



# Newsletter

## Green Valley Islamic College

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## GVIC

Respect

Ownership

Caring

Knowledge

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### School Term Dates

#### Term 1

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January –  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

#### Term 2

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May –  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

#### Term 3

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July –  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

#### Term 4

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October –  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term Three.

This term I would like to encourage parental engagement with the child's academic development. It is imperative that you check if your child is completing homework and submitting their assessment task on the due date.

#### HSC TRIALS

Our Year twelve students are sitting for their exams this week and we would like to wish them all the best. This would be a great opportunity for the students to plan out their study time.

#### NEW STAFF

The School Board has appointed Mr Rihan Ali as the new Acting Deputy Principal. We wish him all the best in taking the school to a very successful new chapter.

The following persons were also appointed from Term three:

Ms Shana Chai-School Accountant.

Mrs Zeenat Mohammed-Administration and Operations Officer.

Mr Nitesh Harak-PDHPE Teacher.

#### PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

We encourage parents to settle any outstanding as soon as possible.

Schools fees for Term Three are as follows:

Primary - \$350

Junior Secondary - \$400

Senior Secondary - \$535

As you are aware the school has been adding excursion and subscription charges to your

family fee account. Please note that excursion and incursion charges for your child/ren for this term have been added to the family account. We appreciate prompt payment of school fees. School fees can be paid by cash, EFT (in person or over the phone) and BPAY. A letter of statement will be sent to your email account.

### ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Asalaamu Alaikum

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be appointed the Acting Deputy Principal of Green Valley Islamic College. First and foremost, I take this opportunity to thank Allah SWT, our creator for making this possible. I would also like to thank the School Board for having faith and confidence in me and giving me the chance to serve in this important role.

In my new position, I intend to work very closely with the very enthusiastic students who are willing to learn. I also anticipate the support of parents/guardians in their children's education. Here at Green Valley Islamic College, we have a team of dedicated staff who are doing their best in providing the students with quality education.

I wish to assure the parents and students that we will do our best to make our school a provider of academic excellence but without the commitment of each individual student, we stand to achieve nothing.

The learning process begins in the homes where parents help their children set realistic goals. I would like to encourage each parent/guardian to take a more active role in their child's education. We all have quite busy lives, however, taking just a few minutes in the evening to either read to your child, help them with their homework or help them get organised for the next school day will benefit everyone.

### **HSC Trial Examination**

Our Year twelve students are currently sitting for their HSC Trials and on behalf of everyone; I wish them all the best. All students will be required to attend school every day of the non-exam weeks in Term three. Teachers will be following a thorough revision program and providing feedback on their performance in the Trial Examination. Attendance in these non-exam weeks will be compulsory. I request all the parents to provide all the support that they can to take their child through this challenging period.

### **Diaries**

This is an important organisation tool for all students. Diaries need to be signed by parents at the end of every week to see if there are any messages from teachers. Diary checks are carried out by roll call teachers during roll call. Students are expected to display the diary each lesson so they can note down the given homework and any messages can be written by their teachers. Failure to use diaries effectively can lead to poor organisation, problems with time management and in turn, lower academic results.

### **Attendance**

It is very important your child attends schools on time. The High School runs DEAR time so it is essential students attend roll call when the bell goes at 8.15am. If students are late they will need to get a late note from the office. As such, students arriving late miss out on Roll-Call checks and announcements. They also miss out on Taleem Sessions and are unable to do any effective reading during this time. Therefore, I request all parents to please make an effort to drop their child to school on time.

### **Class Changes**

Students in Years seven to ten are put into respective classes based on their performance in the Half-Yearly and Yearly Examinations. Students who do well during Semester 1 are moved to the more challenging classes as an incentive and at the same time students who have not done well are moved to relatively smaller classes so that extra help can be provided. They are given the opportunity to redeem themselves once again in the Yearly Examination and move up in the following year. This transition has been finalised and students have been moved to new classes in Week Two.

### **School Policies**

Updated policies that affect the day-to-day administration of the school are available on the school website. Parents are urged to read them and be aware of the accountability and expectations. I look forward to working with you all to bring about positive changes that will ensure success in all aspects. Please feel free to talk to me about any issues that you may have about your child's educational journey at the college.

### **Parent-Teacher Meeting**

Parent-Teacher Meeting for Years seven to eleven was organised in Week one of this term. We had a good turnout of parents and I would like to thank all these parents for taking their time out and making themselves available to discuss the Semester One Reports with the teachers. I strongly believe that a child's journey through a school depends very much on the partnership between parents, teachers and our students. We need to create a positive relationship to provide the best support we can to our children.

Those parents who were not able to attend, I wish to highlight to you some of the benefits of such meetings:

1. It gives you a better understanding of your child's performance in different subjects.
2. You get to discuss your child's behaviour in the classroom.
3. It enables teachers and parents to make plans for the provision of support where needed. This support needed must be put into place now before it is too late.

## SECONDARY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has placed great emphasis on the Renaissance Accelerator Reading Program which is aimed to improve the reading, writing and comprehension of students in Years Seven to Ten. As student's progress through their High School lives it is essential for them to be able to comprehend a range of texts and build an extensive vocabulary. As an incentive students who have achieved first, second and third place in the classes will be rewarded with gift cards for popular stores during Literacy Week.

The English Department also conducts English support classes to assist students improve their overall reading and writing skills to ensure it is hoped that these will assist level will assist students in the long run as it coincides with the Schools vision to improve overall High School Certificate Examination results.

Moreover, a reminder that Wordflyers is not only a program that can be accessed at school but is just as easily available from home. Wordflyers is a fun and interactive way through which students are able to increase their literacy skills.

Also extra writing sessions for Preliminary students are conducted weekly to help improve their writing skills.

Students and parents are reminded that all workbooks are up to date and to ensure that all work is completed from their workbook as students will be using the notes for the upcoming assessments and Yearly Examinations. Students are to take into consideration that English is based paramountly on analytical and creative skills and therefore students should be listening attentively and completing all tasks set.

## WELFARE REPORT

### Welfare and Discipline

Student attendance: NESAs requires students to study subjects for a prescribed amount of time, which are the mandatory hours of study. Normal school hours at GVIC are from 8:15am until 3:20pm. If a student arrives to school late, he/she will need to provide valid reasons to the Administrative staff. If a student is late to school for more than two days in a week, he/she will be placed on Afternoon Detention.

*Please note that students who leave school early on a regular basis, are late or absent without any genuine reason may not meet the mandatory hour's requirement to qualify for the award of RoSA, Preliminary Certificate or Higher School Certificate (Secondary).*

### Hygiene:

The Green Valley Islamic College prides itself in the safe, secured and clean environment the school is situated at. As such, it is of essence that students practise healthy hygiene habits at all times. This does not only keep the school clean, but also enables students to live a healthier life. Teaching students healthy hygiene routine can create habits that last throughout their lives.

- Washing hair
- Bathing
- Skin care
- Oral hygiene
- Underarm care
- Hand-washing
- Disposing off rubbish/sanitary items in the appropriate bins

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum

### PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

On behalf of Primary, I would like to welcome the parents and once again anticipate partnership as we work towards our students' academic improvement and well-being. We would also like to seek parental cooperation in order to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for our students.

It is imperative that we, as primary educators ensure the development of our students' intellectual and social growth. Looking at the range of activities that our students engage in reflects our focus, as we work towards maintaining the balance.

### NAIDOC Awareness

Primary students further enhanced their understanding of the Aboriginal culture by having an **interactive** session on NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) awareness. They had various rotational stations that included Aboriginal

Story Telling Corner, Craft work and a range of Aboriginal Artefacts on display. The decorations created an appealing environment that was appreciated by all and increased student engagement.



### Interviews

Most of the parents attended the Primary Parent-Teacher interviews on the 5th of July and we thank them whole-heartedly as it showed that we have their cooperation in helping the students improve academically. 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. Term Three Parent- Teacher interviews are scheduled for the 27 September and we look forward to meeting the parents.

### Upper Primary Growth and Development Sessions

Students had informative sessions on 4 July, 2018, focusing on hygiene and awareness of changes that they experience as they grow up. Separate sessions were conducted for the students. This was part of the transition program as they prepare for their next phase of education in high school. Such areas of learning are further consolidated through the students' Physical Development and Health lessons (PDH).

### Maths Cup

Year Six students will compete with other schools at Amity College for the Maths Cup on the 6 September, 2018. Year six 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. Please note that this is a very challenging event and students will benefit from additional assistance in order to do well.

### Inter schools Public Speaking Competition

Years Three – Six students will be competing with two other schools on the 5 September, 2018. Students are currently being mentored during lunch time to further develop their public speaking skills. Speaking and listening skills are part of the Literacy program for each class however, students will benefit from given additional support to develop their communication in various contexts.

### Term Three Assessments

Assessments for Term Three are scheduled for Week Eight. Timetables and details have been submitted to parents. 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 Eight, students are engaged in on-going tests therefore regular attendance is compulsory for a good achievement.

### Athletics Carnival

The Primary Sports Committee have organised a fun but competitive carnival on the 26 September. As part of fund-raising for Year Six graduation, the school will be running the canteen at the stadium. To make this day a success, we encourage parents to join their children and show support.



## Hat Parade

The Events Committee led by Ms Nevine Tita organised the above event on Friday 22 June. 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 the unique hats.



## GVIC LIBRARY

Our Scholastic "Reading Is Out of This World" Book Fair was a great success due to the overwhelming support we received from our students, teachers and school community at Green Valley Islamic College. Money raised will go towards purchasing some new books for our school library.

The success of the Book Fair indicates that the parents and guardians of our students not only value reading and lifelong learning, but have conveyed their children on the importance of books in the home.

Thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who visited the Book Fair and helped to make it a successful event.

## Congratulations to Book Fair Competition Winners:

**Kindergarten:** Roukayah Charafeddine (KR) 1st and Zara El-Farran (KG) runner up.

**Year 1:** Ali Al Acharfi (1R) 1st and Safiyyah Albaba(1G) runner up.

**Year 2:** Daniel Aladli (2G) 1st and Umma Saaliha Salahuddin (2B) runner up.

### Poster Competition:

**Year 3:** Jarood Nasir (3G) 1st and Sumaira Ashifdar (3B) runner up

**Year 4:** Aaisha Sharif (4B) 1st and Muneeba Ali (3B) runner up.

### Writing Competition:

**Year 5:** Safa Shafquat (5R) 1st and Humaira Ali (5G) runner up

**Year 6:** Amna Khan (6B) 1st and Tanisha Khan (6G) runner up.

All winners received a voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

**Guessing Competition:** No of stars in the jar – Surah Akbari (2G)

**Raffle Winner:** Saeed Abdi (KR)



Yours sincerely

Mr Shamsher Ali  
Acting Principal