



Call to the Light



MUAAZZIN

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Important dates

22nd-25th Aug: Scholastic Book Fair28th Aug: Curriculum Day – Student free day

Principal's Message

Asalaamo Alaikum Wa Rahmatulahi Wa Barakatuhu,

Our current value that we are running as a whole school is giving Salaam. Salaam is a name of Allah and means peace, and it only Allah that can give us salaam. Students are learning that when they go home and give salaam, then they are actually giving a du'a to their mother, father, brothers, sisters etc that may Allah shower them with peace (salaam). In the same way, by adding Wa Rahmatulahi Wa Barakatuhu we can make du'a for our family members to be showered with **peace**, **mercy** (Rahmat) and **blessing** (barakah) from Allah. Who does not want to make such a nice du'a for the most loved ones in their life? In today's society, these three things are felt to be the most lacking by people in their lives. Indeed, when a person enters their house and takes the name of Allah and at the time of taking food, Shaitan makes an announcement in the house, telling all his helpers that their is no room in this house for you to sleep and no food for you to eat, subsequently Shaitan and his helpers leave that house. Shaitan has a quality of disobedience, and we all know that a person is known by the company he keeps. InshaAllah, the removal of such ill effects from the house will allow all family members to increase in their qualities of love and obedience towards each other. All this from practising such a simple sunnah of our Rasoolallah (Salallahu Alaihi Wasalaam). Do we give salaam when we enter the house?

Prep Enrolments

We have started the processing of Prep enrolments for 2007. Applications this year have been significantly more than previous years. The College will be in contact with you with regard to interview / testing procedures and timing. Please hold off your inquiries as this will delay our processing - we will keep you informed.

Curriculum Day

There will be a curriculum day at the school on Monday 28th Aug. It will be a student free day so that teachers will be able to concentrate on the curriculum. No supervision of students will be provided on this day, so

please make your own suitable arrangements.

Quran Achievements

MashAllah we have a large list of students we wish to congratulate for their efforts in Quran. As you may already be aware, for every letter that we read, we are rewarded with 10 blessings. For just reading 'alif', 'laam', or 'meem', we are given 10 blessings, then imagine how much we must receive for each sura that we read!

Consistent effort:

Name	Class
Anissa Hassan	Hifz B
Aisha Chamra	2B
Qasim Chamra	2B
Aicha Elmi	2B
Mohammed Merhi	2B
Abdalhadi Khodr	2B
Elham Shiday	Prep C
Salahalden Moubarak	2C
Khulud Khodr	Prec A
Aisha Gyftakis	Prep A
Amani Zayagh	7A
Amira Malik	7A
Sumayye Shah	5A

Completion of reading Quran (khatim / Nazira)

Keshaf Mir	3A
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Completion of Iqra:

Name	Class
Mahfujul Hoque	Prep A
Ghauzalah Wasim	Prep C
Zeinab Iqbal	Prep B
Rafiul Huda Akan	1A

Our Champ!

We have amongst us, a champion at Tae Kwondo. Mohammednur Noordin of grade 6B recently participated in the Victorian Junior Tae Kwondo Championship, held at the State Netball Hockey centre in the city. He won a silver medal and has now qualified for the National Championship, which will be held in Adelaide later this year.



His class and teacher (Br Mohammed Azim) are proud of his fine performance and achievement. We all wish him success as he intensifies his practice, and goes for gold! Mabrook!!

Isra and Me'raj (continued)

Last week we learnt that the prophet

Muhammad ﷺ traveled by night from Mecca to Masjidul Aqsa in Jerusalem, and then traveled to the heavens and beyond. This was a journey not just of the soul but also of the body.

Once the Prophet ﷺ reached the Sidratul Muntaha, he described this Lote tree with its fruit like the jars of Hajar (a place near Medinah) and its leaves being as large as elephant ears. There were also four rivers there and Jibraeel (alayhis salam) showed Al Baitul-Ma' mur, which is the Sacred House. This is directly above the Holy Kaaba, and angels are always making tawaf of it.

When the holy Prophet ﷺ was finally in the presence of almighty Allah, he was blessed with the order to pray.

Upon his return, the prophet Muhammad ﷺ met Musa (alayhis salam) again who asked : "what have you been ordered to do?" Thereupon the Prophet ﷺ replied that he had been ordered to offer fifty daily prayers.

Musa (alayhis salam) said: "Your followers will not be able to bear 50 salah a day. I have tested the people before you, and tried my best with the Bani Israeel. Go back to your Rabb and ask Him to reduce this for your followers".

The Prophet therefore returned to Allah and the salat was reduced to 10 salat per day. Again Musa (alayhis salam) asked him to return to have the salat reduced.

In this way, the Prophet ﷺ kept returning to Allah until it was down to only 5 salat per day. After this,

Muhammad ﷺ felt ashamed to ask for it to be reduced any further and was satisfied at this.

Even though our salat has been reduced from 50 to only 5, yet Allah will reward each salat like 10. Therefore, we will still be getting the reward as though we had prayed 50 times in the day!

This salat is the gift of Me'raj. The very next day, Jibraeel (alayhis salam) came to teach the Prophet

ﷺ the way to pray. Let us all remember this great event when we are tucked up in our cosy beds at Fajr, or we are delaying Zuhr because of lunch, or perhaps it may be Asr we might overlook because of some other activity or trade. Whatever the time, we should find the time to talk to Allah and pray at its proper time. May Allah give us all the proper understanding of fulfilling this obligation, ameen.

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic, who are a leading publisher and supplier of children's books, will be bringing a collection of books for viewing and purchasing. They will be at our

school next week from Tuesday to Friday (22nd – 25th). We have organized for parents to come and view this collection. Mothers are welcome to come to the library on Wednesday between 8.30am and 9am, whilst fathers can also view on Friday straight after Jumah salat.

Food for Thought-Br Sher Malik

Our eyes are a great blessing from Allah ta'ala. We use them all the time and everywhere. We are able to see all around us. We can look at so many beautiful coloured flowers, mountains, sky & animals. Many animals have very poor colour vision. So they see in shades of grey, just like a black and white television. The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year. Without these eyelids that Allah ta'ala has given us, we would not be able to wipe dust off from our eyes. We wouldn't even be able to sleep!

Most importantly, we can see our mother & father, our brothers & sisters. How blessed we are, to have these amazing two eyes. That's why we should always thank Allah ta'ala & say Alhamdulillah.

Salat

Since salat is such a gift and blessing for this ummah it is only fair that we make effort to correct it. The following is the tashahhud (atahiyat) that we recite along with its meaning. It is important to know what we are saying to Allah as all the veils between us and Allah are lifted with our first takbeer.

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ

Atahiyatu lillahi wasalawatu watayibatu
(All prayer is for Allah, so too our worship and goodness)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Asalamu alaika ayyuhanabiyyu wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu
(Peace be upon you, oh Prophet, and the Mercy of Allah and His Blessings)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَىٰ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

Asalamu alayna wa 'ala 'ibadillahis saliheen
(Peace be on us (the Ummah) and the pious servants of Allah)

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Ash hadu an la ilaha illallahu wa ash hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluh
(I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger)

What a beautiful translation of what we say in our salat several times a day! Now when we are reciting the tashahud in salat, we will know what sweet words we are using in talking to Allah.

Student Samples

7B Newspaper Studies Br Abdul Azim

Shepherd

The following work is a very good example of the kinds of work that our dedicated year seven students are capable of. Nouredin Omer has written about a victim of a dog attack as an example of a newspaper report. He then wrote a letter to the editor about his own writing from the point of view of another reader called Samira. This kind of activity helps students look at the news more critically and it challenges them to think about their own writing more deeply. I was very proud of his work and I told him that it needed to be published. Of course, so many students in year 7 also wrote other excellent pieces of work over the past few issues of Muazzin.



The young footy star Mark Milgham died at about nine pm last night after a Pittball terrier at Pitt Street Fawkner attacked him.

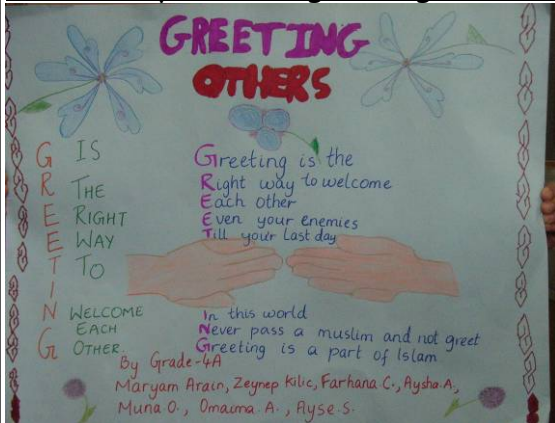
The boy was making barking noises, which annoyed the dog while walking past the dog's house. The dog some how broke out from the backyard gate and attacked Mark. The dog bit his legs and put him to the ground. The dog broke bones in Marks hand and legs also displacing a rib from his ribcage. Due to the great force that the dog used to put Mark down concussion was caused. A brave man tried to help Mark but couldn't stop the pitball. ' I didn't care what the dog did to me, I just wanted to save the kid' said the man who did his best during the attack.

The boy was taken to the Royal Children's Hospital. The doctors did everything to save Mark but it wasn't enough. His parents were very devastated. His mother had nothing to say but the father said that he would of done anything to save his son even if it meant it was him who the dog was to kill. The dog was taken away by the RSPCA as a result of the accident and the owner was fined \$3000.

I am disgusted at the government for not taking any action towards dangerous dogs. After reading the article by Nouredin Omer 'Little kid dies after dog attack', 10 August. I was very angry and disappointed at the fact that little has been done. I ask with great concern when will enough be enough?

Samira, Roxburgh Park

Grade 4A poster on greeting -Sr Sabiha



Fun Corner

Answers from Muazzin 10:

You can make a total of 162 5-digit whole numbers, using only 0, 1, and 2.

- Using only 1 or 2 for the first digit of the number gives 2 choices.
- Using 0, 1, or 2 for each of the remaining digits gives 3 choices for each digit.
- Using $2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 162$.

Here are some for this week:

What number is next?

1	1	2	3	5	8	13
	21	?				

And how about this one? What number is next?

1	3	6	10	15	21	?
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China (Here's one for our grade 5s)

The Id Kah mosque (Chinese: 艾提朵爾) is a mosque located in Kashgar, Xinjiang, in the western People's Republic of China. It is the largest mosque in China. Every Friday, it houses nearly 10,000 worshippers. The mosque was built by Shakesimirzha in 1422 (although it included older structures dating back to the 8th century) and covers 16,800 square meters. The mosque was started in 996.



Help wanted

We are looking for assistance in typing and preparing text for Islamic classes.

The person should have typing and computer skills and be able to use Microsoft Word. If you can volunteer your services we would love to hear from you. Please leave your details with Sr Khadijah Jenkins.

Here is a writing competition from the Local library. It would be great to see students from this school entering it and using it as a point of dawa. Imagine, if they get about 500 entries from our school, all written from an Islamic viewpoint!

All you have to do is to start writing "This is the story of the most interesting day of my life. It all began when..." The possibilities are endless.

Here's an example: "It all began when my car broke down in the middle of a highway out in the back of woop woop. There was not a soul in sight. With hardly any water with me and temperatures rising, I knew I had to do something quickly." This could be used to relate to the example of Hadthrat Hajira and her search for help in the deserts of Mecca. With this example you could show the reader how everything we do calls us to rely on the unforeseen help of Allah which always comes to those who trust in Him. Happy Writing!!

Moreland City Libraries Short Story Competition

This is the story of the most interesting day of my life. It all began when.....

In 500 words or less tell us about your most interesting day. You don't have to be a literary whiz to enter this competition; we just want you to share your experiences with others. Commences Tuesday 1 August, entries close at 8 pm on

Thursday 31 August. People of all ages are invited to participate and are welcome to write in their preferred language. Entry forms are available from any Moreland City Library or visit the Council web site at www.moreland.vic.gov.au.

Here are some names of Allah for you to colour. See if you can find out the meanings as well.

الرَّحِيمُ

ar Rahim

الْمَلِكُ

al Malik

الرَّحْمَنُ

Ar Rahman

السَّلَامُ

as Salam

الْقُدُّوسُ

al Quddus

الرَّحِيمُ

al Malik

الْعَزِيزُ

as Aziz

الْمُهَيَّمِنُ

al Muhaymin

الْمُؤْمِنُ

al Mu'min

الله واحد

Allahu Wahdahu