aisha Zaman	Ayra Shaik	Tahiya Hossain	Umar Ayub	Layla Kazime
Eliana Imtiaz	Mahdi Shukry	Kayes Faniad	Tamzid Azad	Esma Cetin
Shanzay Ali	Sofia Khattak	Narrebah Kabir	Safiyya Ahmad	Zaydan Rahaman



Mystery Teacher Awards
Best Behaved class during Award Assembly- 1C



Primary School 3-6 Star Student Award Winners

Year 3

3A	3B	3C	3D	3E
Inshirah Mohammed	Mariam El Enezi	Adam Mossa	Nadine Agusetyadi	Hawra Choopani
Waad Mohamed	Kefah Sami Ibrahim	Bareerah Gaziani	Eshaal Asif	Naba Abdullah
Abubakar Javed	Ridan Sheikh	Muhammad Ayyan Javed	Adeebah Islam	Araf Ershad



Year 4

4A	4B	4C	4D	4E
Mainuma Nuzmaeen	Ifra Aroosh Mohammed	Ayoub Adam	Fariza Zafreen	Suleyman Basaran
Osob Shamsudin	Haniya Hasana Mohammed	Ayah Islam	Talhah Imam	Rida Fatima
Marwan Musa	Ali Punjwani	Junayd Metin Naufal	Amaan Mohammed	Barakah Handony



Year 5

5A	5B	5C	5D	5E
Zakaria Lutfi Balfas	Ridwan Mohammed	Rohaan Qadeer	El-Esh Muhammad	Aaliyah Cecen
Aaryan Muhammad Rasool	Yousuf Hafeez	Bushra Fatima	Nawaz Hareir	Eman Faizan
Ibrahim Balla	Dua Faizan	Razeena Sabthar	Dua Mazhar	Muhammad Muneeb Siddiqui



Year 6

6A	6B	6C	6D	6E
Ismail Ayub	Rima Akl	Eshan Samil Khan	Jasmina Muneeb	Kaleem Siddiqui
Tahseen Sohiddullah	Ayat Shariff	Aisha Khursheed	Mary Aziz	Medina Oemar
Areem Ahmed	Ajwa Azizi	Umaiza Umaira	Aima Yasir	Hanzalah Khan



Literacy Intervention Award Recipients

Stage 2	Stage 3
3C- Kulsum Amatul Rehman	5C - Judy Ibrahim
4D- Fariz Hasan	6E- Halima Habibi




Mystery Teacher Award

Best behaved class during Assembly – 3B and 6C



Highlights for Primary School

Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ Program

Islamic Studies Department has conducted two Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ assemblies last week.

The purpose of the programme was to:

- Increase students' awareness and understanding of the life and teachings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad
- Develop and strengthen our love for the Prophet
- Remind students of the beautiful character, manners and qualities of the Prophet; and
- Encourage students to follow his Sunnah and apply his teachings in their daily lives.



2027 Kindergarten Information Evening

It was wonderful and exciting to see **so many parents and our 2027 Kindergarten students** attend our Kindergarten Information Evening!

The evening was filled with excitement as families had the opportunity to learn more about starting Kindergarten and becoming part of our AICS community. We look forward to welcoming our newest little learners in 2027!

Athletics Carnival

Athletics Carnival Winners – RED HOUSE!

What an exciting day! Our students had an amazing time competing, cheering each other on and enjoying plenty of fun and laughter throughout the Athletics Carnival.

A huge congratulations to Red House on an outstanding win!

2nd Place-Yellow House

3rd Place-Blue House

4th Place Green House



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Program – Nourishing Our Students

Our school is proud to offer a **Breakfast Program** for all students, providing a healthy and welcoming start to the school day. Breakfast is served **five days a week (Monday to Friday) from 7:50am to 8:20am.**

A nutritious breakfast plays an important role in improving concentration, energy levels, attendance, and overall wellbeing, helping students arrive in class ready to learn and participate fully in their lessons.

Primary Student Welfare

This is your space, where you can find information and advice about important topics like bullying, online safety, communicating with your child and the school, and much more, to help you make your child’s learning journey a safe and positive one.

[Student Wellbeing Hub](#)
[Brain break bops | Student Wellbeing Hub](#)
[Parents | Student Wellbeing Hub](#)



Upcoming Events

- Primary Student Leadership Selection-16th September 2026
- Wanderers Touch Football Clinic-4th September 2026
- R U Okay Day? -10th September 2026
- Remembrance Day-11th September 2026
- Year 3 Excursion –17th September 2026
- 2027 Kindergarten Orientation-7th September to 25th September 2026
- Harmony Cup-Athletics- 15th September 2026

Reminders

Important Dismissal Guidelines

To ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process, please adhere to the following:

- Parents are requested to pick up their children on time. K-2 students can become anxious, tired, and hungry after a long school day.
- No Playing in the Overflow Carpark: Years 3-6 students are not allowed to run, play, or congregate in the overflow carpark after dismissal.
- Parents must collect their children and leave promptly, as the overflow carpark gates will be locked at 3:30 PM.
- Students who walk home must leave the school premises immediately after being dismissed by their class teachers.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all students.

Safety at the School Gate

Please keep our school children safe!

There is an increase in selfish acts of driving and parking around the school. Please be reminded that parking across driveways and non-parking areas at any time is illegal and performing 3 point turns on or close to the crossing is dangerous.

Please show responsibility and respect when driving around our school. We will not hesitate to forward photos and details of dangerous drivers to the Police.

All these rules are to keep our children, you, and others safe. Please help keep each other safe.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plan Updates: Parents whose children have allergies and/or other conditions need to ensure that College records are up to date. If your child is asthmatic or anaphylaxis, then he/she must have an Individual Action Plan. Please contact our Office as soon as possible so that your child’s Action Plan can be updated.

Kindergarten News

Term 3 has been a wonderful and engaging period of learning for KC, with students developing their knowledge through hands-on experiences, collaboration and meaningful classroom discussions.

Mathematics:

Students have been building a strong understanding of equal groups, using counters and concrete resources to represent and explore mathematical concepts. They have also been learning about tens and ones by grouping materials and making numbers with practical resources. This hands-on approach allows students to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts before applying their learning independently in their workbooks.

Science:

Our Science learning focused on **movement and friction**. Students participated in an exciting practical investigation, riding cars across rough and smooth surfaces and observing how friction can increase or decrease depending on the surface. They explored how friction affects the speed and movement of objects, developing their understanding through direct experimentation and observation.

English:

Students have been learning about nouns, verbs and sentence construction, with a focus on developing and extending sentences, including compound sentences. Shared reading continues to be an important part of our literacy program, with student leaders guiding groups and encouraging teamwork, discussion and confident participation.

A wonderful highlight this term was our **Science Exhibition**, where KC proudly won **Best Science Project** for our project on **Animal Features**. Students demonstrated excellent teamwork, knowledge and confidence while presenting their learning to visitors.

We are very proud of KC's enthusiasm, effort and continued growth this term!

Ms. Sumaira Naveed
KC Teacher



Year 1 News

Small Steps, Big Progress

This term, our Year 1 learners are working hard to build their independent reading skills. Learning to read is a unique journey for every child. In our targeted learning support sessions, we focus on breaking down words into individual sounds and building the confidence needed to tackle new texts.

You are our most valuable partner in this journey! You do not need expensive materials or hours of free time to make a massive impact on your child's reading success.

3 Quick Strategies for Home Reading

When your child brings home a book or practices reading with you, try these three evidence-based strategies:

Sound It Out (Decoding)

Encourage your child to use letter-sound knowledge to blend words from left to right instead of guessing based only on the pictures.

Echo Reading: If a page feels too difficult, read a sentence aloud with clear expression first, and then have your child immediately read ("echo") the exact same sentence back to you.

Ask "What If?": Build comprehension by pausing occasionally to ask questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why do you think the character did that?"

Playful Literacy: Fun with Found Materials

Phonics practice doesn't have to be restricted to worksheets. You can easily build print awareness and letter formation using everyday household objects:

Write high-frequency sight words in a shallow tray of sand, sugar, or salt.

Build tricky words on the kitchen table using dry pasta, stones, or small buttons.

Look for familiar letters and simple signs together during car rides or trips to the supermarket.

Let's Chat About Books!

Remember that reading together should be an enjoyable, low-stress experience. If your child gets stuck, give them 3 to 5 seconds to try decoding the word on their own before gently stepping in to supply the sound or word.

Thank you for your continuous encouragement and partnership!

Ms. Freha Sarwar
Year 1 Learning Support Teacher



Year 2 News

🌈 2C Celebrates Mad Science Week! 🏆

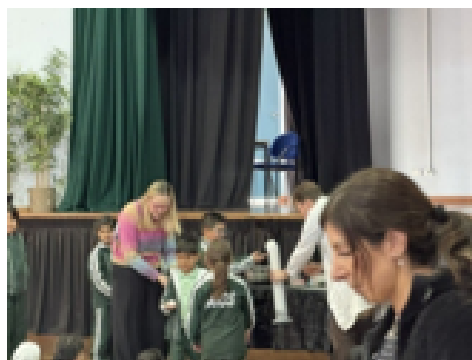
What an exciting week it has been for 2C as we celebrated Mad Science Week! Our classroom was filled with curiosity, creativity, excitement and lots of scientific thinking. The students enthusiastically participated in a range of fun and engaging science activities, where they had the opportunity to explore, investigate, make predictions, ask questions and test their ideas.



made the experience truly memorable.

Throughout the week, our budding scientists demonstrated fantastic teamwork and a wonderful enthusiasm for learning. It was amazing to see them sharing their ideas, making observations and proudly discussing their scientific discoveries with their classmates.

We are incredibly proud to announce that 2C WON 1ST PLACE in the Mad Science Week Award! 🏆 🌈 This fantastic achievement reflects the students' hard work, creativity, teamwork and love of science.



A huge congratulations to all our wonderful students! Well done, 2C — our little scientists are officially the Mad Science Week Champions! 🌈 🏆 🌈

Ms. Zohal Hasani
2C Teacher

Year 3 News

Year 3 has continued to have a wonderful Term 3, with students engaging enthusiastically in a range of exciting learning experiences. Students have been developing their knowledge and skills while demonstrating curiosity, persistence and a positive attitude towards their learning.

Last week, Year 3 proudly participated in Science Week, providing students with exciting opportunities to explore science through hands-on experiences. As part of the celebrations, students participated in the Mad About Science incursion. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive demonstrations and experiments and had an amazing time exploring different scientific concepts. It was wonderful to see their excitement, curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the session.



In class, students also conducted their own science experiment by making ice cream. This hands-on experiment allowed students to explore how changes in temperature can cause materials to change state. Students observed how the ingredients transformed from a liquid mixture into delicious ice cream as the temperature decreased. They had a fantastic time working collaboratively, making observations and discussing their scientific findings.

In English, students have been learning about the diary text type and developing their skills in writing diary entries from different perspectives. They have been exploring how to express thoughts, feelings and personal experiences while using appropriate diary features, descriptive language and a first-person voice. Students have enjoyed putting themselves in the shoes of different characters and bringing their experiences to life through their writing.



In Mathematics, students have been developing their understanding of multiplication and division, while also strengthening their addition and subtraction skills. Students have been applying a range of strategies to solve problems and explain their mathematical thinking.

Lastly, in Physical Education, students have been participating in a cricket program, developing their throwing, catching, batting and teamwork skills.

Students have enjoyed learning new skills, working together and building their confidence through a range of engaging cricket activities.

Ms. Ayse Basaran
3C Teacher

Year 4 News

This term, Year 4 students have stepped into the pages of Australia's history as they investigate the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 and the establishment of the first British settlement. Through engaging lessons, discussions and historical sources, students have been discovering what life was like more than 200 years ago.

Their learning came to life in Week 4, when students embarked on an exciting excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. Walking through the historic site, students explored the lives of convicts in the early colony, examined fascinating artefacts and listened to stories that helped them imagine the challenges of life in the past. They were encouraged to look closely, ask questions and think like historians! But the adventure didn't stop there!

After exploring the Barracks, students headed into beautiful Hyde Park to enjoy a well-earned lunch with their friends. They had fun playing, laughing and spending time together outdoors, creating plenty of happy memories along the way.

Year 4 is excited to continue their journey into Australia's past!



Year 5 News

What an exciting and engaging **Science Week** Year 5 had! We explored the amazing systems of the human body, which we learnt about in Term 2 Science, by designing and creating our own models. Each class was given a different body system to represent, and we loved seeing everyone's creative ideas come to life.

We also enjoyed our morning Science Week slides, which were packed with interesting science facts and fun quizzes to test our knowledge.

A special highlight was the **Mad Science incursion** held in the school hall. We were amazed by the exciting experiments and hands-on activities that made science come alive! We learnt that when air moves faster, it creates less pressure, and when air moves more slowly, it creates more pressure.

Our learning was also shared with the whole school through a **special display** in the hall, showcasing everyone's fantastic work and creativity. To finish the week with some extra fun, we wore crazy hats!

It was a fantastic week full of curiosity, creativity, learning and lots of fun!

Ms. Deepali Johri
5C Teacher



Year 6 News

Our Year 6 students have been enjoying an action-packed cricket program, developing their skills in batting, catching, bowling and fielding. Students have challenged themselves to improve their technique, accuracy and teamwork while putting their skills into practice during exciting games and activities. Through regular participation, students have not only become more confident and capable cricketers but have also developed their fitness, coordination, agility and perseverance.

In Creative Arts, our Year 6 students have stepped into the world of **Vincent van Gogh**, exploring his distinctive artistic style through his famous *The Starry Night* and *Sunflowers* artworks. Students recreated key features of each artwork before combining elements from both pieces to create their own unique Van Gogh-inspired masterpieces. This creative process encouraged students to experiment with colour, texture, brushstrokes, patterns and composition, while developing their confidence in making artistic choices. The final artworks showcased the students' creativity, individuality and ability to transform inspiration from a famous artist into something uniquely their own.

Mr Aslam Ahmad
Year 6 Teacher



As Salaamu Alaikum Wa Rehmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu,

Alhamdulillah, over the past two weeks, the Islamic Studies Department had the honour of conducting four Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ assemblies for our students across Kindergarten to Year 12 at both the Mount Druitt and Rooty Hill Campuses.

These special assemblies provided our students with an opportunity to pause, reflect and reconnect with the life and legacy of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: the greatest example of mercy, compassion, patience, humility and noble character.

Through engaging presentations and meaningful reminders, students revisited important moments from the **Seerah of Rasulallah** ﷺ, learning not only about the events of his blessed life, but also about the qualities that made him the perfect example for humanity. The purpose of these assemblies was to:

- Refresh our love for the Prophet ﷺ
- Increase our knowledge and understanding of his blessed life and teachings
- Reflect on his beautiful character, manners and qualities
- Recognise the importance of following his Sunnah
- Encourage students to apply his teachings in their everyday lives

To make the learning engaging and memorable, students also participated in an interactive **Seerah Trivia Quiz**, testing their knowledge of the life of the Prophet ﷺ. The enthusiasm, participation and excitement from our students made the assemblies a truly rewarding experience, Masha Allah.

Most importantly, the assemblies served as a reminder that learning about the Seerah is not simply about knowing the history of the Prophet ﷺ, it is about knowing who he was, appreciating the mercy and guidance he brought to humanity, loving him, and striving to follow his example.

As Allah ﷻ says:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

“Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example.”

(Surah Al-Ahzab, 33:21)

Alhamdulillah, it was wonderful to see our students engaging so enthusiastically with the Seerah and reflecting on the timeless lessons from the life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

May Allah ﷻ increase us all in our love for Rasulallah ﷺ, allow us to follow his Sunnah, beautify our character with his noble qualities, and make the Seerah a source of guidance in our lives.

اللهم صل وسلم وبارك على نبينا محمد

May our love for the Prophet ﷺ continue to grow.

Jazak Allahu Khaira

Sheikh Abdul Aziz



Secondary School – English Department

On 2 September, Australian Islamic College of Sydney proudly hosted the official book launch of Afifah Mansur's poetry anthology, *The Comfort in Dotted I's*, in collaboration with Date Palm Tree Publishing.

Afifah's achievement is an inspiration to young Muslim writers, reminding us of the stories and voices they have to share with the world.

Congratulations Afifah on this wonderful achievement! We can't wait to see where your words take you next.



Year 10 Students Experience Law in Action at the Downing Centre District Court



Our Year 10 students recently had the valuable opportunity to visit the **Downing Centre District Court**, providing them with a firsthand insight into the Australian legal system and the way our courts operate.

The excursion was an excellent opportunity for students to move beyond the classroom and experience **law in action**. Throughout the day, students observed court proceedings and gained a greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities of key participants within the criminal justice system, including judges, barristers, solicitors, court officers and defendants.

For many students, seeing a real court case unfold was a particularly memorable experience. Concepts that students have explored in the classroom suddenly became much more tangible as they witnessed the processes and procedures of the justice system firsthand. The visit allowed students to appreciate the importance of due process, evidence, legal representation and the presumption of innocence, while also developing a deeper understanding of how the law operates in practice.

The excursion also provided students with the opportunity to reflect on the significant responsibilities involved in administering justice. Observing legal professionals in their roles helped students make meaningful connections between their classroom learning and potential future careers in law, justice and the wider legal profession.

It was fantastic to see students engaged, curious and respectful throughout the visit. Experiences such as these are an important part of developing students' understanding of the law, encouraging them to think critically about the justice system and demonstrating that the concepts they learn in HSIE extend well beyond the classroom.

We are proud of the way our Year 10 students represented the school and would like to thank the staff who supported the excursion and helped make this valuable learning experience possible.

Ms. Tayyibha Hussain
Head of HSIE Department
Career Advisor

ROOTY HILL CHEFS



YEAR 11 FOOD TECH

Food showcase from our brand new
industrial kitchen at Rooty Hill Campus

Community Announcements

2026 HSC study support sessions @ Max Webber Library

As part of Blacktown City Libraries HSC Study Support Zone, we are proud to offer two **HSC headspace stress management sessions** presented by headspace.

Our popular **HSC Study Zone IS BACK!** Study quietly or in small groups with access to HSC Reference Collection. All these events are **FREE** to your HSC students.

HEADSPACE STRESS MANAGEMENT

Tuesday 22 September, 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm in Max Webber Library, Community Room

Session content:

the mental health spectrum

what it stress?

tips for managing stress

headspace programs and support.



HSC STUDY ZONE

Wednesday 30 September, 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm in the Max Webber Function Centre.

Bring along a friend or two, your study notes, practice exams and equipment

Seating, whiteboards, stationery bottled water, pizza!!! and free Wi-Fi are provided.

BOOK NOW

Limited spaces available.

<https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Services/Blacktown-City-Libraries/Youth-connect/HSC-Support-Zone>

Sessions held at Max Webber Library, Level 1. Corner Alpha Street and Flushcombe Road, Blacktown.

Parking is available in the library basement off Alpha Street.

If you would like any further information on this matter, please contact our Max Webber Library Reference Desk on 9839 6620. Please cc Luke Peloquin – Information Services

Librarian Luke.peloquin@blacktown.nsw.gov.au in your email responses.





Spring Holiday Workshop

Lego Engineering & Robotics



Venue	Date	Time	Cost
St.Marys Community Centre	28th Sept	9am-12pm	Half Day (3hrs): \$15* - \$65
Penrith Valley Sports Centre	28th Sept	1:30pm-4:30pm	
Bungarribee Community Centre	30th Sept	9am-12pm, 9am-3:30pm , 12:30pm-3:30pm	Full Day (6.5hrs) : \$70* - \$120
Marsden Park Community Centre	1st Oct	9am-12pm, 9am-3:30pm , 12:30pm-3:30pm	
Glenmore Park Community Centre	7th Oct	9am-12pm, 9am-3:30pm , 12:30pm-3:30pm	
Katoomba Girls Guide Hall	8th Oct	1:30pm-4:30pm	*With \$50 NSW Creative Kids Voucher



Register Now!
<https://www.trybooking.com/DPKRV>



Fun and Supportive Environment

Real-World Application

Collaboration and Teamwork

Creativity and Critical Thinking

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Eligibility: Kindy - Yr 6 (students are grouped according to age & ability)

Booking Link : <https://www.trybooking.com/DPKRV>

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StoryFACTORY

WINGIN' IT!

FREE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

for Primary School Students (Years 3 - 6)

There are over 800 species of native birds in Australia: each of them with their own looks, their own sounds, their own lives. If you're searching for inspiration for exciting stories to tell: maybe you should look to the skies...

In this free, creative writing workshop, participants will undertake a series of exciting writing challenges inspired by the incredible lives of birds.

DATE: Wednesday, 7 October 2026

TIME: 10am-12pm (in-person) 10-11:30am (online)

WHERE: Story Factory Bidwill, Shop 7 Bidwill Square
Story Factory Parramatta, 90 George Street

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FREE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

for Primary School Students (Years 3 - 6)

Imagine seeing a leaf on the ground by your bus stop—unlike any leaf you've seen before. When you pick it up and examine it, you realise it's actually an invitation. What you don't realise, is that this is the start of a very strange series of events...

In this free, creative writing workshop, participants create and discover an original character living in nature. They build this character's personality and design their home, before receiving an exciting gift that promises new adventures!

DATE: Wednesday, 7 October 2026

TIME: 12:30-2:30pm (in-person) 12:30-2pm (online)

WHERE: Story Factory Bidwill, Shop 7 Bidwill Square
Story Factory Parramatta, 90 George Street

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LETHBRIDGE PARK LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

2026-2027 SEASON

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FRIENDSHIPS

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REGISTRATION FEES

- ★ Tots (3-5 years) \$120
- ★ Ages 6-20 \$140
- ★ Community Membership \$45

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WHEN YOU REGISTER IN AUGUST!

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SEASON STARTS

Friday, 18 September 2026

🕒 6:00 pm

Every Friday night through
to 12 March 2027



MORE INFO

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for the whole family!

Active Kids vouchers accepted!



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