



Call to the Light



# MUAZZIN

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## Welcome Note

Asalamu alaikum to all our readers! We hope you will find the first edition of this weekly school newsletter to be both informative and enjoyable. The title 'Muazzin' was chosen for the concept of 'calling' others to the light of Islam.

## Important dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Maths competition
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Islamic Book Fair starts
- 16<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday) – Mums invited for book fair (8.30-9.30am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> May (Friday) – Dads invited for book fair (1.30-2.30pm, after Jumah)
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – Islamic poster competition

## Islamic Book Fair

This will be held in the school library from Monday of next week. Children will be provided with order forms by the class teachers after they have had an opportunity to view the books. Please ensure your child returns the form with the correct money to their class teacher by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Parents are also encouraged to view these books at the specified times listed above.

## New Teachers

We are delighted to have the following new staff join our dedicated team of teachers: Sr Aisha (Hifz), Sr Farida (Quran), Sr Alia (ESL), Sr Hulya (aide), Br Mustafa, and Mufti Ubaidurahman.

## Values education

Alhamdulillah, our school has implemented the Islamic values themes which run on a fortnightly basis. A letter will be sent home, for the parents to be aware of the timing of these themes. This is intended not only to

keep families informed but also to encourage participation; parents can give their children stories or ideas related to any particular theme being discussed. For those budding poets out there, we would love to hear from you to make interesting slogans. Please direct all enquiries and suggestions to the Tarbiyah Coordinator (Mrs Arain).

## Parent helpers

Many thanks go out to the dedicated parent helpers that are assisting children to read. May Allah reward you for your much needed effort. We would also welcome any new parents still interested in assisting; especially those with children in Prep. The school is committed to providing the required training for this program at school.

## Sports

What a fantastic 'ulumpics' day we enjoyed last term! It was the first one for our school, with many more to look forward to in the years ahead. It was meticulously organized by Ms Zeynep ( Sports coordinator) and thanks to the dua of the students, Allah ta'ala kept the rains away until the end of the school day. Congratulations to all those who received a ribbon. Indeed congratulations are deserved by all who participated to make the day so enjoyable. It provided a good opportunity for us to practice being 'good sports' and celebrate the success of others.

## Health

The health we have been given is a great favour from Allah. In appreciation, we should all try harder to maintain and improve our health. A good start would be to eat lots of

healthy foods at home and at school. Instead of packaged foods, an apple or any piece of fruit would make a great recess snack. Instead of nutella sandwiches, how about some delicious salad rolls. We can all do our bit to help set good eating habits for our children (and ourselves!). Habits set at an early age usually stay for the rest of our lives.

### **The clean life**

Clean up Australia day was held in March this year with our school organizing a whole school clean up day. All students donned plastic gloves and set about cleaning all the school grounds. Classrooms were also paid special attention to, especially with a panel of judges trying to find the cleanest room. The tidiest table award went to no other than our ladies office staff. Now the challenge is to maintain a clean school. With the help of students at the end of recess and lunch, and the responsibility of each one of us not to litter in the first place, we will stay on top of this matter. Cleanliness is a part of faith.

### **UNSW competitions**

The University of NSW holds various competitions each year to award students with academic excellence. We have had a good response from parents who have entered their children in one or more of these competitions. The science competition was held last week. The maths competition will be held tomorrow.

### **Aims testing**

If you have a child in grades 3, 5, or 7, please remember to encourage your child to practice their work. You may also approach your class teacher who will be more than happy to discuss the progress of your child and look at ways to improve their results. In deen, we try our best at everything in life. One important thing to remember is that Allah does not waste the sacrifices of anyone.

### **Saturday School**

Last Saturday (6<sup>th</sup> May) was the first day of our Saturday school, held for the grade 5 girls. The aim is to reinforce numeracy skills. Thanks to Ms Bushra Yesilyurt for this fantastic

initiative and her dedication to her girls. Appreciation also to the parents who are participating in this new program.

### **Absentees**

Last week has seen many students being absent from school due to ill health. The One who sends the conditions is also the One who can cure us. If we first turn to Allah for all our afflictions, then Allah will put the cure in whatever we take. Just like the story of Musa (alayhis salam) who was cured of his sickness by following the order of Allah to eat from a certain tree; he was later disappointed to find that the tree on another occasion did not cure him. He learnt that the first time he had turned to Allah first who put the shiffa (cure) in the tree, the second time he went first to the tree, which does not have power on its own! We should use these times to make a better connection with our Rabb and show Him that indeed without His help, we are lost. A good place to start would be to pray 2 rakat of salat ul hajat – and don't just make dua for yourself, but include everyone else in it as well. This will earn you the 'ameen' of the angels, whose dua is always accepted!

### **Endangered Species incursion**

What an exciting time our grades 3, 4, and girls from 8, 9, and 10, had for the incursion last Monday. There was a crocodile, possums, and various other wild animals that were brought by the CSIRO for this fantastic day of hands-on activities.

### **Before and after school**

There is supervision provided for students from 8am as well as after school until 4.05pm. Please ensure your children are picked up on time.