



# Newsletter

## Green Valley Islamic College

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## GVIC

### Respect

### Ownership

### Caring

### Knowledge

### Safety

### 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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October –  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum

As we are approaching the end of term three, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work. A very special thank you to those teachers who dedicate their time after hours taking afternoon classes.

The HSC timetable is now available on the NESAs Website for viewing. Examinations will **commence on 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 and conclude on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

The students are strongly urged to prepare a daily schedule which has a balance of study and break time.

There is extra help available on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the school library. This is a perfect opportunity for the Year twelve students to seek help in the areas they are having difficulties with.

#### **Parking**

This is just a reminder to parents that they have a legal and a moral obligation to obey the laws relating to speed zones and parking outside school. Please note that severe penalties are now in place for breaking the law in school zones. In particular we would like to emphasize on the following:

- Do not stop in 'No Stopping' and No Parking zones.
- Do not allow students to enter cars in traffic.
- Stop at the crossing when students

wish to cross and wait patiently until students have finished crossing.

- Remember to be courteous at all times.
- Do not park on private property's grass area.
- The Drop Off Zone is NOT a parking area.

#### **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 Holidays**

The last day for school of Term Three is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of September. Students will return to school for Term four on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. Our Year twelve students will be having their graduation ceremony on 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

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

Asalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

#### **HSC Preparations**

Now that the Trial Examination is over, teachers will be providing students with feedback on areas that need improvement. All Year twelve students are required to attend school every day till the end of Term Three. Teachers will be following constructive revision programs during the next few weeks. Attendance is compulsory and will be reflected in the Semester two Reports. Every minute will count for students as revision is essential. Parents are encouraged to set up and follow a revision timetable with their child and provide all the support that will be needed to take your child through this period.

## Evening Study Sessions

Please note that provisions have been made at the school on Wednesday and Thursday evenings for Year twelve students to come and revise for the upcoming HSC Examinations. Students will be able to use the resources in the School Library for group or individual study sessions. These study sessions will be running from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Teachers will be present to supervise and provide help and support.

If you wish to take advantage of the above study sessions, please drop your child at school at 6.00pm and ensure to pick up your child promptly at 8.00pm. These sessions are currently for Year twelve students ONLY.

If you want your child to be part of these study sessions. Please email the signed slip that has been sent to all parents via email, to the Deputy Principal – Secondary.

## Year Eleven Subject Information Evening

Year ten students will be selecting their Preliminary subjects that they will pursue in the 2020 Higher School Certificate. This information session will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday, 19 September from 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

In order to allow our students to make informed and realistic choices, parents and students will have an opportunity to work through available choices with the assistance of teachers during this session.

It is therefore important that parents accompany their child to the Subject Information Evening. During this evening, students and parents will be provided with information regarding individual subjects and subject combinations that lead to further education. This will enable students to make choices that will result in their success.

We are looking forward to your participation in this important event.

## Promotions Policy

This policy defines procedures and rules for retaining non-performing students in their current level and promoting students to the next level. One of the aims of the Promotions Policy is to encourage students to take their school work seriously.

Please be informed that for students to be promoted to the next level they must:

1. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to their studies by working consistently throughout the year;

2. Develop good work ethics and organisational skills;
3. Satisfactorily complete **all assigned work and Assessment Tasks;**
4. Have acceptable attendance;
5. Demonstrate acceptable behaviour as per the Welfare Policy.

## Diaries

Please sign your child's diary at the end of each week to see if there are any messages from teachers. Diary checks are carried out by roll call teachers during roll call. Students must have their 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 school 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, all parents are requested to please make every effort to drop their child to school on time.

## Parental Engagement

Studies have shown that students with parents who are involved in their education tend to have fewer behavioural problems and hence better academic performance. It also has a positive impact on student achievement, including better grades and test scores and higher graduation rates. Parental engagement is also associated with more regular school attendance, better social skills and improved behaviour.

Therefore all parents are urged to discuss with the Acting Deputy Principal if they have any concerns about their child.

## SECONDARY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Faculty has had a very busy term, working to maximise student engagement. Across the senior years, teachers have been busy organising examinations and marking student assessments, preparing students for the Preliminary and HSC Examinations. Meanwhile, the English teachers have also been busy expanding the knowledge and skills of the junior students; encouraging reading, participation and consistency.

Reading is one of the most useful life skills. Fostering a love for reading within our students can lead to numerous advantages:

- Improved vocabulary, speed and ability.
- Stronger analytical skills
- Improved focus and concentration

Every week, our students spend one of their English lessons using the Renaissance Accelerated Reader program. The program combines reading with computer-based quizzes to encourage students to develop independent reading skills. The program is showing great promise; however, the English Faculty respectfully requires assistance from parents and carers. Please encourage students to continue reading at home, in the car, before bed or whenever possible. During the Literacy Day cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places were given to the students who had read the most books with 85% in the quizzes, for each class from Years seven to ten.



“When you are passionate about your work, it can no longer be considered work”.

National Literacy Week represents a collaborative approach by the Australian Government and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy for all children and young people, with a specific focus on school-aged children. The Week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy skills. At Green Valley Islamic College, on the Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the English Faculty held a collection of engaging activities to encourage students to focus on their literacy; including:

- A character parade
- An incursion hosted by Claudio and Nver from Toon World
- A cross-curriculum literacy quiz
- A scavenger hunt
- A poetry-writing competition

During literacy week, many students received prizes for creativity, excellence and achievement.

Students and parents are reminded that bookwork is to remain up to date. As there is no English textbook, every student must ensure that their notes are completed in class and their homework is handed in on time. Keeping books up to date, reading over notes and actively participating in lessons is the key to consistency.

Good luck to all seniors completing their examinations and juniors preparing for their upcoming assessments.

## SECONDARY SRC

The RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) is an independent, non-government community-based charity providing animal care and protection services.

At Green Valley Islamic College, the Student Representative Council hosted a Fundraiser for RSPCA headed by A'atika Ayub, Numa Abdul, Zaynah Khan, Hannah Ali and Zarah Hannan by selling cupcakes

and jelly cups on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 and were able to raise \$216 for the welfare of animals.



### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (PRIMARY) MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum

#### PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

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 behavior 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 their 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.

#### Year Three's partnership with Local Woolworths for Discovery Learning

As part of Primary school's initiative to create a learning network with external providers of learning, Year Three students visited the local Woolworths on the 14 and 16

of August, 2018 and participated in a Discovery Learning Program that focused on lessons about varieties of fruit and vegetables. The students were given a structured lesson and a guided tour. This did not only provide an opportunity to focus on academic learning but a huge emphasis is placed on training students to demonstrate expected behaviour in public places.



#### Years Two and Four Literacy and Numeracy Focus

As part of our School Improvement Plan, a number of Literacy and Numeracy intervention programs have been implemented for the students and in particular for the above classes. Currently Years Two and Four students have been provided with passwords to access Excel Test Zone. Letters have been sent to parents, providing further information about the program. Parents are kindly requested to monitor their child's use of e-resources such as Mathletics, Literacy Pro and Excel Test Zone. Please ensure that students are fully engaged with their Reading Logs to develop their comprehension skills and are completing homework and other projects to a high standard.

#### Primary Hajj Awareness Session

The Arabic Department collaboratively with other staff conducted an informative and excellent session on Hajj awareness on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Through the amazing speeches, role plays and other presentations it was evident that the program had been thoroughly planned. The decorations and slide shows revived wonderful memories for all those who had already taken the blessed trip.



**GVIC as Nut Free Zone**

Parents are being requested to abide by our Nut Free Zone Policy. Under *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA) and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005* (DSE), our school is obliged to ensure that our Primary students who are anaphylactic are not in contact with students who have had peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches. Over the next few weeks this will be monitored and students who turn up with such sandwiches will be given reminders. Additionally, unauthorised activities that involve sharing of food in class or birthday parties is not allowed on the school grounds as our students are not aware of the ingredients, which may be fatal for those who have allergies. We humbly seek parental cooperation.

**Writing**

Many students are participating in ICAS, some students have produced outstanding results, achieving distinction in Writing. ICAS is an external exam which is quite challenging therefore these Year Three students must be commended for their hard work. Well done Zunairah Ali (3R), Safoora Fatima (3R) and Mariam Saad (3B)!



**Inter schools Public Speaking Competition**

Green Valley Islamic College Primary students competed with Unity Grammar and Malek Fahd Islamic School for Public Speaking and we are pleased to inform parents that we had winners from our school in each grade level category. Congratulations to Zunairah Ali (3R), Farhaan Khan (4R), Ayaan Yakub (4R), Amir Khan (5B) and Hafsah Ali (6G). Well done to the other participants and thanks to the teachers for their effort in training the students. Our students were rewarded with five out of the twelve possible awards. We are also grateful that this learning network with other schools has been ongoing for the last three years and Insha Allah will continue so that our students develop as articulate and confident speakers and leaders of the future.



**Electronic Devices**

Parents are reminded that Primary students are NOT allowed to bring electronic devices including mobile phones, I-pads or any gaming device to school. For emergency purposes if students need to make a call to their parents they are required to use the telephones available in the school office. Please refer to our school policies for details.

## Maths Cup

This event is organised annually by Amity College and our Year six students have been participating for the last few years. Maths Cup focuses on problem solving skills and it is a highly challenging event. Our Year six students participated in this event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at Amity College.

## Professor Maths Road Show

Week Seven was the Literacy and Numeracy Week, therefore activities such as Maths Cup, Inter schools Public Speaking Competition and Professor Maths Show are being organised in this week. Maths Road Show involves interactive hands on tasks using specially designed resources that challenge students to enhance their problem solving skills through application of Maths concepts developed in class. The Maths Road Show was scheduled for the 6 and 7 of September, 2018 for K-6 students.



## Parents' Workshop

To create an awareness on Portal and other key topics in Numeracy and Literacy (Reading and Writing), parents will participate in a workshop on the 13 September 2018. Apart from power point presentations, parents will engage in interactive hands on rotational stations. They will also be provided resource packs which they can take home and use to further support their children. Such workshops have been provided for the last two years and we continue to encourage parents to participate. Parents will be provided light refreshments and are encouraged to engage in discussions with teachers to seek ways of helping their children.

## Parent- Teacher Interviews

Parents will be having interviews with teachers on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2018. Letters will be sent home closer to the date as a reminder. Term Two Parent-Teacher session was successful since most of the parents were actively involved as indicated by class records. Parents who for some unforeseen reason are not able to attend are given the opportunity to reschedule the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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