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REMINDERS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1st Aug – HSC
Trials Begin

25th Aug –
Parents' Workshop

Term Dates for Students

TERM 3 Tue 19th Jul –

Fri 23rd Sep

TERM 4 Mon 10th Oct –

Fri 16th Dec

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum

Welcome

On behalf of the School I extend to you all a very warm welcome for Term 3, 2016. We look forward to your continued support and understanding in the challenges that we face in educating our children.

Please plan your holidays appropriately so that your child(ren) do not miss out on school work.

Parents/guardians must inform the school by a phone call on the day of absence, or write a note to school if they have given permission for a student to be absent from the school. The note must be handed to the student's class teacher (for Primary) or the Admin Office (for High School) students on the first day of attendance after the absence.

HSC Trials

Year 12 students have started their Trial Examinations. Please provide all the support you can to take your child through this period. All Year 12 students will be required to attend school every day of the non-exam weeks in Term 3.

Teachers will be following a revision program to provide thorough remedial classes. Attendance in these non-exam weeks will be compulsory.

Suggestion Box

As part of the School Improvement Plan the school has been working on a number of areas to improve student welfare, delivery of lessons, administration and parental engagement.

For the next two weeks a suggestion box will be placed in the school reception area. Parents and guardians are invited to drop in suggestions that in their view will help improve the school. You are welcome to submit suggestions as individuals or as a group.

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 is payable now. A fee statement will be sent to you shortly which will include 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

Diaries

Student diaries need to be signed by the parents. We have noticed that diaries are not being signed by parents. Please ensure you check your child's diary each week to see if there are any pertinent messages and sign it. Students are expected to display their diary each lesson so homework and any positive/negative messages can be written by their teachers.

Attendance

It is very important your child attends school on time. Lessons start at 8.25am so students need to be outside their classes at 8.20am. The high school no longer runs DEAR time so it is essential students attend Period 1 at 8.25am as they will miss out on the learning. Students with persistent poor punctuality will be reprimanded and held to account.

Mr Jay Halai

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education", Martin Luther King Jr. This is the ultimate goal on which the English Department is focused this term. While the students are being directed towards a more developed and structured routine to achieve academic goals and excellent behaviour, they are also being exposed to various effective learning and teaching methods where critical thinking and analytical skills become the focal point. As such, both junior and senior students are being challenged in the classroom to develop their thinking abilities and master their analytical skills

so as to emerge as independent learners throughout the course of their academic pathways.

At the same time, the English Department is launching WordFlyers this term – an ICT based learning program - that allows the students to improve their grammar and enhance their English vocabulary. English teachers are also preparing students of Years 7, 8 and 9 for the Premier's Reading Challenge, thus ensuring the proper completion of reading records for each student so they maintain a stable routine for reading. Students are reminded that the closing date for the Premier's Reading Challenge is 19th August 2016, for this academic year. Therefore, all entries should be completed prior to the due date. At the end of the Semester, students will also undertake the Yearly Examination – which calls for thorough revision, more practice and learning of the major concepts taught in the units. Along with reading, English teachers are also encouraging all students to further develop their writing skills by practising continuously as this remains a crucial component of English.

With consistent effort and dedication, students at GVIC will eventually and hopefully emerge as successful independent learners and dynamic thinkers, thus striving for academic excellence and demonstrating commendable attitude and behaviour at all times.

Ms Mahadea
English Department

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

34 students from Years 7 - 11 took part in the Australian Maths Competition on 28th July. An incursion for Years 8 - 10 students to reinforce Numeracy skills will take place on Monday, 22nd August. All students are requested to pay the money at the front office at their earliest.

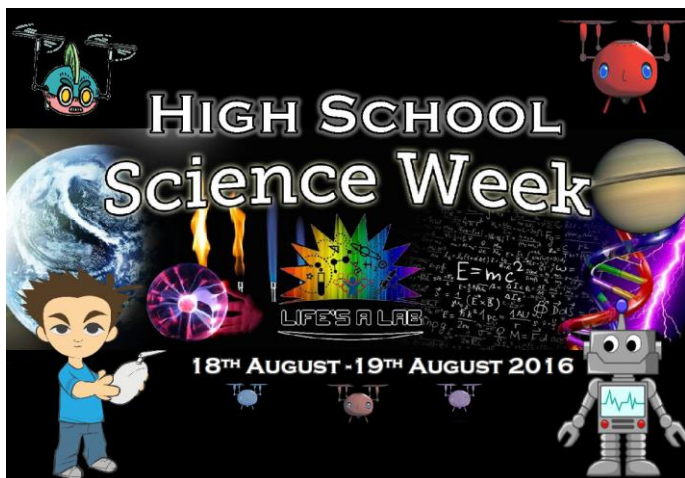
Year 7 students are embarking on a trip to LUNA PARK as part of the celebration of Numeracy week on August 19th. All Year 7 students are requested to pay the money at the front office as soon as possible. As part of their assessment for Term 3, all students (Years 7 - 11) will be undertaking research/ practical investigation activities. The weighting for this activity is 20%.

Mr Kadhir
Mathematics Department

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

High School Science Week

The National Science Week in Australia is from 13th - 21st August 2016. A week, jam packed with science activities, shows, events and fair will be organised in different parts of the country. In support of this initiative and for the love of Science, the High School Science Department of Green Valley Islamic College will be showcasing various exhilarating hands on activities on Thursday, 18th August and a magnificent science show will be hosted in the college hall on Friday, 19th August. Students will also have the opportunity to parade their favourite science costume and there will be rewards for students. The Science Week will enhance the value of science at GVIC and the community at large. A letter detailing information about the Science Week events has been sent out to parents and guardians.



Year 12 Trial Examination

It is that time of the year where Year 12 students in NSW sit for their Trial Examination. It is imperative that students prepare well for all their subjects and stay focussed and determined to achieve pleasing examination results. The Trial includes 3 science subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. To achieve well in these subjects, students need to be consistent with their revision and must be well versed with the practical component of the course. These subjects do not only test content knowledge but tests students understanding, application and skills. We encourage all science students to have a constructive, realistic and thorough revision regime to achieve perpetual success. Never do the bare minimum as this is done by everyone, success follows those who do the extra mile and sacrifice to seek knowledge.

The Science Department wishes to all the Year 12 students of Green Valley Islamic College all the best in their Trial and HSC Examinations. All parents and guardians are requested to continue the support and care for their children and make available plenty of time for them to study at home.

Science In The Air



Year 8 science students constructing and testing out their parachute with Ms. Shah.

Mr Mohammed Riaaz Ali
Science Coordinator

WELFARE REPORT

On Tuesday, 9 August 2016 Brainstorm Productions will be presenting a one hour performance called "Verbal Combat" at Green Valley Islamic College. This live performance has a focus on the social issues that young people face every day as well as strategies and ways they can overcome these issues. Such issues include peer pressure, name calling and rumours, body image and media pressure and harassment, cyber – bullying through mobile phones and social websites, cyber – safety and many more.

Brainstorm Productions has won the NSW Department of Education Performing Arts Unit's Frater Award for "Best Feedback from Schools" for 10 consecutive years.

Venue: School
Cost: \$10.00
Years: 7 - 9
Time: Period 6

The Hurting Game is a daring look at the hurtful games people sometimes play to give themselves a false sense of power and belonging. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion about friendship, bullying, body image and the way we interact at school and on the internet.

On 25th August Brainstorm Productions will be presenting 'Wired' - a play exploring the reasons why young people can become stressed and/or depressed. The show will also act as a springboard for discussion about physical and 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.

Venue: School
Cost: \$10.00
Years: 10 and 11
Time: Period 6

'Wired' looks at the physiology and causes of stress and depression associated with the pressure of examinations, relationships, and everyday life. Two adolescents with extreme behaviour, metabolism, hormones, goals and perspectives are spiralling in different directions – one into stress and overload, the other into depression.

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

Random spot checks for diaries, jewellery, make-up, electronic gadgets and uniform will take place from now onwards. Please make sure you follow school rules.

Ms Joumana Chouman
Girl's Welfare Coordinator

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) HIGHLIGHTS

Assalaamu Alaikum

On behalf of Primary we would like to extend warm greetings and once again anticipate partnership with parents as we work towards academic improvement. We would also like to seek parental cooperation in order to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for our students.

Listed below are the dates for key events. For further clarification regarding the events please contact the school office. The school welcomes parent's participation in most of the events as it boosts students' confidence and students feel

supported when parents are engaged in activities with the students.

School Week	Date	Event
1	Wednesday 20 th July	K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Friday 22 nd July	Islamic Dress Day
2	Saturday 30 th July	Pre-kindergarten Interviews
3	Tuesday 2 nd August	ICAS - English
	Thursday 4 th - 9 th August	Book Fair
4	Wednesday 10 th August	Growth & Hygiene Session (Years 5 & 6)
5	Tuesday 16 th August	ICAS – Maths
	Friday 19 th August	Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
6	Tuesday 23 rd August	Science Incursion
	Thursday 25 th August	Parents’ Workshop
7	Mon.29 th Aug. & Thurs.1 st Sept	Professor Maths Road Show
	Wednesday 31 st August	Inter-schools Public Speaking Competition
	Thursday 1 st September	Maths Cup with Amity College
8	Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th Sept.	Term 3 Exams
10	Wednesday 21 st September	Primary Sports/Athletics Carnival

Interviews

Most of the parents attended K-6 Parent-Teacher interviews and we thank them whole-heartedly as it indicated that we have your cooperation in working together for the academic improvement. The interviews were very useful as it provided the platform for teachers to communicate about the areas of need. Parents who for some reason were

not able to meet the teachers are requested to contact the school office to make another appointment.

2017 kindergarten enrolment interviews went well and we welcomed over 80 parents and students. Teachers who interviewed the students were generally impressed with the performance and we thank the parents who enabled the students to complete the pre-kindergarten tests.

Parents’ Workshop

The Primary sector is pleased to inform the parents that we have organised a workshop for parents on Thursday, 25th August. We will be able to address questions often asked by parents during interviews regarding “How to help children at home to improve their Maths?”

The workshop will involve presentations and rotational concept based stations for hands on activities from which parents can learn, by using Maths teaching aids that can be easily improvised at home. There will also be question time to target areas for individual cases. This session will provide a great opportunity for parents to excel as primary educators of their children.

Further details will be sent to parents via a special note. Primary is looking forward to working together with parents to support students.

Eid Hat Parade

The Events Committee led by Ms Tita organised the above event on Friday 22nd of July. The school was overwhelmed with parents’ participation and we would sincerely like to thank all the parents who attended the event. Students adorned themselves with hats that were creatively decorated and some were rewarded with special prizes for their unique hats.



Please note that this is a very challenging event and students will benefit from additional assistance in order to do well.

Term 3 Assessments

Assessments for Term 3 are scheduled for Week 8. Timetables and details have been submitted to parents this week. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have not received one or are seeking further clarification with regards to the above. Parents are also reminded that apart from assessments during Week 8, students are engaged in on-going tests therefore regular attendance is compulsory for a good achievement.

Growth and Hygiene Session

Our upper primary students are on their way towards becoming young teenagers. For teenage awareness a special session has been organised by Ms El Kassir on the Wednesday, 10th of August. The focus of this session will be the expectations and changes as we grow. Students will be informed of support and guidance available in this area.

Sports Carnival

The Primary Sports Committee led by Sports and Boys' Welfare Coordinator, Mr Dannaoui have organised a fun but competitive sports carnival on Wednesday, 21st September. To cater for a range of age groups and activities students will have access to special Tabloid Games on the day. To make this day a success, we encourage parents to join their children and show support.

Mrs Samina Ali

Mathletics

Congratulations 2G for achieving 1st place in Australia and 3rd place in the world as shown on the Mathletics Hall of Fame record. We thank the parents of these students for motivating and encouraging students to improve their Mathematics using Mathletics, which is used worldwide. Currently we have about 99 % of students (approximately 575 students) involved in this e-learning resource. Parents are requested to ensure students use Mathletics on a regular basis as it is a very useful tool for improving Maths skills.

Position	Country	Name	School
1		Mrs Graham : Year 6	Elm Park School, AUK, New Zealand
2		Mrs Kendall : Year 8	Waiku Primary School, AUK, New Zealand
3		Ms El Kassir : Year 2	Green Valley Islamic College, NSW, Australia
4		Mr Bryon : Year 6	Southwell School, WKO, New Zealand
5		Mrs Strydom : Year 4	Everglade School, AUK, New Zealand

Maths Cup

Year 6 students will compete with other schools at Amity College for the Maths Cup on the 1st of September 2016. Year 6 teachers are investing time and effort to help students prepare for this event. Students will focus on problem solving and use higher order thinking skills to work mathematically.

Dr Mohammed Jafar
Principal