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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 welcoming all students and staff back to school. I trust that with the grace of Allah (SWT) all of you had an enjoyable and a relaxing vacation. Term Two is going to be a demanding and challenging Term. Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 sat for NAPLAN this week and the Half-Yearly Examinations for Years K – 11 is scheduled for Weeks 5 and 6. In addition, Year 12s will be completing their HSC syllabuses and embarking on an intensive revision program.

RAMADAN

Insha Allah, **Ramadan will commence in week 7.** May Allah The Exalted bless and reward us all in this very auspicious month. We wish all our students and parents/guardians Ramadan Kareem. **Please note that the school will be closing at 2.30pm in Ramadan, i.e. from the beginning to the end of Ramadan. To facilitate this, the lunch break will be shortened slightly and Roll Call will be incorporated into the 1st lesson. This means lessons will start immediately after the 8.25am bell. Please pick your**

child(ren) up promptly at 2.30pm as they may be very tired and disoriented after a long school day. We thank all the parents/guardians for their cooperation.

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.

Dr Mohammed Jafar

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

ANZAC Ceremony

On the last day of Term 1, SRC organised a special ANZAC Day assembly. The special guests at this ceremony were the war veterans Mr Victor Watts and Mr Geoff Tate. Our History students presented with visuals that depicted exceptional historical perspectives on the Gallipoli Campaign. The students and teachers are thanked for organising an insightful event.

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Respect

Ownership

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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

Year 12

We would like to thank the parents for their efforts and support during our parent - teacher meeting this Term. Subject teachers had the opportunity to discuss with the parents the support needed for their child in preparing for Trial and HSC Examinations. It is essential for students to create a study planner and utilise the feedback provided by the subject teachers to improve their results. Preparation and practicing HSC examination questions under time management is the key to success.

Year 7 – 11

The Half Yearly Examination for Years 7-11 will commence from Week 5, Thursday of this Term. The Examination timetable will be handed out to the students soon.

HSC Examination timetable

Students can view their personalised HSC Examination timetable via their [Students Online](#) account. Students are to log in and check that their timetable is correct. Students should also check their personal details – It is important that your email address and mobile numbers are correct, as BOSTES uses email and SMS to contact students.

Mrs Sameema Ali

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has been busy this Term preparing students for NAPLAN as well as encouraging students to read and write. It has been pleasing to note that students are reading widely and that writing skills are progressing steadily in the school.

Our keen and talented writers are also offered opportunities throughout the year. They can enter competitions and attend workshops. Students, in successive years, have been given the opportunity to challenge themselves. Competitions and opportunities will be announced via the school's newsletter as well as in class.

Half- Yearly Examinations will also be beginning this Term. Here are some ways to help support your child in preparation for their English Examinations:

- Help your child find a quiet place to study without distractions. Make sure their table is uncluttered so they can focus better.
- Encourage your child to find out exactly what the test involves - Are their English workbooks up to date?
- Encourage your child to ask for help or ask their teacher for clarity if they are unsure of something or if he or she feels confused.
- Help your child to plan their study schedule early on so he or she has sufficient time to study.

Mrs Daou
English Department

SPORTS REPORT

Faith Shield Soccer Gala Day

Year 7-8 students will be competing in the upcoming 'Faith Shield' Soccer Gala Day on Thursday, 19th May. Teams will travel to Greenacre to play in the soccer competition against other Islamic schools. The cost will be \$15 per player. Sign up at the PDHPE staff room.

Bashar Houli AFL State Cup

Year 9-10 boys will be competing in the 'Bashar Houli State Cup' on Wednesday, 25th May. Teams will travel to Chisholm Park in Auburn to play against other boys schools. AFL talent scouts will be present to identify 'gifted and talented' players. Cost will be \$15 per player. Sign up at the PDHPE staff room.

Girls Go-Active Tri-sport Gala Day

Year 7-10 girls will be competing in the upcoming 'Go-Active Tri-sport' Basketball, Soccer, Dodgeball Gala Day on Wednesday, 25th May. Teams will travel to Bankstown to play against other girls schools. Cost will be \$15 per player. Sign up at the PDHPE staff room.

PDHPE

Ramadan will commence in early June. Physical Education (P.E.) classes are compulsory for all Year 7-10 students and will go ahead as normal. Class times in

Ramadan will be shortened and P.E. teachers will lighten the intensity of physical activity to cater for fasting students. However, fasting will NOT be accepted as an excuse for not participating in P.E. lessons.

Mr Tallal Taha
Sports Coordinator

WELFARE REPORT

Camp Yarramundi

The students' experiences at camp were so amazing and awesome. There were a lot of fun activities to do such as the giant swing, canoeing, camp fire, alpine rescue and high ropes. We had so much fun bonding with the Year 10 students. During camp, the instructors took us out of our comfort zones. We had fun hours and lots of laughter. The camp fire was amazing especially the part when we made damper, sang camp songs and Zena started to dance for us. We even had a talent show done by the Year 7's for the Year 10's, Mrs Chouman and Ms Zeitoune. At camp we had yummy foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was such an inspiring experience that we would like to go back again.



By Zena Rasol and Myah Elsaket, 7G.

Uniform

Being in full school uniform demonstrates a student's commitment to being a positive member of the school community and enhances the good image of our school. It is our school policy that all students wear full school

uniform. If for some reason an item of school uniform cannot be worn the student is required to have a note of explanation and he/she is to see the Welfare coordinators before school to obtain an Out of Uniform Pass. We are finding that a few of our students are not in the correct uniform.

We request that all parents ensure that their child comes to school with the correct:

- shoes (leather)
- socks (white)
- school hijab (with either a white or navy colour band, NOT any other shade of blue)
- navy/black beanie, neck scarf and gloves

In addition students should not have the following:

- brooches (white safety pin is sufficient)
- jewellery
- nail polish
- makeup
- aerosol sprays and perfume

Studies have found that students who are well groomed have a better attitude towards learning. This expectation that students adhere to wearing the correct school uniform is based on developing the value of respect and ownership in our children.

Ms Joumana Chouman
Girl's Welfare Coordinator

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) HIGHLIGHTS

Assalaamu Alaikum

Excursions

Parents are requested to mark the following dates on their calendar as students will participate in excursions on these selected days. Teachers are rigorously involved in searching for motivating and engaging learning activities and an example is excursions. Excursions provide exciting pathways for learning that are not confined to the boundaries of the classroom. Please share your child's enthusiasm and support the school by allowing your child to be actively involved and be

punctual on the day of the excursion. The details are as follows:

Grade	Excursion Date	Venue	Focus
Year 5	24/05/16	Imax Theatre	Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic adventure, hardship, heroism and testimony of endurance
Year 2	24/05/16	Australian Museum	Indigenous/Aboriginal culture, lifestyle, artefacts
Year 1	25/05/16	Taronga Zoo	Living Things (Science) The need for shelter (HSIE)
Year 3	2/06/16	Science Planetarium Wollongong	Enhance the study of Planets Science study on "Space"

Spelling Buzz

As part of Education Week celebration, a Spelling Buzz has been organised for Years 1 – 6. This annual event is scheduled for Week 4 of Term 2 (Monday 16th May to May 20th). In order to challenge the students, the words will not be disclosed prior to the event however, students can prepare by completing their weekly spelling tasks on a regular basis. Wider reading and exposure to fiction and non-fiction books as well as reading a range of materials, including recipes, timetables, letters, magazines, etc. will help students to develop extensive vocabulary.

Walk Safely to School Day

Primary students will participate in this annual event by taking a supervised walk along a familiar route, followed by having a healthy breakfast at school. Once again this event will coincide with Education Week celebrations. A special note has been sent out to parents to seek permission and to update teachers about any allergies. Only students with a written permission can be allowed to have a shared breakfast at school.

2017 Kindergarten Enrolment

Parents seeking enrolment for their children in 2017 are requested to contact the school office for enrolment forms. Please inform friends and family about the enrolments being open as well. The completed forms need to be submitted ASAP as limited places are available and enrolment will close on **Wednesday of Week 10, Term 2 (29th June 2016)**. Students will be interviewed on Saturday, 30th of July, 2016. Further details will be sent through letters posted to parents, early Term 3. Newly enrolled siblings of our current students will also be expected to have certain requirements such as school readiness including basic literacy/ numeracy and social skills for safety around other students.

Currently the school has three streams of kindergarten classes and each class is supported by a full time teacher aide. Each classroom is fully equipped with an interactive smart board, class set of iPads, classroom computers and access to a modern library served by two full time library assistants. Students from Years 1 – 6 have a fully qualified Sports teacher and access to a well -equipped hall for Sports.

Half - Yearly Examinations

Primary Assessments are scheduled for Week 6 (Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June). Parents are requested to ensure that children are punctual with 100% attendance during this period, unless it is a medical emergency. Examination timetables and details regarding content coverage in each subject were submitted to parents on Friday, 6th May. Please contact the school office if further clarification is required. Due to Ramadan, Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 20th July, 2016 (Week One of Term 3).

After School Support Classes

Please note that Thursday, 5th May was the last day for NAPLAN support classes since NAPLAN exam is scheduled for Week 3, 10th – 12th May 2016. However, Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will continue to have their after school support classes on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 pm and the last class will be on the 24th of May (Tuesday of Week 5).

Primary Sports

Our school has qualified to receive free Netball sessions sponsored by Australia Post's One Netball Program. This program consists of:

- Free six weeks classes delivered by Netball NSW's qualified coach/es
- Free giveaways for the participants
- Meeting and greeting a One Netball Ambassador
- Opportunities to win free tickets to the NSW Swifts Home Game at Allphones Arena on 29th May.

The lessons will be conducted by development officers Emily Midson and Melissa Abrahams while being guided by One Netball Coordinator, Laura Abrahams. On the last day of the session, One Netball Ambassador will be there to "meet and greet" the participants. A professional photographer will be invited to take photos to promote the program. A written consent will be taken from parents and only students with permission notes will be photographed.



Additional learning tasks apart from homework

Students need to be encouraged to regularly engage in additional activities apart from homework. Parents are requested to provide incentives for their child(ren) to access programs such as Mathletics, Literacy Pro (Lexile) and Bug Club to develop their Literacy/ Numeracy skills. The school is encouraging students to participate in these programs by rewarding students with special awards during K-6 assemblies, as seen in the photograph below of Kindergarten students with Bug Club awards.



ICAS Assessments

Parents of Years 3 – 6 are reminded that ICAS dates are as follows:

- Computing – 17th May 2016
- Science – 31st May 2016
- Writing – 14th June 2016
- Spelling – 15th June 2016

ICAS is an exam that is set and marked externally hence parents are requested to encourage students to participate, in particular Year 6 students because GAT examination is set by the same organisation.

Privacy Concerns

The Privacy Law restricts parents from making videos or taking photographs of others' children and teachers without consent, especially during award ceremonies or presentations. The school would like to request that if parents have placed videos or photographs on media, please kindly remove them immediately.

Mrs Samina Ali

Handwritten signature of Dr Mohammed Jafar.

*Dr Mohammed Jafar
Principal*