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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians
Assalaamu Alaikum

New Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Mr Jay Halai has taken office as the new Deputy Principal for the Secondary School. He has extensive experience in teaching, design and implementation of curriculum, mentoring and improving the climate for learning.

In his early career he was selected to be part of an initiative called "future leaders", which is a program designed to fast-track highly talented school leaders into headship positions. For over three years he received intensive and high quality leadership training whilst holding executive roles including the Vice Principal and the Assistant Principal.

Referees praise him, one saying, "he is a highly effective team player who has outstanding interpersonal skills and whose senior leadership responsibilities have been wide-ranging and extensive".

His involvement in very successfully designing and implementing school improvement plans in at least two schools to improve attendance, behaviour, and delivery and performance

has been impressive. He is a strong believer of the concept that "every school succeeds regardless of their context".

We look forward to working with Mr Halai as we embark on setting high expectations from all stakeholders, and focus on student discipline, learning and teaching to make Green Valley Islamic College an institution of choice.

School Holidays

The last day of school for Term 2 is Friday, 1st July. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 19th July. Please note **Monday, 18th July is a pupil free day.**

Eid Holidays

The Administration Office will be closed for Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations for the first week of the holidays, Monday 4th July to Friday 8th July, inclusive. In the second week office will be open from 9.00 to 2.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Kullu aam wa antum bi-khayr!
Eid Mubarak to all!

Islamic Dress Day

The annual Islamic Dress Day will be held in the first week of Term 3, Friday 22nd July 2016. The school will be providing sausage sizzle to all students on this day. A separate letter in regards to this will be sent home next week.

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

School Fees

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. Term 3 fees will be due on Friday, 29th July. A fee statement will be sent to you early next Term which includes your unique Reference Number and our Biller Code which is 255943. Please enter this Reference Number to ensure that the payment is correctly allocated to your child's account.

Dr Mohammed Jafar

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Year 10 Students Corptraining

Over the next fortnight Year 10 students will be taking part in interviews that will help them get a part time job. They will be receiving advice and coaching from an organisation called Corptraining, the students will be supported in writing a resume, articulating their responses for interview questions and given feedback on their responses.

Year 12 HSC Trials

The next Term will see our Year 12 students undertaking their HSC Trial examinations. The upcoming end of term holiday will be pivotal in their preparation for their examinations. Please ensure your child utilises this time by preparing a revision timetable that will aid them in their pursuit to achieve well. Going through past papers under timed conditions will be beneficial in helping students understand the level of responses required by examiners. All students have been furnished with HSC examination papers from their teachers.

A timetable will be handed out to students when they arrive back in Term 3.

Academic Mentoring

All Year 11 and selected Year 12 students will be taking part in an academic mentoring programme that will involve extensive coaching from a member of staff. The mentoring will help guide students in their studies, the mentors will liaise with each other to ensure students are receiving the support in the subjects they are not achieving their target bands. The purpose of this mentoring is to guide students in their pursuit to go to university or train in a vocational profession.

Mr Jay Halai

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

We have a lot of new exciting improvements which will be introduced by the English Department. The first of which will be the introduction of WordFlyers. WordFlyers is an excellent tool to help students build upon and improve their existing literacy skills in a fun and interactive manner. A newsletter will be sent out to the parents soon, outlining this sensational new program. In addition, a new public speaking program will be developed and implemented by Miss Ladkani to help foster students into the public speaking arena. Students will definitely enjoy and benefit greatly from these new implementations Insha Allah. Finally, just a gentle reminder to parents, please encourage your children to read every day. This will help them in bountiful amounts.

Miss Ladkani
English Department

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics Faculty is organising some incursions next term to allow students to have some fun-filled Mathematics sessions after having an intense Term 2 with Half-Yearly Examinations.

The first incursion is an Australian Mathematics Competition which is organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust. This competition involves solving fun 30-problems in a session involving relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. Students compete against hundreds of thousands of others from Australia and overseas. The AMC is for students of all standards.

Students at GVIC will sit this competition on 21 July 2016 and this would be the first time students would be participating in the competition online. The Second incursion is, "Inquisitive Minds" which is a Sydney based educational business that focuses on creating positive mathematical experiences for students has been invited to our school. They will be visiting GVIC on 22nd August and students from years 8, 9 and 10 will participate in activities involving Problems, Patterns, Pictures and Puzzles.

Mr Shiraz Ali
Junior Mathematics Coordinator

SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to our School Teams

Congratulations to players who participated in the Faith Shield Soccer Gala Day; the Bashar Houli AFL State Cup; and the Girls Go-Active Tri-sport Gala Day in weeks 5/6. All teams played well to make our school proud.

Girls' Oz-Tag with Amity College

Early next term, GVIC will be hosting a friendly game of oz-tag for year 7-10 girls. The game will be held after-school on a Monday afternoon in week 3, 4 or 5 (to be confirmed). Training will start in week 1 of term 3. Sign up with Mr Taha by the end of this term.

Faith Cup

In Term 3, year 9-10 students will participate in the Faith Cup Soccer Competition. The event will be hosted by GVIC and will be held midway through Term 3. Team selection and training will start early in Term 3. Sign up with Mr Taha.

Mr Tallal Taha
Sports Coordinator

WELFARE REPORT

The Liverpool Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Ha Son, will be visiting our school to present a talk to all our students about Road safety and Responsible citizens. The presentation should prove to be very informative, effective and engaging. The visit will take place in the auditorium on Wednesday July 20.

During the blessed month of Ramadan it is crucial that students include foods, especially during Suhoor (waking up before Fajr prayer to eat) within your diet that are of a low glycemic index that is low GI foods. These foods are low in fat and release energy slowly so they make you feel fuller for longer and most importantly provide you with sustained energy to get you through the day to ease the fasting day and help you concentrate on work.

The most beneficial Low GI foods are:

- Al Bran Cereal
- Oat Bran
- Rolled Oats
- Porridge
- Special K cereal
- Most fruits
- Banana bread
- Low fat milk
- Low fat yoghurt
- Natural muesli

- Most vegetables
- Beans
- Pasta
- Lentils
- Long grain rice
- Nuts
- Muesli bars low in sugar
- Brown rice
- Low fat instant noodles
- Wholegrain, soy and linseed, brown or sourdough bread

Being in **full school uniform** demonstrates a students' commitment to being a positive member of the school community and enhances the good image of our school. It is 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 Discipline/Welfare Coordinator before school to obtain an Out of Uniform Pass.

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

- shoes (black leather – not canvas)
- socks (white)
- school hijab (with either a white or navy colour bond NOT any other shade of blue)

In addition students should not have the following:

- brooches (white safety pin is sufficient)
- jewellery
- nail polish
- makeup

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

In addition to help students exhibit organisational skills and good self-discipline their **diary** must be maintained, that is signed by the parent weekly and used properly by the student. The diaries are checked to ensure students are using it effectively and making the most of its benefits. It is also used as a communication medium where parents and teachers can communicate with each other. It is a very effective tool and we would like to see all the students demonstrating time management and organisational skills.

On Tuesday August 9, **Brainstorm Productions** will be presenting '**Verbal Combat**' - a confronting play about cyber bullying, harassment and responsibility. The show will also act as a springboard for discussion about emotional wellbeing. Brainstorm Productions has won the NSW Department of Education Performing Arts Unit's Frater Award for "Best Feedback from Schools" for 10 consecutive years.

The show should prove to be very effective and extremely beneficial to the students, hence it is strongly recommended they attend this award winning show.

Students will receive the information note next week.

Ms Joumana Chouman
Girl's Welfare Coordinator

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

Assalaamu Alaikum

Ramadan Mubarak

On behalf of Primary staff and students, we would like to extend Ramadan greetings to all parents and the wider community. Insha Allah, we pray that our good deeds will be accepted in this holy month of

Ramadan. We sincerely thank parents who have so far adhered to the Ramadan school hours and for the safety of the students, picked them up by 2:30pm in the afternoons as teachers have to be released to prepare for their prayers and iftaar.

Inter-schools Public Speaking Competition

Since last year, Years 3-6 students have been given the opportunity to compete with students from a few other schools in order to enhance and challenge their public speaking skills. We are pleased to inform parents that this competition will be held in Term three and students have been training for the event during their lunch time. Schools participating in this event include Al Sadik College, Amity College and Malek Fahd Islamic School. Our new teacher aide Ms Zaynab El Kassir is being commended for her effort in leading this activity. Parents of students participating are requested to help with the training by encouraging the students. Closer to the event, parents of students participating will be advised about attending the session.

Professor Maths Road Show

Mathematics being one of the key subject areas will be presented to students through a motivating and engaging activity known as the above. This activity provides hands-on learning opportunity that develops students' skills in Mathematics and facilitates the love for the subject. Permission notes will be sent to the parents closer to the event in Term three. Parents are requested to encourage students to participate in this activity.

NAPLAN Online

Years 2, 4 and 6 students are currently involved in preparation for NAPLAN being conducted online in the near future. These students will be sitting for online Progressive Achievement Tests in Comprehension (Reading) and Maths in Term 4. The school is requesting parents to support the

students by encouraging them to develop familiarity with online activities such as Mathletics, Literacy Pro (Lexile), and Bug Club on a regular basis.

Primary Parent – Teacher Interviews

Students have just completed the Half-Yearly examinations and teachers are in the process of doing analysis to identify progress as well as areas that require attention. Due to Ramadan, teachers will be meeting with the parents after the holidays. The school would like to kindly remind the parents that Parent – Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 20th July 2016, commencing at 4:30 pm in the school hall. Further details will be provided through a special letter that will be sent later this term. Prior bookings are required as teachers will interview a number of parents. Please contact the school office for further clarification.

2017 Kindergarten

The school would like to kindly remind the parents that enrolments close on the 29th of June, 2016. We would also like to remind parents that the pre-kindergarten interviews will be held on Saturday, 30th July from 9:00 – 1:00 pm in the current kindergarten classrooms. We look forward to meeting the youngest group of our school.

Spelling Buzz

The effort of the following students paid off as they claimed the Spelling Buzz Champ titles and proved the fact that they are the top spellers of their grade. Aaliyah, Essa and Hafsah have kept the title since last year and we are very proud of their achievements. Congratulations!

Class	2016 Spelling Buzz Champs
1G	Haalah Khan
2G	Aaliyah Maharaj
3R	Essa Hijazi
4B	Hafsah Taeeba Ali
5G	Misbah Shah
6R	Huzaifa Khan



After School Support

Parents are kindly reminded that After School Support sessions will commence once again on Tuesday of Week 2, Term 3 at the usual time 3:30 – 4:30pm. Year 6 students will commence their intensive preparation for the GAT exam on the same day and we aim to target ALL Year 6 students as they can all benefit from additional classes to enhance their literacy/ numeracy skills. Parents of Year 6 students are encouraged to allow their children to participate in these classes so that the students can be successfully promoted to high school, with adequate literacy/numeracy skills. Permission slips for these classes have been sent to parents last week.

Mrs Samina Ali

Dr Mohammed Jafar
Principal