



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

All praises and glory be to Allah SWT in recognition of His infinite excellence and our feelings of gratitude to Him, arising from our awareness of the blessings He has lavished upon us.

### COVID-19 Update

Alhamdulillah, GVIC resumed teaching and learning from day one of term 2 and started face to face teaching earlier than many other schools to minimize any disadvantage to our students education. We are very fortunate that Australia is our home and not only the due diligence exercised by our government kept us safe but also provided financial assistance to affected Australians. With the ease of restrictions forthcoming, I encourage you all to still exercise social distancing and good hygiene practices. The school has maintained its intensive cleaning measures such as touch point cleaning twice a day, temperature checks, cleaning of student tables and chairs using disinfectant wipes, students sitting in rows and columns, use of hand sanitizers both inside and outside the classrooms. We remind parents to adopt "kiss and ride" whilst dropping off and picking up their children. If your child is sick, please keep them at home and get checked up by a doctor.

### School Board

The school board now has a section on the school website and will also be publishing newsletters to inform the school community on governance matters.

### Student Attendance

It is not only imperative but a legislative requirement that children of school age must be enrolled and attend school. Students are marked absent if they were not in school from Monday of week 5. All absences must be explained by the parent upon the child's return to school. Please ensure students are at school on time and picked up from school on time as well. Please read the attendance policy on the school website to familiarize with the procedures.

## 2020 School Term Dates

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



Respect



Ownership



Caring



Knowledge



Safety

### High school support classes

The school wishes to thank the acting deputy principal and the teachers who have volunteered to conduct before and after school support classes in different key learning areas. This is a good initiative aimed to improve our students academic performance.

### Semester 1 Reports

Year 12 semester 1 reports and Year 7 – 11 interim reports have been mailed out to parents for your perusal. Please work with the teachers for any areas of concern. Primary school will issue semester 1 reports in term 3.

### HSC Trial Examination

Year 12 students will sit for their trial examination beginning week 5 of term 3. Please ensure students have a thorough revision plan implemented at home.

### School Enrolment

Kindergarten and Year 7 enrolments for 2021 are still open. Submit completed enrolment application together with the required documents promptly at the school office. Limited spaces are still available in some grades for 2020.

### School Policies

The child protection, discipline/wellbeing and student attendance policies have been revised. The revised policies are on the school website for your perusal. Students, parents and staff are reminded to abide by all the relevant and applicable policies and procedures of the school.

### Discipline/Wellbeing Coordinator

Mr Ahmad Ismail has been appointed as the high school boys discipline coordinator. The school trusts that parents will work closely and together with Mr Ismail to achieve the best outcome for your child. The school wishes Mr Ismail well in his role.

### School Canteen

Alhamdulillah, our school canteen management and staff work diligently to provide our students and staff with Halal, fresh and top quality food at very affordable price. The school canteen is inviting expression of interest from parents to assist in its operation. Please contact Br Wasim on 0410990159 for further information.

### Ablution Project

Alhamdulillah, the wudu project is completed and well in use. The collection for this charity project started during Ramadan. May Allah SWT reward you immensely for every dollar that you contributed towards this charity project. The school wishes to extend a special thank you to Br Shah from Shah's metal fabrication for donating the stainless steel stools. Thank you to deputy principal primary for a noble initiative.

### Prayer Mats

We request parents who have children in primary school to provide a prayer mat for your child to use for Salatul Duhur.

**Mr Riaaz Ali**

## Secondary Acting Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of High School, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the stakeholders in ensuring a smooth transition for students return to school. Rest assured the wellbeing and learning of all our students is still our number one priority.

However, not all students learn the same way and we understand there may have been occasions where gaps occurred in student learning. To bridge the gap and for continuity in student learning during these unprecedented times, we initiated learning support classes from Monday, 1st of June.

Classes are restricted to a maximum of 10 students. Students from Years 7-11 who need learning support are identified by their teachers and this is communicated to parents on a daily basis. Below are further details:

Morning Session	Afternoon Session
8:00 am – 8:30 am	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

As we slowly return to daily normalities after the crisis, we would like to help and support our students as much as we can. We need your help so that your child continues to learn and make progress. Please feel free to reach out to us. Our seniors (Year 11 and 12 students) attended a “study skills” workshop on Wednesday, 17th June. Unlike other “study skills” presentations which gloss over generic and basic studying techniques, this high impact presentation leveraged the latest research from neuroeducation to help students refine their studying habits. The focus of the workshop was to link the latest brain-based research to student learning, and this was very well received by our students.

### Punctuality

Being prompt to school contributes to a sound educational, well organised environment for all children on a daily basis. Arriving to class late results in students missing out on valuable learning time and is a disruption to the working class. It is kindly requested that all students be in school by 8:15 am for commencement of roll call. Students also get an opportunity to participate in Taleem sessions delivered weekly by the school's Islamic studies department. All late arrivals must take late notes from the office before heading to class.

### Homework and Diaries

Teachers give homework to help reinforce and gather extra information on what was taught in class. It is a good means of consolidating the day's work and assists a student to be independent and responsible. Parents can keep track of this by checking their child's diaries every day since students are required to note it all there. A weekly signature by parents is necessary to ensure effective communication in this partnership. Studies have shown that an individual works better when he or she is away from distractions and/or not multi-tasking. Students are encouraged to find a quiet area where they can be focussed on completing the task at hand to the best of their ability.

### Half-Yearly Examination (Years 7-10)

Half-Yearly exams for Years 7-10 are scheduled in Week 4 of Term 3 (August 10th till August 14th). The exam coverage will be Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2) content. An examination timetable will be prepared and distributed to students in Week 1 of Term 3. I strongly encourage all our students to prepare well and begin their exam revision well in advance. I request parents to provide an environment conducive to learning at home, and to monitor and support your children in preparation for the exams. Please feel free to let us know if we can be of any assistance.

### Other Notices for High School

- The school uniform shop will now be open every Monday (effective 29th June) from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.
- Year 10 vaccinations are scheduled for Friday, 26th June. Students are to be in full school uniform on this day.

**Mr. Davindar Singh.**

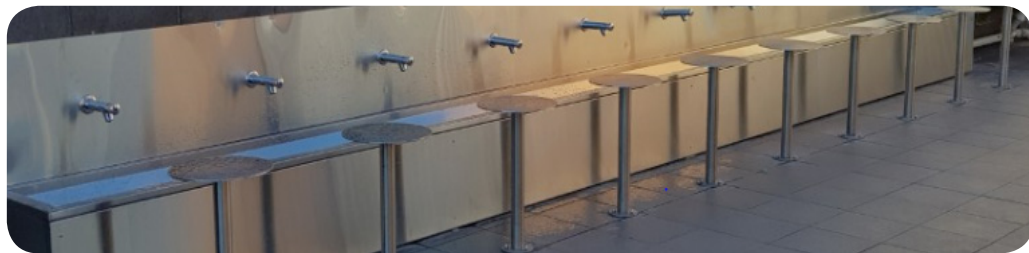
## Primary Deputy Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaykum

On behalf of Primary, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the parental cooperation shown regarding the manner in which our students have demonstrated resilience and bounced back to regular school work. I truly anticipate continued partnerships with parents as we work towards academic improvement and student well-being. We would also like to seek parental cooperation in order to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. Please continue to give reminders to your children about hygiene in general and regular use of the hand sanitisers located at stations around the school. Students are also required to use disinfectant wet wipes, provided by the school to clean their table tops each morning. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school, as it puts staff and other students at risk.

### Wudhu Area Project

Primary is pleased to inform the contributors who supported our Sadaqah Jariyah - Wudhu Area Project that the construction is now complete and students (both high school and primary) have started using it. The wudhu facility has ten taps and seats and it is located in Area E, near the stairs that lead you to the canteen. It is very impressive to note the level of support that was provided by the parents and in particular I would like to thank parents of Nusayr Lukman Shah of 7G (Shah Metal Fabrications) who donated the ten seats for the wudhu area. Sincere thanks to all the parents, staff and students for their generous contribution. May Allah SWT accept our good deeds and intentions. Please note that the left over fund will be used towards modification of existing facilities for a wudhu area for the girls. The wudhu area will serve a dual purpose as it will not only be used by students to do wudhu, it will be a teaching tool to teach Lower Primary the correct procedure for making wudhu.



### Key Dates

Please mark the following important dates for upcoming activities in Term 3.

Week	Date	Activity
1	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	Pre-Kindergarten Interviews
2	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	After-School Classes commence
5	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	ICAS Writing Test
5	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020	Premier's Reading Challenge ends
7	31 <sup>st</sup> August – 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	Half – Yearly Examination
7	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020	ICAS Maths Test
7	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2020	Parents' Workshop (tentative)

### School Uniform

It is imperative that we as primary educators ensure the development of our students' life-long skills, such as respect for rules and expectations. I humbly implore parents to ensure students attend school in proper school uniform. In particular, sports shoes worn only for sports, sports pants not worn with school shirt and girls to wear a white school shirt with the dress. Parents are being requested to visit the school website for the Welfare and Uniform Policy. However, it is understood that there will be rare days when full uniform is not possible, so for such a case, please provide a note for the class teacher. The school's Welfare and Uniform Policy clearly stipulate that NO UNDER-CUT for boy's hair will be allowed, therefore please ensure you advise the hair dresser for the appropriate hair cut for boys to avoid disciplinary consequences, including being sent home for inappropriate hair-cut, as per policy.

**Mrs Samina Ali**