



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of the School board and Staff I welcome you all for the 2020 academic year. I hope we all had a safe and pleasant holiday and everyone is looking forward to quality teaching and learning. GVIC aims to ensure that our students and the school community experiences positive, rewarding and meaningful education. Our teachers and staff are committed to provide this learning experience to our students and to achieve this we need the full support and cooperation of parents and guardians.

### School Term Dates

Please note the term dates for 2020 on the cover of this newsletter and plan family activities/travel during school holidays. No holiday travel leave will be approved within the school term dates and strictly within examination periods.

### School Uniform

It is pleasing to see that most of the students wear the approved uniform appropriately and with pride. Unfortunately, there are a few students, who continue to flout the school's uniform expectations. It is disappointing that a few students affect the good order and reputation of the school in this way. I urge all parents to please support us in this matter.

### Student Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school by 8.15am. An explanation must be provided with supporting document(s) for any student absence. No early leave will be provided after 2.30pm.

### School Email Address Change

Please send all general enquires regarding your child's education on [info@gvic.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@gvic.nsw.edu.au)

### Important Notices

- Please ensure all precautions are taken in relation to the outbreak of coronavirus. Please read, understand

Term 1 : Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Thursday 9th April 2020

Term 2 : Tuesday 28th April 2020 – Friday 3rd July 2020

Term 3 : Tuesday 21st July 2020 – Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 : Monday 12th October 2020 – Wednesday 16th December 2020

\* Term Dates are Subject to Change

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## School Term Dates



Respect



Ownership



Caring



Knowledge



Safety

and implement the advice provided by the department of education on their website. Please check the department's website regularly for any update. The schools website also has information about coronavirus.

- Please return completed and signed forms/notes issued by the school from time to time in a timely manner so we could continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for your child(ren).
- Please make prior arrangements with the office staff to collect your children during their recess and lunch break.
- The parent code of conduct policy is on the schools website for your perusal.
- As role models parents are expected to follow traffic rules around the School and directions from teachers on duty on School grounds. It is our duty to educate our children to use the roads safely. Double parking, stopping in no stopping zones, not using the pedestrian crossing where provided, etc is a display of inappropriate behaviour which compromises the safety of our children.

I wish everybody the very best for the 2020 school year. May Allah (SWT) protect us all and give success in this world and hereafter. Ameen.

Mr Riaaz Ali

## Primary Deputy Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of primary, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our students and their families as we begin the 2020 academic year, with high hopes of students reaching excellence in studies. I would also like to congratulate the 2020 kindergarten students, who have settled in remarkably well and have adjusted themselves with the routines of their class. Insha Allah, with parental support we will ensure that each student is given every opportunity to attain quality education in a safe and supportive environment.



### After School Support Program

Parents of Years Two - Six are being advised that After School Program has commenced. Please note that all students from Years Three and Five are being encouraged to take advantage of the additional support provided by the class teachers in areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Only limited places will be offered for Years Two, Four and Six and this will be based on the students' last results. Permission slips have been sent to the parents prior to the start of the program. Students will benefit from the additional support, therefore please help your children by making the arrangements.

### Altruistic Ashifdar–Fund-raising for Bushfire Victims

Green Valley Islamic College proudly applauds the effort of Sumaira Ashifdar of 5G who showed great empathy for the victims of the bushfire.



Her donations through sale of 192 baked goods were as follows:

- \$1200 to the Rural Fire Service for the families of Geoffrey Keaton and Andrew O’Dwyer, firefighters who lost their lives serving the community.
- \$460 to WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service).
- \$720 to the Rural Aid for Buy A Bale campaign.

Alyza Arif currently in Year 2 gave her entire savings for the Green Valley Islamic College bush fire appeal in 2019. Green Valley Islamic College is privileged and proud to have such students. May Allah reward these students immensely.

### Primary Ramadan Projects

With the generous donations from parents and students, we were able to fund Well Digging in Myanmar last year (as shown in the image) . Insha Allah we pray for your support this year not only for Well Digging and sponsoring orphan children but for other projects locally such as Aged Care homes in Auburn, special facilities for Wudu area for girls, etc.



### Calendar of Major Events for 2020

The 2020 School Calendar can be accessed from 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
4	9	Tuesday 08/12/20	Annual Awards Ceremony: Years 1-6

### Students' Representative Council (SRC)/ PBS Induction

Within the next few weeks students will go through a rigorous selection process to be nominated for SRC/PBS prefects. The SRC policy will be strictly adhered to for the process. The parents of the selected students will be invited to attend the Induction Ceremony on the 24th of February, with chief guest MP Jihad Dib. Insha Allah we look forward to having the most suitable candidates being elected.

### Parent Information Sessions

Parent Information Sessions or "Meet & Greet" was held on the 12th of February, 2020. Parents had the opportunity to meet all the teachers, including Support Staff and Arabic teachers. There were half an hour slots for all classes at allocated times for specific information in relation to particular classes. After these sessions, for the next half an hour parents met with the teachers for individual concerns. Thank you to all parents who attend these Parent information sessions.

Mrs Samina Ali

## Secondary English Department

With the start of another busy 2020 Academic Year, the English Department is diligently working with and assisting students in achieving their best outcomes. The Department would like to remind students, parents and guardians that reading is an essential component in English studies, and in order to excel, students should be reading as often as they can. The English Department has programs such as WordFlyers and Renaissance to facilitate students in reading and their overall learning however, a cooperative home environment would further enhance reading and writing skills. Furthermore, an up to date English workbook and participation in upcoming events such as writing and poetry competitions will help students gain a wider understanding and appreciation for the English language. The English Department looks forward to moulding Green Valley Islamic College students to become confident leaders and to further develop their articulation in written and spoken language.