



Newsletter

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School Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 30th January
– Friday 12th April

Term 2

Tuesday 30th April –
Friday 5th July

Term 3

Tuesday 23rd July –
Friday 27th September

Term 4

Monday 14th October –
Wednesday 18th
December

***Subject to change.**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians

Assalamu alaykum and Ramadan Mubarak

All praises be to Allah Whose Mercy we are blessed with every day and Whose Guidance we seek.

During week one, we conducted our High School parent / teacher meetings and I want to thank all parents who attended. The importance of parent involvement and support throughout children's schooling years yield huge benefits, and together with the school we can ensure that all students taste success. Also during week one, students were treated to pre Ramadan awareness programs organised by both Primary and High schools. The school has been decorated to herald in this auspicious month and as a reminder to all of us.

The school conducted a successful lockdown and evacuation drill on Thursday 9th May under the guidance of a *First Action* trainer. Our aim is to ensure that staff receives good professional training and that we conduct another drill to improve our procedures.

The online National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has run very smoothly with the IT department ensuring that our technology meets all the requirements of the program. The program finishes on Friday 24th May.

I'd like to remind parents of the importance of children arriving at school and class on time as noted in a previous newsletter. The advantages for students are many, as timely arrival allows students to learn the importance of punctuality and routine.

The school will continue to run shortened school days until Friday 7th June and we will resume normal times from Tuesday 11th June.

The school will be closed on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June for Eid-ul-Fitr** celebrations. The school will reopen on Friday 7th June when we will have an Eid celebration day for our students; information has been sent with the details.

In conclusion, I'd like to wish our school community well for the remainder of this holy month. May our acts of worship be acceptable to Allah SWT.

Mrs Yasmin Gamiieldien



PS: please note that we will only be distributing one newsletter per family.

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S (SECONDARY) MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

First and foremost we thank Allah (SWT) for all his bounties bestowed upon us and once again giving us the blessed month of Ramadan. Term 2 has approached with high velocity and is passing by with acceleration. To make good use of this learning term, we need to plan and prepare well.

Half-Yearly Examination

Term 2 learning program encompasses Half-Yearly Examination for Year 7 – 11. The examination is to commence on Wednesday (12/06) of week 7. The examination timetable has been prepared and will be issued to the students. I strongly encourage all our students to prepare well for all the subjects and start exam revision well in advance of the examination time. I request parents to provide an environment conducive to learning at home, and to monitor and support your children in preparation for the exams.

Punctuality

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of coming to school on time and hence being in class on time. It is my humble request to those parents whose children are late to school in the morning without any legitimate reason to please make an effort to ensure that your children are at school by 8:15am. Roll call commences at 8:15 to mark students' attendance and participate in the Taleem session during which knowledge is imparted to students about our beautiful 'deen'. All late arrivals must take late notes from the office before heading to class.

Homework

Teachers give homework for students to develop self-discipline, study habits, reinforce and consolidate learning that took place in the classroom and time management skills. Children learn how to be

independent and responsible. Setting aside a specific time every day can make homework part of a student's daily routine. Find a quiet and distraction-free area that your child can use when doing his or her homework. Review homework /assignments with your children and provide support and guidance, but be sure not to do the work for them. If assignments are unclear, communicate with the teacher and ask questions.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Year 7 – 12 parent-teacher meeting was in week 1 of this term and we were pleased with the good turnout of parents to discuss their children's learning and progress at school. I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who were in attendance for demonstrating your commitment to your children's learning. If you were unable to attend, you can collect your child's report from the school office. There will be another parent – teacher meeting after the half-yearly examination, date and time will be advised in the due course.

NAPLAN Online Examination

The NAPLAN Online examination has started on 14/05/2019 and will end on 24/05/2019. Year 7 and 9 students are the pioneering students sitting for the online format of the exam. A lot of NAPLAN support classes were conducted in term 1 in preparation for NAPLAN examination. I strongly encourage students to prepare well for all exams and always work hard doing their best.

Eid Celebration

The school will be organising Eid activities and an Islamic dress day for the students on 07th June 2019. There will be a few food and activity stalls, sports' activities and the school will provide a free sausage sizzle for all students and staff. More information about the event will be provided in a separate letter.

Mr Riaaz Ali

PRIMARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of the primary sector, I would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to parents, students and all stakeholders of our school. We are very impressed and thankful to all the parents who have diligently picked up their children at 2:30 pm from school. Teachers would like to humbly request parents to ensure that students arrive at school on time as it affects their period one lesson. Placing emphasis on punctuality at an early age will help our students to develop it as a life-long skill.

Ramadan Awareness Session

Primary students welcomed Ramadan and participated in a special assembly organised by the Arabic Department on Friday, 3rd May, 2019. The session was very inviting due to well decorated settings and was highly informative as it involved speeches, a Zaky video on Ramadan and many presentations by the students. Students were provided with Ramadan activity packs that would have prepared and motivated them for the blessed month.



Walk Safely to School Day

Primary students participated in this annual event on Thursday 2nd May 2019, by taking a supervised walk along a designated route, followed by having a healthy breakfast at school. This activity promotes the health benefits of walking, creates awareness on reducing car dependency habits and helps to develop the vital road-crossing skills.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolment

Parents seeking enrolment for their children in 2020 are requested to contact the school office for enrolment forms. Please inform friends and family about the enrolments being open as well. The completed forms need to be submitted ASAP as limited places are available and enrolment will close by Wednesday of Week Ten, Term Two (3rd July, 2019). Students will be interviewed on Saturday, 3rd August, 2019. Further details will be sent through letters posted to parents, in early Term Three. Newly enrolled siblings of our current students will also be expected to meet certain requirements such as school readiness including basic Literacy/ Numeracy and social skills for safety around other students. Currently the school has three streams of kindergarten classes and each class is supported by a full time teacher aide. Each classroom is fully equipped with an interactive smart board, class set of ipads and classroom computers. Students also have access to a modern library served by a full time library assistant.

Primary students have a fully qualified Sports teacher and access to a well-equipped hall for Sports.

Half- Yearly Examinations

Primary Assessments are scheduled for Week Seven (Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th June). Please ensure that children are punctual with 100% attendance during this period, unless it is a medical emergency. Assessment timetables and details regarding content coverage in each subject were submitted to parents in Week Two of Term Two. Parents are encouraged to support their child/ren by ensuring that they use the revision booklet to re-visit key concepts. Additionally, students from Years Three - Six will benefit from revision of lesson notes and work samples. This will help them to develop life-long study skills. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 4th July, 2019. Please contact the school office if further clarification is required.

Primary Charity Projects

Primary sector is pleased to inform parents that our students have contributed \$500.00 to the Children’s Hospital at Westmead through Harmony Day gold coin donation. They have also raised \$1130.35 for Christchurch Charity Fund. Last year’s Ramadan collection of \$1706.85 will continue to fund a sponsored child and for Water Well Projects. We thank parents and students for their generosity in supporting primary to continue with these two charity projects. Ramadan collection will continue this year therefore we humbly request for your continued support, in allowing students to place a few coins in the Ramadan Charity tins located in the classrooms. Copies of evidence documents once received will be made available via school newsletter.

School Eid Celebrations

Students are looking forward to participating in the Eid Celebrations organised by the school on the 7th of June on the school grounds. A number of fun activities have been organised for the students, including Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Eid Hat Parade, Henna and Show

bags. Fundraising for Kindergarten and Year Six graduation will be conducted via stalls to sell snacks and doughnuts. Kindergarten fundraiser is through the Show bags. Parents are encouraged to support the students.

Excursions/ Incursions

Parents are requested to mark the following dates on their calendar as students will participate in excursions/ incursions on these selected days. Teachers are rigorously involved in searching for motivating and engaging learning activities and excursions are examples of that. Excursions provide exciting pathways for learning that are not confined to the boundaries of the classroom. Please share your child’s enthusiasm and support the school by allowing your child to be actively involved and be punctual on the day of the excursion. The details are as follows:

Grade	Excursion Date	Venue	Focus
Year 3	17/06/19	Symbio Wildlife Park	Science - Living World: Growth and Survival
Year 6	26/06/19	Cumberland State Forest	English - Sustainability
Year 1	27/06/19	Sydney Aquarium	Science - Sea creatures and their Environment
Kindergarten	02/07/19	Golden Ridge Animal Farm	Science – Living Things

Mrs Samina Ali

SECONDARY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Assalamu_Alaykum

The rays of light penetrating the mind explode into tiny fragments of knowledge captured on paper. (Mrs Khan)

This term is a busy one for students and teachers alike, as students prepare for Half-Yearly Examinations. Please ensure that your child's exercise book is up to date as this will enable your child to have notes that he or she can revise from.

In due course, the English Teachers will be handing out the format and structure of the English Half –Yearly Examination for Years Seven to Ten.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents encouraged their students to read widely as this forms the basis of a strong writer. Also a reminder that **WORDFLYERS** is readily accessible from home should your child/ren wish to further improve their literacy at home.

Finally, your child/ren is encouraged to begin revising from now as the Half –Yearly Examinations are commencing immediately after Eid Celebrations.

Mrs Nazneen Khan
High School English Coordinator

