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Hadith of the week

[Important] *The honour and respect of the words of Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW) is obligatory on us. Due consideration needs to be given in the manner in which we dispose of such material.*

'Abdullah b. Amr b. al-As Radiyallahu anhu narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: When you hear the Mu'adhdhin, repeat what he says, then invoke a blessing on me, for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah; then beg from Allah al-Wasila for me, which is a rank in Paradise fitting for only one of Allah's servants, and I hope that I may be that one. If anyone asks that I be given the Wasila, he will be assured of my intercession. [Muslim]

Sunnah Corner

Etiquettes of dua (supplication)

- To ensure one is in a state of cleanliness and Wudu
- To face the Qiblah
- To sit in the posture of Tashahhud
- To raise the hands while leaving a slight gap between them
- To glorify Allah Ta'ala and then send *salawat* (salutations) upon the Prophet (pbuh) at the commencement of the dua
- To concentrate and have firm conviction that Allah Ta'ala will answer the dua
- To recite those duas mentioned in the Quran and Ahaadeeth.

Calendar of April-May Events

- ◆ 18th to 21st April:
Men's Annual Religious gathering
Venue: Darul Ulum Masjid
- ◆ 22nd April:
Earth Day
- ◆ 23th April:
Term 2 Commences - First day back to school for students
- ◆ 25th April:
Anzac Day Public Holiday
- ◆ 13th to 15th May:
NAPLAN Examinations
- ◆ 18th to 24th May:
Education Week



2013 VCE EXCELLENCE

The school is extremely pleased with its 2013 VCE graduates' ATARs. Their performance is a clear indication of the school's ongoing commitment to improvement and the effectiveness of its improvement strategies. Our school is one of the highest performing independent Islamic schools in the state and will continue its upward trajectory to compete with the best schools in the country.

Here are the ATARs attained by our top students:

Position	ATAR
1 st (DUX)	94.50
2 nd	93.60
3 rd	92.00
4 th	90.30

The school congratulates these students on their fabulous achievements and wishes them success with their tertiary studies in the future.

The 2013 VCE graduates' scores ranged as follows:

- ATAR above 90: 12%
- ATAR above 80: 32%
- ATAR above 70: 53%

The school held VCE graduation awards ceremonies to reward its high



achievers. Students were awarded with scholarships and other valuable prizes. 4 students were awarded with scholarships valued at \$1300 while another student received a scholarship valued at \$650.

In 2014 the school will continue its commitment to achieve outstanding VCE results.

2014 DUCV ALUMNI REUNION

On Tuesday, 4 March Darul Ulum held its second alumni reunion. It was an auspicious occasion in which school administrators, VCE graduates and alumni executives shed light on the school's history and looked at the promising future the school has before it.

The proceedings were wrapped up with a moving *dua* (supplication) by Sheikh Ahmed Abdella and a magnificent 3-course dinner.



Parent Teacher Information Nights

During the first term the school held multiple information nights for parents to have a renewed outlook on the school's aims in 2014. A considerable number of

parents attended and were addressed by the principal, vice-principal on new school initiatives for 2014 such as the school's academic intervention strategies, school 2014 focus areas, the role of parents in their child's education as well as the school's social/emotional learning program, You Can Do It (Y.C.D.I).

These meetings were invaluable in keeping abreast the school's latest changes as well as in allowing parents time to consult teachers regarding any concerns they may have pertaining to their child/ren's progress.



After-school club

As of 2014, the school has introduced an after-school club to focus on student's artistic, physical and oration skills.

Activities on offer include wood work, nasheed oration both in Arabic and English, sign language (AUSLAN), gardening and sports. All activities are conducted by qualified school staff who specialize in their respective fields.

Much interest has been shown by students with over 50 having signed up and who are now actively participating in the activities.



DUCV Academic Scholarships

The school introduced a new scholarship program for all secondary students this year. The Darul Ulum College Academic Achievement Scholarship is aimed at motivating, encouraging and inspiring students to persevere with their sound academic performance.

The scholarship categories and values are as follows:

	Years 7-10	Year 12 (VCE)
Category 1		
Criteria	Average achievement in all subjects for both semesters of 96% or more	An ATAR of 97 or more
Award	100%	100%
Category 2		
Criteria	Average achievement in all subjects for both semesters of 91% - 95%	An ATAR between 90 - 96.9
Award	50%	50%
Category 3		
Criteria	Average achievement in all subjects for both semesters of 86% - 90%	An ATAR between 88 - 89.9
Award	25%	25%



After an extensive analysis of the 2013 results 33 scholarship recipients were named. They were as follows:

Name	Year level in 2014
Boys' side	
Abbas Khan	8BH
Ali Abubakar	8B H
Aly Elsayed	12B (2013)
Hassanul Hoque	11BK
Mahfujul Hoque	8BH
Mohamed Arshad	11B
Muhammed Dennaoui	12B (2013)
Raheeb Rahman	8BH
Girls' side	
Abeer Khan	11AK
Affifa Manjoo	11A
Afrra Kobi	10A
Aiesha Chamra	10C
Aishah Gyftakis	8A
Aiza Ahmad	12A (2013)
Amani Gyftakis	10A
Asmaa Barakat	10C
Asmah Samsudeen	10AK
Ayesha Mansoor	9AK
Faiza Mohammed	12A (2013)
Fathima Mubarak	10AK
Hafsa Siddiqui	11AK
Hanan Haddad	11A
Hira Shah	10C
Khairia Abukar	10A
Mahassen Chamra	9C
Maryam Hajoona	9AK
Meryam Yonis	8C
Minha Abbasi	9A
Nasra Hashi	10A
Nurfathini Noorazman	9C
Sarah Abdul	10C
Sumaiya Shah	12A (2013)
Sumeyye Demirel	9AK

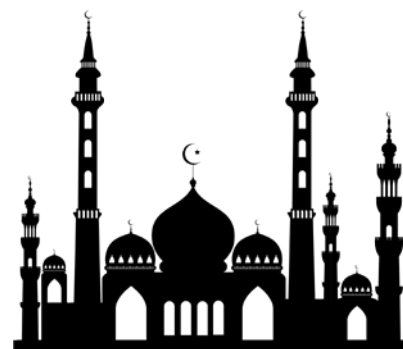
[Ustaz Muddasser Dhedhy
Scholarship Officer]

2014 Religious gathering

Every year the Muslim community holds a religious gathering in the school premises during the Easter long-weekend. Muslims from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania attend this auspicious occasion in which lectures are given by esteemed scholars.

This year we were very fortunate to have Maulana Ahmed Suleman Khatani from South Africa at the gathering. He gave multiple speeches in which he focused on aspects of Islamic creed (aqidah) such as Iman and the tradition of the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) and how the implementation of such teachings will enable Muslims to be better members of the community. We greatly appreciate Moulana's efforts in attending the religious gathering and we eagerly await his next visit.

This gathering was attended by many Muslims. Some even left in the path of Allah with the intention of rectifying their own lives by instilling within them a sense of benevolence, compassion and generosity while at the same time encouraging other Muslims to do so also.



2014 new staff members

Alhamdulillah this year we have been blessed with a number of new staff members. We welcome them all to the school's vibrant community and wish them an exciting time at Darul Ulum. The new staff members include:

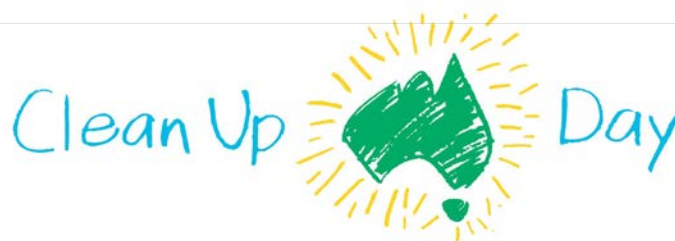
Name	Position
Male Staff	
Abdelhamid Abdulazim	Teacher
Abdullah Enes Karci	Teacher
Aftab Ahmed	Hifz Teacher
Ehteshamul Haque	Math and Science teacher
Hamza Dhedhy	Science Lab Technician
Kazim Haksever	English and Humanities teacher
Female Staff	
Aisha Baharin	Mathematics teacher
Elcin Gul	Librarian
Esaba Ahmed	Teacher
Farhath Khatoon	Librarian
Nahida Khan	Teacher
Rukiye Senturk	Teacher
Zulaikha Zahari Noordin	ICT



Clean up Australia Day

On Friday, 28th of February the school participated in "Clean up Australia Day" activities. From period 4 onwards students were allotted different areas within the school and around it to pick up rubbish while being supervised by their teachers.

The day was an excellent time for students to reflect upon their duty towards the environment. Islam also calls for Muslims to appreciate the many bounties bestowed upon them by Allah which includes the wonderful and precise natural systems Allah has established on Earth.



After-school tutorials

Every student enrolled at Darul Ulum College of Victoria, regardless of their socioeconomic background is entitled to have their academic progress monitored and thus provided with supportive intervention in the case when a student is at risk of unsatisfactory progress. The school recognizes that the early identification and support of students at risk provides them with their best chance of academic excellence. Hence, as of 2013 the school had implemented three new programs targeted at identifying and supporting underachieving students. The three programs offered are the after-school tutorial program, Weekend Study

Hall (W.S.H) program and the Closing the Gap program.

The after-school tutorials are held Monday to Thursday from 3:50 pm - 4:30 pm. English classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays while Math classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. These tutorials focus on providing concentrated help and support to consolidate students' numeracy and literacy skills. Students who have been identified as having performed below the school's academic standard in their most recent assessments are required to attend. At the moment this tutorial program is only being run on the boys' side.

[Ustaz Muddasser Dhedhy
Intervention Coordinator]

NEW Parent Portal

The school has introduced a new parent portal aimed at improving communication between parents and teachers in order to keep parents abreast with how their child/ren are performing academically.

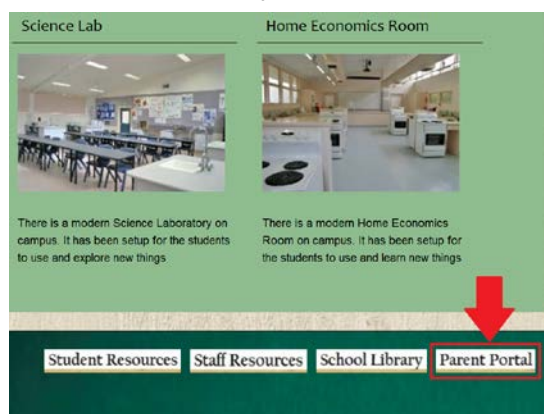
Parents may access the portal via the Darul Ulum homepage (in the bottom right corner). They will be prompted to insert their username and password which is unique for each parent. These login details were sent to parents by mail early in term 1. If for some reason you do not have your login details, please contact the school's main office and they will happily provide you with them.

After logging in parents may access electronic copies of their child/ren's school reports, account details, they may

also update personal information such as phone numbers and email addresses. This portal also allows parents to make parent-teacher interview bookings if they would like to come in to the school and discuss their child's progress.

In the near future the portal will provide information about the curriculum and learning activities so that parents know what their child/ren will be taught on a weekly basis.

The school is optimistic that this portal will really streamline communication between parents and the school and allow parents to more actively monitor their child/ren's learning journey.



Student Attendance Timings

Please be advised that the college has re-adjusted the school attendance times for students. Current practices in relation to roll making and student attendance to school and to class have also been reviewed.

Students are now required to attend school as follows:

Monday-Thursday: 8:20 am - 3:50 pm

Friday: 8:20 am - 3:35 pm

Students' attendance will be marked twice a day, once in the morning during assembly and thereafter when the students assemble again after lunch.

Students' attendance roll marking is completed by 8:45 in the morning and any student who is not at school by this time; their parents will be informed via an SMS notification.

Also, for attendance taken in the evening, if a student does not show up by 2:45 pm, his/her parents will be notified via an SMS notification.

'You Can Do It' Period Allocations

While the school aims to provide students with an excellent academic education, it also realizes the importance of social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing and have positive relationships whilst making positive contributions to their community as good citizen.

In light of this the school has introduced a social/emotional learning program known as You Can Do It (Y.C.D.I). This program envisions to equip every child with fundamental characteristics vital for their future. It is established on five foundational cornerstones namely, getting

along, organisation, persistence, confidence and resilience.

Every term our school will be focusing on one of these themes and exploring them within specialised weekly periods. This term's focus is ORGANISATION.



Timetables' competition

Timetables are a basic tool used throughout the study of mathematics. The ability of compute timetables by memory is a fundamental skill required for successful



progression into secondary school mathematics and beyond. All school students are required to memorize their timetables from 1 to 12 at the bare minimum.

To encourage proficiency in students at memorizing timetables, a timetable competition was held wherein the secondary girls competed. After several rounds, the finalists were as follows:

Position	Student	Year level
1 st	Zeinab Iqbal	8AH
2 nd	Latifa Awal	9A
3 rd	Aasya Al Jaf	7A
4 th	Mariam Al Jaf	10A

Friendly Soccer Match

A friendly Year 10 boys' 6 vs 6 field soccer match was held with Al Siraat College on the 27th March 2014 on our home ground. Alhamdulillah, it was a very exciting match in which both teams fought hard and fair to gain victory. Although our boys were trailing during the initial part of the game, they managed to keep their toughness going and gained the final 4-3 victory with a scorching goal from the halfway line by Ahmad Mohtadi!

Goal scorers for DUCV were: Salah Mubarak (3 goals) & Ahmed Mohtadi (1 goal).



Well done boys, Masha Allah

Inter Islamic Schools Indoor Futsal Competition

10 of our selected Year 8-9 boys will be representing our college in the Inter Islamic Schools Indoor Futsal Competition held on the 30th of April, 2014 at the Coburg Basketball Stadium.

We wish them all the best for the upcoming competition!

[Ustaz Hafizzudin Herman
Health PE Coordinator (Boys)]

Immunisations

Moreland Council's immunisation team conducts three immunisation sessions at all secondary schools in Moreland each year.

Immunisation consent cards are distributed by the school for parental consent. These cards must be returned to the school by the return date provided on them for collection by the council. Even if you choose not to have your child immunised, the signed cards need to be returned.

This year's immunisation dates for our school are as follows:

Visit/date	Grades	Vaccine
1 Thursday 13 th March	Year 7 boys & girls	HPV & Chicken pox
	Year 9 boys	HPV
	Year 10 boys & girls	DPT, Whooping cough Boostrix
2 Monday 19 th May	Year 7 boys & girls Year 9 boys	HPV dose 2
3 Tuesday 21 st October	Year 7 boys & girls Year 9 boys	HPV dose 3



Art Workshop



The Art Department conducted a Spray Painting Workshop in the final week of Term 1. The objective of the workshop was to give students the opportunity to learn a new medium of Art and explore their creativity. Guided by Ustaz Shakeel, the students created their own art pieces and had a hand in completing a master piece for the Art Room. It was indeed a fruitful and enjoyable workshop for the students.

[Ustaz Mohammed Fadhli Hamidon
Art and Technology Coordinator]



New library book

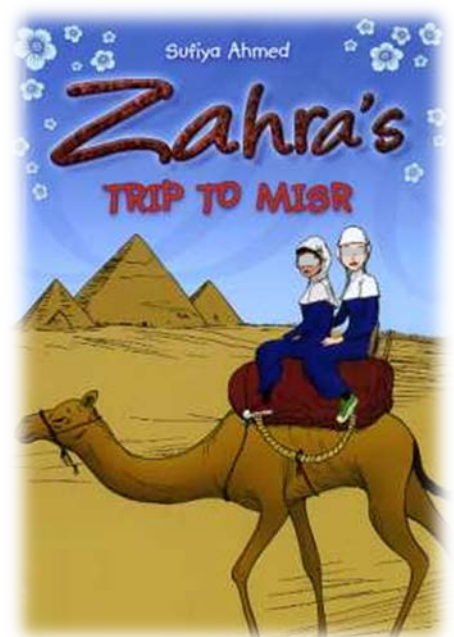
Marya's voice trailed off as a camel ran past them at full speed, carrying a terrified girl on its back.

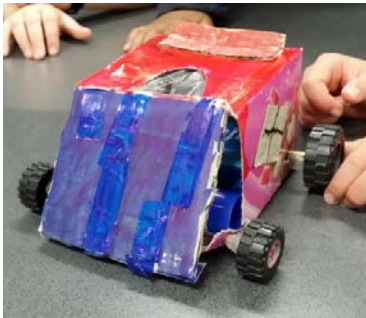
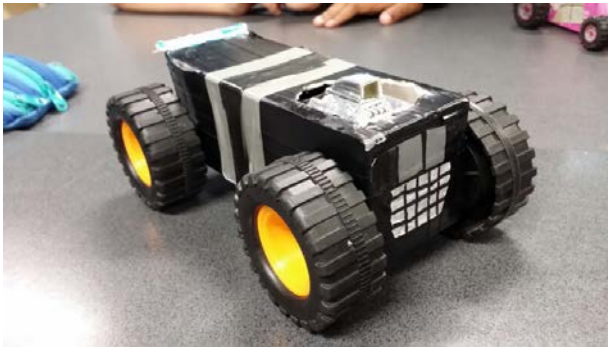
"That's an academy pupil," Zahra whispered. "Who can it be?"

"I want to get off!" Marya declared fearfully, her eyes on the animal running frantically in the desert. Five men were now chasing it and the girl looked like she was just seconds from falling off. "I want to get off this camel now!"

It is the summer holidays and the Khadija Academy girls are visiting the land of pharaohs and pyramids on what promises to be a trip full of sun, fun and laughter. Trouble, however, is not far away and the girls of form Aleef soon find themselves in the middle of it.

Join Zahra and her firends in this new adventure packed with mystery and suspense.





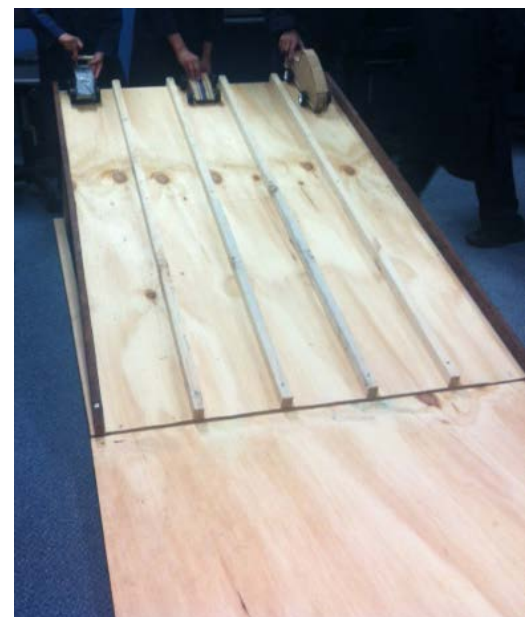
Primary Boys Design and Technology: Designing Cars



In Term 1 the Primary Boys have been spending time to design and construct model cars. This process involved them doing design drawing of their proposed cars, car modelling and the final product. In class, the boys discussed parts of the cars and ways on how to make their cars faster. They revisited their design drawings, gathered recycled materials and carefully attached each part to their car.

In the final week of Term 1, the boys had the Intra-Class Car Race. It was an exciting event for the kids as they finally got to pit their cars with the rest of the class. It was indeed an enjoyable and fun-filled lesson!

[Ustaz Mohammed Fadhli Hamidon
Art and Technology Coordinator]





Year 12 Chemistry Experiment: Chromatography of a vegetable extract

The students looked at separating the naturally occurring pigments which are present within a spinach leaf. It was done using the technique of chromatography whereby the substance within the spinach is attracted to a stationary phase (in this case, paper) and this is dependent on their solubility in the mobile phase (acetone liquid within the beaker).

Students had to see the various bands which showed up on the paper, and depending on the distance travelled, they were able to differentiate the various pigments present within the spinach leaf.

[Ustaz Musaab Rawasia
Science Coordinator]

