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Respect

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REMINDERS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates for Students

TERM 3 Tue 19th Jul –
Thu 22nd Sept
TERM 4 Tue 11th Oct –
Fri 16th Dec

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum

School Holidays

We would like to inform parents and guardians that the students last day of school for Term 3 will be **Thursday, 22nd of September**. Friday, 23rd of September will be a pupil free day. Teachers will be engaged in professional development. Students will return to school on **Tuesday, 11th of October**.

Dr Mohammed Jafar

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Exam season beckons for Year 12

As the next few weeks approach our Year 12 students are getting closer and closer to their final examinations. All their hard work over the past year will be put to the test. We wish them the very best of luck for their upcoming examinations. Parents please encourage children to utilise the fortnightly holiday that is coming up. Every minute will count as revision is essential. I would encourage parents to set up a revision timetable with their child. Teachers would have provided students with pertinent feedback on their answers to Trial 1 and Trial

2 papers they have recently sat; this would be a good starting point for students to address in their revision.

UAC applications

Year 12 are reminded that they should have all received UAC details in the post. Students will need to use their BOSTES student number and the PIN number (sent in the post) to apply for their university courses. Students are reminded that they can select a 'pathway' course from various NSW universities (e.g. Macquarie University or Western Sydney University). On completion of the pathway course students are guaranteed on to do particular degree courses. Deadline for applications submitted to UAC is **30th September 2016**, the cost is \$41. Thereafter students will be required to pay a higher fee if the deadline is missed.

Suspensions

Parents are reminded that there has been a change in the behaviour policy with regards to the days before a permanent expulsion is recommended to the principal. It is now 5 days and no longer the 10 days as in the old policy.

Mr Jay Halai

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Faculty is a seminal part of a large and dynamic school. The teachers are both experienced and vibrant, seeking to maximise each student's literacy skills in-

order for each student to reach their potential. Hence this term, the English faculty organised a range of activities to hone the English language skills. *Learning grammar in context and polishing our spelling skills has never been more engaging!* Students across Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been introduced to an innovative online program - Word Flyers to refine their English language skills.

Tuesday, 30th of August was an eventful day for the students at GVIC as the English faculty marked Literacy Day. The day was celebrated with much pomp and splendour with activities such as Character Parade, Spelling Bee and presentation of awards to students excelling, participating and doing well in English.

The Premier's Reading Challenge closed on the 19th of August. We have had an enthusiastic response to the challenge this year with all junior classes involved in a wide reading program. Students are to continue reading as there are numerous ways reading benefits you. *"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."* — Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Ms Devi
English Department

Once something is on the web, anyone can screenshot and share it. I strongly recommend students to avoid social media as much as possible as messages and images that have been sent have been misunderstood and as a result have caused many problems. Parents need to be mindful and aware of their children's electronic device use and must monitor it as much as possible.

Weapons

No form of weapon is allowed at school and will result in disciplinary actions and the police may be involved.

Aerosols

Sprays and perfume are not allowed at school as many of them are known to cause asthma attacks in some people with asthma. Asthma is a serious respiratory condition that causes difficulty breathing and can cause death. Asthma sufferers must ensure their relievers and preventers (puffers) are with them at all times. Roll-on anti-perspirant is the ideal alternative to sprays. Any sprays or perfume at school will be confiscated and may be collected at the end of the year.

Ms Chouman and Mr Shiraz
Welfare Coordinators

WELFARE REPORT

Social Media

Social media such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat and many more are proving to cause many problematic issues that have broken friendships and ruined families. Adults can get fired from their jobs and hurt their careers for clumsy social media posts and students can also have unwanted consequences in a moment of carelessness. Privacy settings give users a false sense of security. Social media is never private.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY FLOW DIAGRAM

Stages

This is a reminder of the new discipline policy that was explained to all students recently.

Stage 1: Verbal warning + behaviour noted in students' diary and Sentral.



Stage 2: Reconnection Meeting (lunch by subject teacher) + behaviour noted in students' Diary & Sentral



Stage 3: Reconnection Meeting (lunch by subject coordinator) + behaviour noted in students' Diary & Sentral



Stage 4: Behaviour card A and counselling (to be issued by the Welfare Coordinators). If the student achieves a 'Poor' at least twice then they will move to the next stage.



Stage 5: Reconnection Meetings (lunch by welfare coordinator) + behaviour noted in students' Diary & Sentral



Stage 6: Parent notification by welfare coordinator + Reconnection Meeting (after-school) + behaviour noted in student's diary and Sentral



Stage 7: Behaviour card B and counselling (to be issued by the Welfare Coordinators). If a student achieves a "Poor" at least twice then will move to the next stage



Stage 8: Parent meeting + Suspension (in- school/home) + Progress Report Card (1 - 2 weeks) + behaviour noted in student's diary and Sentral. If student is placed on a second suspension then they will meet with the Deputy Principal.



A cumulative of 5 suspension days will result in an expulsion (in the past 12 months)

Stage 9: Recommendations for Expulsion by the Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) HIGHLIGHTS

Assalaamu Alaikum

On behalf of the Primary staff, I would like to thank the parents who have inculcated outstanding manners in their children as most of them are demonstrating appropriate behaviour and have been following our key social skills, namely ROCKS – respect, ownership (responsibility), caring, knowledge and safety. Parents are also requested to use the school diary as a means of communication or contact the school office if they have concerns related to their child. Parents are strongly advised that as per Child Protection Policy, please do NOT communicate with children other than your own, on the school grounds. Please do not breach this rule as every child has a right to have access to a safe and supportive environment.

NAPLAN Results

We would like to acknowledge the effort of parents, all the staff involved (including support and teacher aides) and students of Years 3 and 5 as the NAPLAN results for 2016 are very impressive. We would also like to thank everyone involved in improving the results as a tremendous amount of effort had been put in for such a record. The results were as follows, in comparison to the state national average:

Summary of 2016 NAPLAN Results for GVIC (Primary)					
	Numeracy	Writing	Reading	Grammar & Punctuation	Spelling
Yr 5	Above national average in all strands				
Yr 3	Above national average in all strands, except Reading				

Parents' Workshop

To acknowledge the effort of parents and to guide them to support their own children in a more structured manner, a workshop for parents was held on the 25th of August. The focus was on how to help students with Maths at home. Parents had

access to presentations on areas such as application of Mathematical concepts, misconceptions in Mathematics and demonstration on how to use e-resources such as Mathletics. Parents participated in rotational concept based hands on activities that can be replicated at home using improvised materials. In future we are planning on another workshop based on developing students' comprehension skills.



Inter-schools Public Speaking Competition

On the 31st of August our school hosted Inter-schools Public Speaking Competition with Amity College, Unity Grammar and Malek Fahd Islamic School. Students from our school presented themselves with confidence and spoke in an articulate manner. We are thrilled to inform the parents that our school was allocated the **first position** equal with Malek Fahd Islamic School. We thank Ms Zaynab El Kassir and all the staff involved in making this a memorable event.



Science Week

Students participated in a fantastic Science incursion that allowed them to conduct experiments and explore many concepts in a practical manner. The school hall was filled with applause of excitement as students observed the show and developed their understanding of Science. Thank you, Ms Prasad and Science Committee for giving students the opportunity to discover knowledge in a meaningful way.



Numeracy Week Celebrations

As part of Numeracy Week celebrations, students engaged in problem solving via a road show with Professor Maths. The hands on approach enhanced their understanding of concepts and students were highly motivated by the strategies and resources used for the show. The props as well as working with students across the stream added another dimension of enjoyment for the students.



Mathletics for 2017

The school is pleased to inform the parents that despite the increase in the cost of subscription for 2017 Mathletics, the school has a contract with Mathletics team for the next three years. For each child the school will pay more than half the amount therefore each child will be required to pay only \$15.00 next year. Permission notes will be sent to parents early next year. We would also like to remind parents that Mathletics works as an online tutor for your child with a one off payment of \$15.00; therefore we strongly recommend that parents take advantage of this opportunity. Since last year our Year 3 students have improved remarkably in Maths with results above state average in NAPLAN for the last two consecutive years. The credit goes to explicit teaching by the teachers, supplemented by Mathletics and support from parents, resulting in vigorous efforts from students.

After School Support Classes

Parents are reminded that the above classes will continue as usual from 3:30 – 4:30pm on Tuesdays for the rest of the term. Please also note that classes for Term 4 After School Support will commence on Tuesday, 18th of October (Week 2 of Term 4) and the last lesson will be on the 6th of December (Week 9 of Term 4). Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this free tuition and work in partnership with teachers as we move forward for academic progress.

Kindergarten Orientation Day

It was wonderful to welcome our pre-kindergarten students on Saturday 30th July as they sat for probably their first test. Most of them were confident and superbly completed their assessment with good scores. The school would like to thank the parents, especially ones of students with siblings as we have noted that parents have acknowledged that regardless of

siblings, good Literacy/ Numeracy skills at entry level is of significant importance.

Parents are reminded that an Information Session/ Orientation Day for 2017 kindergarten parents have been organised on the 18th of October 2016, in the school auditorium, commencing at 8:30am. Pre-kindergarten classes commence on the same day, therefore parents are reminded that if their child is scheduled for class in the first session, ONLY then they are to accompany the parents. Just as we did last year, this year we will run three sessions of classes to accommodate all the students. For further clarification, parents are requested to contact the school office.

Year Six Promotion

For students to transit effectively to high school, they need to be well equipped with Literacy and Numeracy skills. Years 2, 4 and 6 students are required to enhance their development in these two areas by regular use of Excel Test Zone, which is an online learning tool. They are also required to engage in regular reading and completing set homework as well as assignments to a high standard. Parents are reminded that Year six students will sit for the GAT exam on the 3rd of November 2016. Teachers are humbly requesting for parental support in monitoring student progress.

Athletics Carnival

The Primary Athletics Carnival is scheduled for the 21st of September 2016. Students are to strictly adhere to the dress code for the carnival and will be expected to display exemplary behaviour. Please ensure that they are equipped with school hats, drinking water and as well as sunscreen for the day. Parents are encouraged to support the students by joining them for the event. Parents are also reminded that the school canteen team will be selling lunch (Chow Mein – chicken with noodles and vegetables, including fruit drink) at the

carnival. Please note that orders have to be placed at the canteen by Friday, 16th September. We would also appreciate parent volunteers as we need support to run the canteen. Funds raised will be used for Year 6 Graduation.

Mrs Samina Ali



*Dr Mohammed Jafar
Principal*