



Newsletter

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Respect

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School Term Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 30th January –
Friday 13th April

Term 2

Tuesday 1st May –
Friday 6th July

Term 3

Tuesday 24th July –
Friday 28th September

Term 4

Monday 15th October –
Wednesday 12th
December

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum

Green Valley Islamic College has had a productive year. The staff have been very proactive in aiding the students to develop their full academic potential.

The school is working on bringing more changes next year so that the students can achieve even better results. It would be appreciated if these changes are supported by parents.

Recent research has proven that reading helps a child develop academically. Please ensure your child/ren is reading newspapers, magazines or novels on a daily basis.

The High School Award Ceremony has been scheduled for 7th December 2018.

The Higher School Certificate examination results will be available on 13th December.

On behalf of the School Board, staff members and I would like to wish everyone a joyous and a safe holiday.

Administration

School Office Operating Hours

The school office (Administration and Finance) will close on the 21st of December 2018 and will reopen on the 21st January

2019. The Office trading hours will be from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Term One School Dates

The first day of school in Term one 2019 will be Wednesday 30th January for Kindergarten, Years Seven, Eleven and Twelve. The remaining grades will commence school from Thursday 31st January 2019.

Text Books for Years 7-11 in 2019

There was a note sent home with details advising the parents about High School text books. The text book order must be placed prior to 14th of December to receive free delivery and discounts.

School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be trading on school premises between the hours of 9 am -11am from 21-01-2019 to 01-02-2019. After this the uniform shop will only operate on Mondays from 8am to 9am. Please contact FAZ uniforms on 96447999 for any other enquires.

School Fees

Parents are kindly requested to settle all outstanding fees by 12th December 2018. No cash payment will be accepted after 7th December 2018, however, you may make payment via EFT, Bpay and cheque. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office.

English Department

“Words speak volumes and are the most powerful tool in a child’s learning process.” (Mrs Khan)

The English Department has had a hectic but challenging term in teaching the students new content and preparing them for their Yearly Examinations. Despite the emphasis on teaching content, the teachers followed their routine of encouraging their students to read through the Renaissance Accelerated Reader program, an online reading program that has been paid by the school on an annual basis, and are part of the English lessons. On that note, the Head of Department would like to request that all parents encourage their children to read widely as reading is an integral part of the writing process as emphasised by the new curriculum for Senior English.

In addition, “Wordflyers” has also been an essential component of English lessons and has improved the literacy skills in a vast majority of students. Just a reminder to parents your child’s annual subscription has been generously paid for by the school and is accessible from home. Please take the opportunity to help your child to improve their literacy skills over the holidays if there is a need to do so.

To begin English in the Academic Year 2019 please ensure your child is prepared with all the learning equipment for English such as an exercise book, a text book if there is a need and black pens to write with.

The English Department, would like to thank all parents for their support and assistance in their child’s learning process of English during the year. The Head of Department requests to all parents to continue supporting their child’s learning of English as the learning process involves different roles and one role of paramount importance is that of the parents. The English Department would like to wish all students and parents a safe and joyous holiday.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S (PRIMARY) MESSAGE

PRIMARY HIGHLIGHTS

On behalf of the school, I would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers, students and parents for their collaboration and hard work towards a sustained progress of the students during the 2018 academic year. I would also like to extend a very special warm welcome to our 2019 kindergarten students, who have settled in remarkably well during pre-kindergarten classes that were conducted during Weeks Two - Eight of Term Four this year. Insha Allah, with parental support we will ensure that each student is given every opportunity to attain quality education. We urge parents to take advantage of the upcoming holidays and remind their children to explore motivating resources such as Mathletics, Study Ladder, Literacy Pro (Lexile), Bug Club and to visit local libraries, museums and other educational facilities to enhance their learning socially and academically.

Outstanding NAPLAN Achievement

Sumaira Ashifdar (3B) and Hifsa Ali (3G) have attained Year Five level band in Year Three NAPLAN Writing, indicating the school’s progress and setting a benchmark for the future. The effort of these dedicated students as the best writers in Year Three will be recognised during the Annual Awards Ceremony. They are also rightful owners of the ‘Student of the Week’ trophy. An outstanding result!





“Write4Fun” Poetry Competition

Alyssar Akerry of 4R has participated in an external poetry competition “Write4Fun” which had nine thousand entrants and the winning poems will be published in a book. Her poem has succeeded the first round of judging. Well done, Alyssar!

Key Upcoming Dates

The following important dates were also published in the Week Six Primary Newsletter. Parents are being reminded of the following events scheduled for the next few weeks:

- Annual Awards Ceremony: Years One – Four, on Thursday 6th December, 2018, commencing at 9:00 am
- Year Six Graduation Ceremony: scheduled for Thursday 6th December, 2018 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Skyview Reception, 28 Railway Parade, Liverpool (admission tickets required)
- Kindergarten Graduation: Monday, 10th December, 2018, commencing at 9:00 am
- Annual Awards Ceremony: Years Five and Six on Monday, 10th December, 2018, commencing at 11:00 am

Please note that due to the capacity of the venue, only parents of students receiving the awards will be invited to attend and support their children.

Student Class Placements for 2019

Our teachers have dedicated many hours and shared detailed student data across grades, to form the 2019 class lists. It is not an easy task as it requires consideration to be given to the academic, social, behavioural and emotional needs of over 600 students, and the best combinations have been created by the teachers who know your children best, in our educational environment.

For this reason, parents are to take note that there will be no changes to class allocation, as this often means moving another child out of that class, which can be quite distressing and unfair.

Children are very adaptable, and often just need time to adjust to “change”. Parents are being encouraged to support their children, and help them develop their resilience to cope with change, by accepting the class they have been placed in. If you as a parent are positive about the new class, then your children will feel secure and settle quickly into class routine. I humbly request parents to support this important process for 2019 and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Calendar of Major Events for 2019

The 2019 School Calendar will soon be published on the school website. However, the following are some of the key dates for the year:

Term	Week	Date	Event
1	1	Wednesday 30/01/19	Kindergarten starts school
1	1	Thursday 31/01/19	Years One – Six return
1	1	Thursday 31/01/19	Years Three and Five After School Classes begin
1	2	Tuesday 05/02/19	Years Two, Four and Six After School Classes begin
1	3	Wednesday 13/02/19	Primary Parent Information Session
1	5	Tuesday 26/02/19	Primary School Photo Day

1	5	Thursday 28/02/19	SRC/PBS Induction
1	9	25/03/19 – 29/03/19	Term One Examinations
1	9	Thursday 28/03/19	Parents' Workshop
1	11	Wednesday 10/04/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
2	1	Tuesday 30/04/19	Years Two – Six After School Classes begin
2	3	14/05/19 – 24/05/19	NAPLAN – Online Test Window opens
2	7	11/06/19 – 14/06/19	Term Two Examinations
2	10	Thursday 04/07/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
3	2	Tuesday 30/07/19	After School Classes begin
3	2	Saturday 03/08/19	Pre-kindergarten interviews (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
3	8	09/09/19 – 13/09/19	Term Three Examinations
3	8	Thursday 12/09/19	Parents' Workshop
3	10	Thursday 26/09/19	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4	1	Tuesday 15/10/19	After School Classes begin
4	2	Tuesday 22/10/19	Pre-kindergarten orientation and classes begin
4	4	Thursday 07/11/19	GAT Examination (External students included)
4	7	25/11/19 - 29/11/19	Yearly Examinations
4	9	Thursday 12/12/19	Year Six Graduation
4	10	Monday 16/12/19	Kindergarten Graduation
4	10	Tuesday 17/12/19	Annual Awards Ceremony: Years one to six

Student Safety/ Well-being

To further improve student safety, in 2019 we would like to strictly adhere to “NO PARENTS OR VISITORS ALLOWED BEYOND SCHOOL OFFICE” unless they have been given the “Visitor Card” from the office. Kindergarten students’ transition zone will be Undercover B, where there will be teachers on duty. Likewise parents entering from the Drop Off Zone will not be permitted beyond Area E, near the canteen.

For parents of children who have anxiety concerns, please see the Deputy Principal ASAP. To ensure students’ are being safely picked up at the end of school our usual procedure will be followed.

Please support our school’s rules and regulations as these measures have been taken with student safety in mind, and with current safety concerns these measures will help to ensure strangers do not have access to our school grounds. However, parents are reminded that our school provides 24/7 security services and student safety is of paramount importance to the school.



Mr Shamsher Ali
Acting Principal