



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

All praises be to Allah (SWT) the most compassionate and the most benevolent. As we approach the plenary of term 4, some important reminders and notices are as follows:

### A Special Thank You

The Chairman of the school board and I convey our hearty thank you to the parents of GVIC who have been the backbone of our schools progress, growth and success. In recognition of your support and loyalty, the school will provide every student from Kindergarten to Year 12 with a stationary pack for 2020 academic year which will include a pencil case filled with everyday stationeries. We trust that this initiative of the school will reduce parents out of pocket school expenses for their children and provide a head start to our students for the 2020 school year.

We also thank all our teaching and non-teaching staff for your tremendous effort and team work. May Allah SWT reward you for all your good work and positive contribution.

### Student Scholarship 2020

To reward our hard working students and to alleviate educational expenses for parents of these students, the school has a very generous scholarship scheme. This year the school has awarded scholarships to our current Year 6 students which are tenable in Year 7 in 2020 earlier than previous years to give these students and parents assurance and peace of mind and in return maintain their enrolment at Green Valley Islamic College. All scholarship recipients will be announced in the annual awards ceremony; Year 1 – 6 Tuesday 17/12/19 and High School Friday 13/12/19.

### Bushfire Appeal

Thank you to the staff, parents and students for raising the much needed fund for the NSW fire and rescue team. The presentation will be done during the annual awards ceremony.

### Text Books for 2020

Once again the school will provide complimentary text books in 2020 for all primary school students and has already provided the text book list to parents of high school students.

### 2020 Enrolments

We have limited places available for student enrolment in both Primary and High school. Enrolments will be accepted as per school's policy. Once enrolment for a grade is full, applications will be placed in the waiting list.



Respect



Ownership



Caring



Knowledge



Safety

### Changes to School Fee Discounts

Alhamdulillah, we are very fortunate that GVIC has the lowest term fees amongst other comparable schools and we intend to keep the term fees intact for 2020. There may be changes to the way discounts are applied to term fees for parents who have two or more children at the school. More details will be provided before any change is implemented. Please ensure school fee payment is up to date to maintain continuation of enrolment and to receive student academic reports.

### Parent Code of Conduct

To protect the reputation of the College and the management and for the safety and welfare of the entire school community, GVIC will implement a parent code of conduct policy in 2020. The policy will be uploaded on the school website and can be accessed from January, 2020.

### School Term Dates

The last day of school for students in 2019 is Tuesday (17/12/2019) and the first day of school for students in 2020 is Wednesday (29/01/2020) for Kindergarten, Year 7, 11 and 12). The rest of the grades will return to school on Thursday (30/01/2020). The school office will re-open on Monday (20/01/2020).

### Best Wishes

I wish all students, staff and parents a wonderful, safe and enjoyable school vacation.

Mr Riaaz Ali

## Primary Deputy Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaykum

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 during the 2019 academic year. I would also like to extend a very special warm welcome to our 2020 kindergarten students, who have settled in remarkably well during pre-kindergarten classes that were conducted during Weeks Two - Nine 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, Reading Eggs and visit local libraries, museums and other educational facilities to keep up with the challenges of discovery, learning and academic progress.

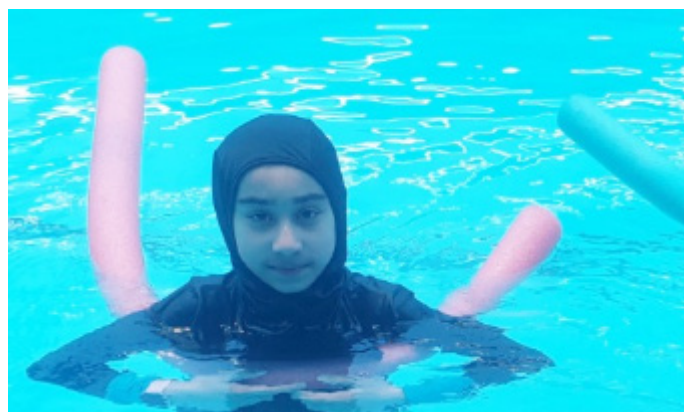
### Key Upcoming Dates

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

- Year Seven Orientation – Monday 9th December, 2019, from 9:00 – 10:30 am in the school hall.
  - Year Six Graduation Ceremony: scheduled for Tuesday 10th December, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Skyview Reception, 28 Railway Parade, Liverpool (admission tickets required)
  - Kindergarten Graduation: Monday, 16th December, 2019, commencing at 9:00 am
  - Annual Awards Ceremony: Years One - Six on Tuesday, 17th December, 2019, commencing at 8:45 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.

### Primary Swim School

Years Two, Four and Six had a marvellous time learning how to swim at the Fin Aquatics Recreational Centre. The lessons were scheduled for the five days of Week Eight.



We would like to acknowledge the effort of staff involved and likewise thank the parents for supporting the initiative. Sincere thanks to the staff of the Fin Aquatics Recreational Centre for facilitating an activity that is the Sunnah of our Prophet Muhammed (SWS).

### Student Class Placements for 2020

Our teachers have dedicated many hours and shared detailed student data across grades, to form the 2020 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. The classes have been formed to suit the needs of students across the whole school.

For this reason, parents are being strongly discouraged from moving children between classes, as this often means moving another child out of that class, which we hope you can understand, 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 are positive about the new class situation, then your children will feel secure and will settle quickly. I humbly implore parents to support this important process for 2020 and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Mrs Samina Ali**

### Calendar of Major Events for 2020

The 2020 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 29/01/20	Kindergarten starts school
1	1	Thursday 30/01/20	Years One – Six return
1	1	Thursday 30/01/20	Years Three & Five After School Classes begin
1	2	Tuesday 04/02/20	Years Two, Four and Six After School Classes begin
1	3	Wednesday 12/02/20	Primary Parent Information Session
1	5	Monday 24/02/20	SRC/PBS Induction
1	6	Monday 02/03/20	PRC commences
1	8	Friday 20/03/20	Action Against Bullying & Harmony Day
1	9	23/03/20 – 27/03/20	Term One Examinations
1	9	Thursday 26/03/20	Parents' Workshop
1	10	Tuesday 31/03/20	Primary School Photo Day
1	11	Tuesday 07/04/20	Ramadan Awareness Program
1	11	Wednesday 08/04/20	Parent- Teacher Interviews
1	11	Thursday 09/04/20	Walk Safely to School Day
2	1	Monday 27/04/20	Ramadan Timetable Begins
2	3	12/05/20 – 20/05/20	NAPLAN – Online Test Window opens
2	5	Monday 25/05/20	Eid ul Fitr (tentative)
2	5	Friday 29/05/20	Eid Hat Parade
2	6	Tuesday 02/06/20	After School Classes begin (Years 2, 4 and 6)
2	7	09/06/19 – 12/06/20	Half - Yearly Examinations
2	8	Thursday 18/06/20	Inter schools Spelling Buzz
2	9	Thursday 25/06/20	Primary Health and Safety Day
2	10	Thursday 02/07/20	Parent- Teacher Interviews
3	1	Saturday 25/07/20	2021 Kindergarten Interviews (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
3	2	Tuesday 28/07/20	After School Classes begin (Years 2, 4 and 6)
3	2	Friday 31/07/20	Eid ul Adha (tentative)
3	6	Thursday 27/08/20	Book Character Parade

3	8	07/09/20 – 11/09/20	Term Three Examinations
3	8	Thursday 10/09/20	Parents' Workshop
3	10	Thursday 24/09/20	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4	1	Tuesday 13/10/20	After School Classes begin (Years 2, 4 and 6)
4	2	Tuesday 20/10/20	Pre-kindergarten orientation and classes begin
4	4	Thursday 05/11/20	GAT/SCOUT Examination (External students included)
4	6	16/11/20 - 20/11/20	Yearly Examinations
4	8	Thursday 03/12/20	Year Six Graduation
4	9	Monday 07/12/20	Kindergarten Graduation

## Secondary PDHPE Department

On the 30th October 2019, all female students in Years 9,10 and 11 attended the SHE Summit, hosted by the Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA).

This day was specifically designed and catered to empower young women in society. Our students took a lot from the day, as they were encouraged to participate in a range of physical activities and a number of various workshops.

One of the keynote speakers included the story of Mrs. Samantha Bloom who became a paraplegic after a tragic accident. Sam then went on to win a number of world titles in kayaking and surfing. The girls were inspired by her story and this allowed them to understand how resilience and perseverance can get you anywhere you want to go.

All girls were able to identify and relate to female role models throughout the Summit and motivated them to achieve their own personal goals.

## Secondary English Department

The Digital revolution has impacted on both teachers and students and, has led to an increase in proficient digital skills which enhances literacy and numeracy, while actively engaging with curriculum content. At Green Valley Islamic College we believe student motivation and choice play a crucial role part in ensuring that our students read widely and diversely in a wide variety of genres and text types. Our continuous effort has been creating a literacy-rich environment using both digital and written texts. Exposure to a wide array of both digital and print texts allows our students to experience and demonstrate skills in a variety of authentic ways.

The English Department would like students to read more. The students are given choices to participate in creative writing activities which they enjoy. While reading builds vocabulary, fluency, and background knowledge, participating in creative ideas express their imaginative thoughts ...While at school, our students have fifteen minutes morning time set aside for independent reading. In addition to this, we encourage our students to participate in writing competitions so that they are given the opportunity to show case their talents with peers from outside their school environment.

Recently, one of our Year 7G students, Abdulrahman Abdulkader, submitted his short story in the Write-4Fun competition. His story below was chosen to be published in 'Just Keep Writing', a text book which contains the appealing and attractive stories that were entries in the competition.

***On my latest family trip, my family and I went on a trip to the beach; we were having a blast until...***

***I was swinging on a vine onto of a cliff full of trees and I slipped off the vine into the deep part of the beach, I belly-flopped so hard my body wasn't able to move. I was frightened.***

***While I was drifting down the ocean I hit the ocean bed... while I was on the ocean bed the sand slowly covered up my, the sand started stinging my body and it hurt. When the sand covered up my body I was unconscious from holding my breath for too long.***

***After I woke up I found a mysterious device which had lots of buttons on it. I picked up the device and ran around in joy because my body wasn't paralysed; while I was running I encountered a giant, hideous troll that was warty.***

***"Yucky" I said loudly, when I said yuck I accidentally woke it up. When it woke up I started running, that made the troll run after me. Every step it took***



*caused a vibration that made the floor shake.*

*My instinct started to tell me to face the device at the troll and click every sing button on it.*

*There was a lightning button which I clicked and a massive lightning bolt shot out of the device. The troll got shocked and zapped and it got burnt. Green goo started to come out of the troll and the device exploded because the device overheated from the bolt of lightning.*

*After my experience I woke up. "Oh it was just a dream" I said to myself, when I got out of bed I looked at my bed to see it was wet". "Oh come on!" I yelled in distress.*

## Commerce Department

Assalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

All our Year 9 and 10 Commerce students have now finished their Yearly Exams. They will be getting their marks now and teachers will also be going over all the questions in class. Students need to take this opportunity to find out where they went wrong and take the valuable feedback to improve for the future exams. Teachers will then be focussing on the writing of Resumes as many students will start Work-Experience soon. We know writing resumes can be challenging for most people. It is hard to step back to get the perspective you need to write a successful document. Therefore all students are being advised to take this opportunity and start with the basics of Resumes and improve them as they continue to gain work experience.

Year 12 Business Studies and Legal Studies students will also be sitting for their first HSC assessment in week 8. These students are being advised to study hard for this assessment and seek the assistance of their respective subject teachers if they are having any difficulty understanding the content covered from the first module. On be-half of the department, we wish you all best.

An advice for all the Year 12 students, please use the upcoming break wisely. At least a module and a half will be covered by the end of this year. Revise this content so that you understand what has been taught, make summary notes in preparation for HSC and do some prior reading of the next few chapters before the school reopens for Term 1 in 2020.

I am sure we all deserve a break and In Sha Allah that is not too far away, so let us enjoy the rest of the term.

## TAS Department

This term Year 7 and Year 8 had a very interactive and fun filled learning activities. Year 7's was working on a unit called 'Delicious Dairy' where they learnt about dairy products and the source of it. In conjunction with the theory lesson they were enjoying practical lesson in Food Technology every week as well. They were taught the skills required with handling of food in a kitchen. They started with some cheese tasting practicals and went on to some challenging recipes of cooking scones and Three-cheese pizza. Most of them thoroughly enjoyed the experience and went away with the ideas how to work in a kitchen.

While the Year 7's were having fun with all those practicals, Year 8s' had their fair share as well. They were working on a unit Media and Food Technology and it also involved cooking lessons on some mouth-watering recipes. They refreshed their cooking and prepping skills from Year 7 and did some challenging practicals like 'Nachos' and 'Bruschetta'. Students were very engaged and eager to learn any new skills associated with their receipes.

## Secondary Well Being Report

Another year comes to an end, and looking back we wonder how we squeezed in all we did! There have been such a range of memorable incursions, excursions, work experiences, field work, sporting activities ... to mention just a few. The list is quite extensive and exhaustive in equal measure. School is about so much more than lessons, and I really do believe that the experiences on offer to our students are second to none. Looking forward to next year, we are launching a revised approach to behaviour and rewards which has been designed to support the positive learning ethos within the school, and also to improve the flow of information between school and home; more details will follow in the new year. Until then, may I wish you a peaceful, enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We hope all of our students get the chance to fully recharge their batteries over this time, ready to face the challenges of their new academic year with energy and enthusiasm.

### Mathematics Faculty

Please note that if your child was in Year 8, he/she will be placed into either an Intermediate (5.2) or Advanced (5.3) Mathematics class depending on

their Stage 4 Mathematics results. I will be informing the students via a letter so that appropriate textbooks maybe ordered and purchased by the 2020 Academic year. If unsure, please enquire with the Admin staff.

Courses on offer for the 2020 Year 11 students are Mathematics Standard and Advanced Mathematics. Mathematics Extension 1 classes in 2020 will only be offered to the selected few students who achieved a high A grade in Year 10 Mathematics (5.3).

### SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS FOR THE 2020 AND 2021 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

The scientific calculators in the table below are approved for use in the 2020 and 2021 HSC examinations. These calculators meet the requirements as listed below under calculator features.

<b>NESA-approved calculator list (2020/2021 HSC)</b>	
<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>
ABACUS	SX-II MATRIX a
ABACUS	SX-II MATRIX n
CANON	F717SGA
CASIO	fx-82AU
CASIO	fx-82AU PLUS
CASIO	fx-82AU PLUS II
CASIO	fx-85MS
CASIO	fx-100AU
CASIO	fx-100AU PLUS
CASIO	fx-350MS

More information can be found on NESA website. Above is an exhaustive list of the calculators our students are used to working with.

### School Fees

Cash payment of school fees will only be accepted by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. Cash payment of the school fees will resume again when school reopens in 2020. There is no changes to other payment methods.