Dear Parents/Carers and Students
ASalaamuAlaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Welcome to week 3 of term 2 which promises to be a very busy one. A full terms events have been planned for this 11-week term. Please find below upcoming events for May. I would be delighted to have the support and engagement of all our parents, InshaAllah.

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**NAPLAN**

On Tuesday, 10th May two tests will be administered. These include: Language Conventions (testing spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing. Reading skills will be tested on Wednesday, 11th May with Numeracy tested on Thursday, 13th May, There will be a ‘make up’ day on Friday 14th May for any student who was unable to do their tests on the designated day. These literacy and numeracy tests form a key part of the National Assessment Program endorsed by all Australian Ministers of Education. The aim of the national literacy and numeracy tests is to provide a measure of how Australian schools and our students are performing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. These tests are only one measure and need to be considered along with school based assessments which are designed to identify students’ strengths and areas for growth. Parents and Carers may wish to talk with their children about the test and encourage them to do their best.

Kindly ensure that your child is present at school on these days. However, students absent on the above days may sit for the test on Friday 15th May.

I wish our students everything of the best for the tests and am confident that you will give off your very best, InshaAllah.

Mariam Banwa- Principal
Dear Families,

And the school holidays have once again come and gone! How quickly two weeks flies by! Holidays are such a wonderful time to bond as a family, without the busyness of the school run! I certainly hope you have all managed to enjoy a very happy and relaxing time together?

ANZAC Day Service

Thanks to all involved in our ANZAC Day Service today. Our students participated in a great learning experience as we remembered the sacrifice that has been made by so many for our country. All that were gathered were reminded that those who have given their lives did their duty, and it is now up to us to do ours.

Make EVERY Day Count in 2016

I would like thank all the parents who came for the Parent Teacher Interview to discuss their child’s progress. I appreciate and welcome your input and cooperation in your child’s learning and progress.

Now that our second term is well underway, families are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve at school. It is imperative that families inform the school the reason for student absence otherwise it will be recorded as unexplained absence.

A school uniform should reflect school community standards and expectations. Students are expected to wear correct school uniform every day and should a child require new set of uniform both formal and sports, please kindly contact the office to make arrangement. Your prompt response in this matter will be appreciated.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) – 2016

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a strategy designed to assess our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. As a courtesy for your forward planning I’m providing dates when students from all state and non-state schools across Australia will take part in these national literacy and numeracy tests:

- Tuesday 10 May – Language conventions 40 minutes and Writing 40 minutes
- Wednesday 11 May – Reading 45 minutes
- Thursday 12 May – Numeracy 45 minutes

Friday 13 May is catch up tests for absent students where possible.

Looking forward to a great term!

Mrs B.Kumar
On Friday the 22nd of April, our campus commemorated ANZAC Day. We were joined by Mr. Harris; who has served in the Royal Australian Air Force for 27 years, and Mr. John for a special assembly.

Mr. Harris gave a short talk to the children about the significance of ANZAC Day. He explained to the children the origins of the name; ANZAC. This was followed by a brief history of the role of the Australian and New Zealand forces in the war. He explained to the children that it is the bravery of the young men and women who volunteered to fight for our country that we celebrate on this day. He also explained that similar wars were fought in Islam in order to gain a freedom to practice the religion in its early years, mentioning the battles of Uhud, Badr and The Trench. The children had prepared poppies to display, and were treated with ANZAC cookies to further build a connection to the story of ANZAC Day.
DU'A WHILE STUDYING SOMETHING DIFFICULT

"ALLÂHUMMA LÂ SAHLA ILLÂ MÀ JA'ALTAHU SAHLÀ WA ANTA TAJ'ALU AL-HAZANA IDHÂ SHI'TA SAHLÀ."

OH ALLAH, NOTHING IS EASY EXCEPT WHAT YOU HAVE MADE EASY. IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFICULT EASY.

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