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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum

All praise belongs to Allah (SWT) for his mercy, blessings and guidance. May I begin by thanking all the staff for their hard work during Term 1. Please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedication and support. It is pleasing to note that the majority of our students are now accustomed to the school routine and working as per the expectations of the teachers and the school in general. The teaching and learning environment is very conducive and productive. I thank all the parents for their continued support and encourage them to ensure that their child(ren) understand the importance of being properly equipped and prepared for school each day so that they can engage fully in each lesson. Allah (SWT) says in the Holy Quran "...those who patiently persevere will truly receive a reward without measure..." (Surah Az-Zumar 39:10).

Attendance

It is a requirement for all students to attend school regularly and punctually. Should your child(ren) be absent from school, please notify the school between 8.10am and 8.30am. Upon returning to school the child(ren) should bring a note from the parent/guardian explaining the absence. This

note must be given to the Roll Call teacher. In case of illness, a medical certificate must be presented. Please note that only the principal has the authority to give permission for a child to be absent from school for any reason other than illness or unforeseen circumstances. For any other leave for students, parents have to apply (form available from the office) at least two weeks in advance.

The Principal will then consider the leave application and convey his decision to the parents. Parents please note that it is the BOSTES requirement that Year 11 & 12 students fulfil specific attendance and work coverage requirements in order to qualify for HSC Examinations. Absences for long periods will prevent these students from meeting these mandatory requirements.

The school starts at 8.25am with pastoral care. All students are required to be in school by 8.20am so that they benefit from the pastoral care program. Students who arrive late miss out on these important lessons. I request all Parents/Guardians to drop their children to school before 8.20am. Parents/Guardians are also reminded that there is no teacher supervision before 8.00am and after 3.45pm. Please ensure that your child(ren) are not dropped at school before 8.00am and that they are picked up promptly before 3.45pm.

GVIC

Respect

Ownership

Caring

Knowledge

Safety

REMINDERS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates for Students

TERM 1 Thu 28th Jan –
Fri 8th Apr

TERM 2 Wed 27th Apr –
Fri 1st Jul

TERM 3 Tue 19th Jul –
Fri 23rd Sep

TERM 4 Mon 10th Oct –
Fri 16th Dec

GVIC - NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please be advised that the following board members have recently been appointed:

Mr Rizvi Khan (Chairman)

Mr Sirtaj Hussain (Secretary)

Mr Abdul Hakim (Treasurer)

Br Abdul Gaffar (Director)

Mr Mehboob Khan (Director)

Mr Faiyaz Ali (Director)

Mr Azmat Ali (Director)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Years 7 to 11 Assessments

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students have ongoing assessments in their subjects which are completed during the term. The Half Yearly Examination will be in Term 2.

Year 12

Year 12 Half Yearly Examination will commence in Week 10, Term 1 Thursday, 31st March. The Examination timetable has already been handed out to the students. Parents can also view the timetable on our school website.

Assignments and Projects

Students are given Assignments / Projects in various subjects. This should be worked on over a period of time and not just the night before the due date. Teachers expect to see quality detailed work. Letters will be sent home informing parents of students who are causing concern due to their lack of participation.

Afternoon Classes

The school has been conducting Afternoon Classes for Year 7 and 9 students in order to develop their literacy and numeracy skills and in preparation for NAPLAN Examination. The teachers are working hard to ensure our students get exceptional revision that would extend or enhance their understanding and skills in their subject areas.

Holidays

The Minister for Education has approved changes regarding holidays. As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations.

Parking

Parents have both a legal and a moral obligation to obey the laws relating to speed zones and parking outside schools. Please note that severe penalties are now in place for breaking the law in school zones. In particular remember the following:

- Do not stop in 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' zones.
- Do not allow students to enter cars in traffic.
- Stop at the crossing when students wish to cross and wait until students have finished crossing.
- Remember to observe courtesy at all times.
- The Drop Off zone is NOT a parking area.

Payment of School fees

A small number of parents who are yet to pay the fees are requested to do so immediately. We appreciate prompt payment of school fees.

School fees can be paid by cash, EFT (in person or over the phone) and BPAY. BPAY facility has been introduced this year. Our Biller Code is 255943. Each family has been allocated a unique Reference Number. This appears on the bottom left hand corner of the family statement. Please enter this Reference Number to ensure that the payment is correctly allocated to your child's account. Family statement will be sent to you in due course.

School Holidays

The last day of school for Term 1 is **Friday, 8th April**. Students will return to school on **Wednesday, 27th April**. Please note that Tuesday, 26th April is a pupil free day.

Dr Mohammed Jafar

Parent Teacher Meeting

Parent teacher meeting for Years 7 to 11 students is in Week 11 on Wednesday, 6th April. Interim Report will be handed out and parents can discuss their child's progress with the subject teachers. Parent notification and the booking sheet will be handed out to the students soon. Year 12 parent teacher meeting and the distribution of reports will be in early Term 2.

Student Support Program for Years 11 and 12

As part of our school's aim to improve the learning and development of our students, we are providing an after school student support program that aims to improve student work habits, academic performance and develop deeper student engagement in studies. Key Learning Area staff will provide possible assistance to individual and/or groups of students.

A range of learning support, such as assistance with assignment preparation, time management, essay writing skills, homework, examination techniques as well as individual feedback sessions for assignments and examinations will be provided.

Parents are requested to encourage their child(ren) in need of this support to attend these classes.

The classes are held every **Wednesday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**. Students from **Year 11 and 12** in need of the above support are encouraged to attend. In addition, Business and Legal Studies students can also see their subject teachers on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Saturday Classes

Year 11 Extension Maths students will have Saturday class on 26th March from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Parent consent letters have been given to the respective students.

Student newsletters from BOSTES

Students in Years 11 and 12 were sent Students Online bulletins in early March. The electronic newsletters contain information about personal Students Online accounts as well as links to useful study resources and other news. Students are requested to logon to

Students Online and use the information, study tips and advice given in preparation for their examinations.

Mrs Sameema Ali

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department here at G.V.I.C. are excited to announce that we will implement a fun, new program called 'Word Flyers'. 'Word Flyers' is a computerised system which features a range of interactive games and tasks ensured to boost student's literacy skills. The program will be incorporated at school and can be easily accessed from home. More information about 'Word Flyers' will be made available soon.

In other exciting news, G.V.I.C. will soon have its own public speaking team. Public speaking is a fun way for students to practice their persuasive writing and speaking skills whilst engaging in friendly competition with other schools. Students are to seek out Mr Azar or Mrs Daou for details regarding how to apply to be a part of the team.

Also, all G.V.I.C. students will be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). PRC requires students to take charge of and increase their love of reading. A certain number of books must be read by students by the closing date later this year. Students may complete tasks based on the books that they read and all books read by students will be registered and submitted online by their English teachers. Students are encouraged to read at home and students who demonstrate a keen attitude towards reading will be rewarded!

Mr Fouad Azar
English Department

SPORTS REPORT

Futsal

Congratulations to our Futsal teams who participated in the NSW Regional Championships. Our players showed exceptional character and played beyond expectation to be able to compete with some of the best teams from

around the state. The stand out team was the Under 14 years Girls team who won 4 from 5 games to make the finals. The players were rewarded with silver medallions and become the second ever GVIC team to make the Futsal finals. The 'Best and fairest' player was Aeesha Mohamed of 10G.

Faith Shield

Congratulations to our oz-tag teams who competed in the 'Faith Shield' gala day. Year 9/10 students travelled to Emerson to play against other Islamic schools. The 'Best and Fairest' players were Zahra Khan of 10G and Mohamed Abdul-Kader of 9B.

Girls AFL Gala Day

GVIC will be attending the 'Auburn Tigers AFL gala day' to be held on Wednesday 6th April (week 11) at Mona Park in Auburn. Our school will be sending junior and senior teams to the Aussie Rules Football competition against other girls' schools. The aim of this event is to promote sports participation, enhance relationships and gain trust of parents and the community; Improve physical, social and mental health wellbeing of young females; To give young females the opportunity to play sport in a safe environment which is sensitive to their cultural needs. Cost will be \$15 per player. Sign up at the PDHPE staff room.

Cricket

The inaugural 20/20 cricket match against Unity Grammar is planned for Wednesday 6th April (week 11) in Austral. Two teams will be attending: junior Year 7/8 team; senior Year 9/10 team. Cost is expected to be \$15-20 per player. Sign up at the PDHPE staff room.

Mr Tallal Taha
Sports Coordinator

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S
(PRIMARY) HIGHLIGHTS**

Assalaamu Alaikum

On behalf of Primary, I would like to thank parents for their continuous cooperation by enabling their children to receive additional lessons in Literacy and Numeracy

through the After School Support Program. In particular, Years 3 and 5 are having intensive sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays to "catch-up" with any concept that needs to be reinforced.

While we are pleased with the student's participation, we would like to remind parents that as per requirements described in the permission slip, siblings of students need to be picked on time as there is no supervision after 3:45pm in the afternoons.

After School Support Classes

The afternoon classes will continue this Term until the last week (Week 11). However, the last sessions for Years 3 and 5 will be in week 2 of term 2 as NAPLAN exams will be in week 3 of term 2. Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will also have their last session for this term in week 11 and will continue classes next term until week 5 as the Half-yearly exams will be in week 6 of term 2. Parents are requested to note that there will be no classes on Tuesday of Week 1, term 2 as it is a Pupil Free Day. Please also note that there will be no afternoon classes during Ramadan in term 2.

After School Support Classes		
	Years 3 & 5	Years 1, 2, 4 & 6
When	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm
Last lesson	Term 2, week 2	Term 2, week 5

NAPLAN Exams

Parents are reminded that the external exam National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 are scheduled as below. Please ensure that students are not absent during the exam. However, to cater for students who cannot do the exam due to sickness on the scheduled days, upon submission of medical certificate, students will be allowed to sit for the exam on Friday 13th May, 2016.

Students will benefit from regular attendance, completing homework and using e-learning resources such as Mathletics, Literacy Pro, etc. Students are also

encouraged to continue with Excel Test Zone using the same passwords that they were provided with last year. For further clarification, parents are encouraged to contact the class teacher through the school office.

2016 NAPLAN Timetable			
	Tuesday 10/05/16	Wednesday 11/05/16	Thursday 12/05/16
Year 3	Language Conventions & Writing	Reading	Numeracy
Year 5	Language Conventions & Writing	Reading	Numeracy

Health and Safety Day

Students had a fun and interactive day, focusing on the importance of Health and Safety. The key message for the students was that a healthy body will help to have an active mind and this is supported by research. Parents are encouraged to ensure students are provided with lunch packs that include fruit, vegetables and replacing sweet drinks with water. Students enjoyed the informative sessions provided by the NRL players who were the guest speakers.



Harmony Day

Primary students observed Harmony Day on the 18th of March. Students participated in a number of activities that promoted the theme for this year – “Our Diversity is our Strength”. Since studies on different cultures is part of our curriculum, we sincerely hope that we work together to teach tolerance and respect for other

cultures and students are encouraged to demonstrate this attitude through their everyday actions.



Mrs Samina Ali

*Dr Mohammed Jafar
Principal*