

**AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC COLLEGE –
DIANELLA**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT 2006
Events and Activities**

2006 SCHOOL REPORT – DIANELLA

Aussie of the Month Program

The Aussie of the Month Award is a West Australian primary school based program, which has been in operation for over ten years with the participation of hundreds of schools across the State. The Award recognizes personal endeavor, achievement and contribution to the community, participation and a real concern for the environment.

Purpose:

- ☐ Encourage Aussie pride, community/school spirit and environmental awareness in school.

What is the award?

- ☐ Every month, a student is chosen and is presented with an Aussie of the Month badge, certificate and a small prize (includes an Australian written book) at the school assembly.

Categories:

- Lower primary – Years 1, 2, 3 and ESL, Upper Primary – Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 & High School – Years 8, 9 & 10.

When choosing a student, these criteria are used:

- ☐ School pride
- ☐ Citizenship pride
- ☐ Generosity of spirit
- ☐ Commitment to the community
- ☐ Fairness when dealing with others
- ☐ Concern for the environment

Aussie of the Month Winners 2006

February

Umayma Abdi Wahab 3A, Rakaft Mohommed 7A & Muna Faysal Yusuf 8G

March

Habiba Farrag 4B, Abdi Rashid Mohammed 7B & Zahraa Al-Saeedy 9G

May

Zainab Al-Sudani 3C, Nisa Mohamed 6C & Masra Al-Samawi 10

June

Basheer Bennamoun 2A, Nadhirah Zainal 5A & Fahima Gowdan 8

July

Khaleda Ahmad 3B, Basheer Mohamad 6B, Safa Al-Hilli 7B & Ifrah Adam 9G

August

Mona Faraj 2C, Neelab Hassan 6C & Doaa Al-Kharasan 10G

September

Noor Mohamad 3A, Safa Abdullehadi 6A & Sakeena Goliath 8G

October

Ayat Al Shawi 3B , Sheyaam Goliath 5B& Arijana Medanovic 9G

November

Adeeba Iftikhar 1C, Jaris Ismail 5C, Thwaiba Adam ESL & Doaa Al-Kharasan 10G

SUN program

An initiative that began in 2004 by Sutherland Primary that incorporated the local Jewish, Muslim school and government school Upper Primary students to run team building and social events to build friendship and understanding of different cultures. In Term One 2006, our Year Six students attended informal gatherings with Sutherland Primary and Carmel School and participated in different team building and friendship exercises. All class teachers were also involved with the planning and execution of the activities for the days.

Harmony Week

Our school participated in Mirrabooka Square shopping centre's Harmony Banner Competition. Students were selected from each year group to represent our school in the designing and painting of the banner overseen by Sr Mariam Mohamed Islam and Ms Phang. Our banner presented a multicultural theme of different cultures standing before a background of a famous Australian landmark. A giant poster showcasing our banner held up by our talented students is still hanging proudly in our school.

Also, the Year Six students presented their annual Harmony Day play, banner and song at the school assembly promoting the message of Unity. Our Year Six students and Sutherland Primary students also created Dilly bags that are Aboriginal friendship bags that usually contain food and other useful items to help others. Our Dilly bags were filled with special items from each child's culture and custom as well as well-wishing messages for the world. The Dilly bags were displayed at the Dianella Library for the duration of Harmony Week.

PRISSEM Conference 25th March 2006

Our three Year Six teachers, Reza, Suhaila and Diana presented a 90 minute workshop at the Primary Science Conference held at the Novotel Vines Resort. It was attended by hundreds of Primary School Teachers who were interested in learning and exchanging innovative ideas of improving Science education. Our school teachers' topic was "Students as Teachers" that showcased the effective pedagogy utilising peer-teaching and cooperative learning in the school's annual Science Week Fair.

Safety in Schools Week 12-16 June

Kidsafe and Safety in Schools Week organised their annual competition that promoted the message of safety first and encouraged students to produce their own websites. Our school ran an internal competition and then selected the best entries for the state competition. With the help of our IT guru Br Nadeem, our Upper Primary student Sondos Mohamad won First prize in her division. She won a Spare Parts Puppet Theatre excursion for her whole class and a book voucher. This is our school's second year participation in this event and also our second achievement of first place in a division.

Science Week 14-18 August 2006

Our Year Six students and teachers organised and ran a week long Science fair that encouraged Science Investigation and learning in our lower Primary students. Throughout the week, the lower primary classes took turns to attend a session in the Upper Primary Building Laboratory that ran six different Science stalls and a worksheet competition. This annual event that began in 2001 has been an effective program to encourage peer teaching and cooperative learning amongst the Year Six students and promote the fun of Science investigation to our lower primary students.

MS Readathon 2006

In our school's second attempt at this program, we managed to double our reading list and donations from the previous year. This initiative began as a promotion of literacy in our students and also teaching them the value of helping others in need (in this case the Multiple Sclerosis sufferers). We also receive a plaque acknowledging the school's effort in reading the most number of books in the State. See attached summary report 2006.

Brainstorm Play

To complement our Friendly School policy, we booked a Brainstorm play, *Brave Hearts*, for the students (Years 3 to 9) in week 10, Term Two. Brainstorm Productions presents plays about real people through a world of fantasy and fun to counter the onslaught of negative propaganda to which students are exposed. In *Brave Hearts*, the students learn about how to cope and overcome loss, failure and fear to become better persons. All the teachers and students were rapt with the play and its message.

Prefects

Term Three was the time to nominate prefects and vote for Headboy, Headgirl, Deputy Headboy and deputy Headgirl. Prefects were chosen from the Year Six classes and all teachers in the school had to vote (preferentially) for the Heads. These prefects then sign contracts with the Principal, Head Teacher and Class teachers that stipulated they obey all the rules and take their duties and responsibilities seriously. These new prefects were presented to the school in an assembly (15th September) that farewell our older prefects chosen the year before. Prefect duties and responsibilities include recess/lunch, mosque, sports carnival duties, as well as performing Aussie of Month, ANZAC DAY and other special occasion assemblies. Every year we select at least 20 prefects to help the school.

Pet Show Week 31 October – 3 November

This event first began in 2004 and was run in conjunction with Australia Post's release of pet stamps. The school decided to hold this popular event again ourselves to continue to showcase the variety of animals people choose to keep as hobbies or for company in their homes, and also to teach our children strategies and lessons about looking after our animals in the environment.

The activities that ran during the week were a Pet Show display of small animals such as rodents, birds, insects, crustaceans, reptiles and amphibians. Pet owners of bigger mammals entered their animals in the photo-judging competition. The students also participated in colouring and poetry competitions that promoted the message of becoming good caretakers of our environments and animals. It was a fun event that included teachers and parents too.

Multicultural Day 16th November 2006

It was a whole school effort that showcased songs, plays and speeches by our school's principals, invited school's Heads, Member of Parliament and guests from the US Consulate in Perth. Our students and teachers were all dressed in their traditional costumes, we all paraded on stage and interacted with guests from neighbouring schools (Catholic, Jewish and Government). The theme that diversity is good and important to Australian culture was seen by the mixture of cultures attending the event. Food and knowledge were also exchanged in feasts prepared in every classroom and a room set aside with displays of different countries. Fun passports were also given to students that day to be stamped in the room with international countries displays.