



Call to the Light



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Important dates

19th Oct – Iftar Program for secondary girls
 26th Oct – School Fete
 23rd-25th Oct – Eid Holiday for 3 days.
 31st Oct – Quran Competition Semi-finals

Principal's Message

START WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH (SWT)

Dear Staff, Students and Parents

Assalam-O-Alaikum

Everything is in control of Allah (SWT). It is part of our iman that whatever happens in this universe, happens with the wish and will of Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT)'s control on this universe is so complete that not a single leaf can move from its place without the permission of Allah (SWT). If all the mankind, Jins and Angels put together want to move a dust particle from point A to point B but Allah (SWT) decides against it, then they cannot move it. On the other hand if Allah (SWT) wants to do something and the whole mankind, Jin and Angels put together want to stop it, they cannot stop it. Whatever happens in our lives (good or bad) is also from Allah (SWT).

As you may be aware, I have been appointed as the Principal of Darul Ulum College of Victoria. I will be looking forward to working with the staff, students and parents in order to improve our school.

Our purpose of life is to attain the pleasure of Allah (SWT) and gain nearness to Him. We make dua, "O Allah (SWT) show us the truth as being the truth and enable us to follow it and show us whatever is invalid as being invalid and enable us to abstain from it".

Waasalam
 Zulfiquar Ali

Term 4

Welcome back to everyone for another busy yet rewarding last term of school inshAllah. We have lots of things to look forward to in terms of competitions.

The Quran competition is already under way and the semi-finals will be held later this month on the 31st. Grades 3 and up will be able to attend this exciting event and it is something the children are already working hard on to achieve their best.

There will be more incursions inshAllah for the fun filled learning of the students and more prize winners to seek for students of the month and winners for the Islamic values themes.

This year we will be celebrating three days for the Eid holidays. Therefore, there will be no school between Monday the 23rd and Wednesday the 25th.

The revised school timings for Ramadan are running smoothly as well with students starting school at 8.50am and finishing with a smile at 2.20pm. Obviously the children are excited to get home early and do as much ibadah as possible through excessive thikr of Allah and their beautiful recitation of the Holy Quran. Alhamdulillah, our students are well known for their excellence in Quran.

Don't forget to look for Laylatul Qadr in the following few days left of Ramadan and make lots of dua' for the ummah which is crying out for help. Our fasting this month should be drawing us much closer to our Rabb and this will have the effect of softening our hearts. We should not waste a single moment or opportunity to help others and share whatever we have.

May Allah make this a very fruitful Ramadan and may all of us find that very special Night of Power to allow us to be counted amongst those special people who have worshipped Allah for more than 1000 months!ameen.

School Tags

A reminder for everyone, that the school gates have now been sign posted. Those students with a green tag (walking) or those waiting to be picked up by their mothers / female guardian, are to leave via Gate A.

Yellow tag (bus) students and those waiting to be picked up by their father / male guardian are to leave via Gate B (closer to the boys' campus).

Please follow the above procedures in order to assist in the management of the students.

Hadith of the week

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) has said:

“ Verily Allah and His Malaikah send mercy upon those who eat suhoor (sahri).”

عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ
 إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ
 يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى الْمُتَسَحِّرِينَ

Iftar Program

There will be an iftar program for the secondary girls (**grade 5 and up**) on Thursday 19th October inshAllah. This will be held in the students' classrooms with their respective teachers who will be organising programs after school such as quizzes, Quran recitals, stories etc. It is requested that those parents who would like their children to participate in this even at school, do not pick up their children after school. After the program, the girls will have iftar together, pray Maghrib and will be ready to be picked up by **7.20pm**. Please make sure you pick up your children by this time as there will be no supervision provided after 7.20pm. We hope to see as many girls participate in this as possible.

School Fete

The school will be holding a fete day on Thursday 26th October, immediately after our Eid break. We are looking for mothers who can volunteer to hold a henna stall and organise the sausage sizzle. There will also be other stalls as well. Jumping castle, popcorn are just a few of the activities for the program. Please note that this will be for the students only, and it will be a whole day event. Some activities will also be held in the students' classrooms.

Values Theme

At the end of last term, we commenced with the value of Kindness and Compassion. This will continue after Ramadan again for another two weeks before finding the student from each class who showed the most kindness.

The motto for this theme is:

*“I have made up my mind,
 I will always be kind”*

The words for this have more meaning than what is blatantly obvious. The first line indicates that it is just up to us whether we will be kind or not... it is a matter of making up our mind and sticking to it. The second line points to the fact that kindness should be shown

to others whether or not the other person is kind to us or not. We can look at the life of our illustrious Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) and see how his kindness won over so many of the hearts of even the worst enemies of Islam of his time. People were so moved by his (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) kindness, that they became ashamed over their own cruel behaviour, and accepted Islam.

Student of the Month Award

Here is the list of students who were awarded with student of the month at the end of last term:

Class	Name
Prep A	Aisha Dhedy
Prep B	Saadiya Abdella
Prep C	Romaisa Khalid
1A	Maham Benti Adel
1B	Sara Hassanein
1C	Khodr Merhi
2A	Husseïn Shiday
2B	Shaker Allouche
2C	Muhammad Abdi
3A	Tarek Ismail
3B	Amnah Arain
4A	Farhana Chundoo
5A	Noor Shadid
6A	Dalal Chaker
7A	Sanita Mustafa
8A	Halabia Merhi
9/10 A	Zulaikha Noordin
Hifz A	Esmā Kilic
HifzB	Asma Hassan
Alima	Hafsa Mohammed

Values Awards

The following students were nominated for the values award. The theme was Greeting Others (Giving Salam). Congratulations to all who tried and it was especially pleasing to see young children at recess and lunch giving salam to at least 20 other children. And remember, the one who gives salam first is free from pride (kibr). The masail (rules and regulations) on salam are so many that it is worth finding out so that we know exactly how to carry out this most excellent form of greeting.

Class	Name
Prep A	Mona Yehia
Prep B	Ali Abubaker
Prep C	Hajar Omer
1A	Amal Wazze
1B	Zumair Azim
1C	Yesra Alsayed
2A	Aminah Mahfooz
2B	Sarah Hussien
2C	Dilara Er
3B	Sarah Mohamad
4A	Tayibha Gjko
5A	Heba Saad
6A	Sara Houssein

7A	Iman Mohamed
8A	Kausar Yehia
9/10A	Zulaikha Nourdin
9/10A	Hajir Hussein
Hifz A	Whole class
Hifz B	Jevriye Beluli
Alima	Whole 3 rd year

Ramadan Kareem! Ramadan Mubarak!

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and it derives its name from the Arabic word Ramdha, meaning 'intense heat'. This meaning could be attributed to this month for various reasons:

- When the Islamic months were enforced, the month of Ramadan might have coincided with the hotter months of the year, or
- Due to fasting the temperature in the stomach increases, hence the heat factor, or
- Heat is associated with cleansing of sins, and this month is well known for the mercy and forgiveness from Allah that descends on every day of Ramadan. It is also mentioned in a hadith more or less, that astaghfar eats away our sins just like fire eats up dry wood.

Some important events of this month are also listed here for your interest:

- Hassan (radiallahu anhu) was born in 3AH
- The Quran was revealed from the Lauhe Mahfuz (protected Tablets in the seventh skies) to the first of the skies.
- The Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam).
- The first Islamic battle, Battle of Badr, occurred on the 12th, in 2AH
- Victory of Mecca happened on the 18th in 8AH.
- Zainab bint Khuzaimah (Radiallahu anha) was married to the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) in 3AH.
- Ruqayyah (Radiallahu anha), the daughter of the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam) died at the age of 23, in 2 AH whilst the Battle of Badr was on.
- Khadijah (Radiallahu anha) died on the 11th.
- Fatimah (Radiallahu anha) died on 3rd, 11AH, just 6 months after the Prophet's death.
- Abbas, Ali, Safiyyah, and Aishah (Radiallahu anhum), all passed away during a Ramadan.

Don't forget that it is sunnah to recite the following dua as you are about to break your fast:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُمْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ
وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

O' Allah, for you I have fasted, and in you I have believed and in You I have placed my trust and with Your provision I make my Iftar.

Story of the Week

Once Hassan and Hussain (Radiallahu anhum) fell seriously ill. Their parents, Fatimah and Ali (Radiallahu anhum) made a promise to Allah that after He recovers them from the illness, they will fast for 3 days as a sign of their gratitude to Him.

When Allah blessed them with good health again, they started to observe the fasts that they had promised. However, there was no food in the house for suhoor, so they started whilst starving.

In the morning, Ali (Radiallahu anhu) borrowed some wool which Fatimah (Radiallahu anha) spun to use for knitting. They gave some of this back to the owner and he gave them a little bit of money which allowed them to buy a little bit of barley. From this Fatimah (Radiallahu anha) grinded to make flour and then she cooked some bread out of it for their iftar. There was just enough for the family.

At iftar time, just as Ali (Radiallahu anhu) was about to take the first bite, a beggar called from outside asking for some food. They gave away all that they had to this beggar without even taking a bite, and broke their fast on water.

On the second day of fasting again they had no food, so Fatimah (Radiallahu anha) again spun the wool, for which she received some barley for making into bread again. This time at iftar, an orphan came asking for some food, again all their bread they gave to him and broke their fast with water.

On the third day, with hunger eating away at them but yet still with no food, they fasted with water. Again they managed to bake just enough bread for iftar. This time, before they could break their fast, another man came for help, and once again they gave their iftar away.

On the fourth day, Ali (Radiallahu anhu) took his children to the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasalam), and they were so weak that they could hardly walk. The Prophet himself went to visit his daughter Faimah (Radiallahu anha) who was very weak and her eyes had sunk in. He made dua to ask for Allah's mercy for them, and Jibraeel (alayhis salam) came with the following verse of the Quran:

"And they feed with food, the needy wretch, the orphan and the prisoner, for love of Him" (Ad-Dahr:8)

He also congratulated them saying that Allah was pleased with them.

Let us think of their story as we break our fast with all sorts of bounties from Allah, and before a complaint about the flavour of the food comes to our mouth, we should make astaghfar.

May Allah also accept from us to help His servants just

as His chosen servants have done, without any thought to their own needs.

Indeed this a month of patience, and the reward for true patience is JANNAH!

Fun Corner

The Great, "**Friday Mosque**" of [Chinguetti](#) is an ancient center of worship created by the founders of the oasis city of [Chinguetti](#) in [Mauritania](#) sometime in the Thirteenth Century. The [minaret](#) of this ancient structure is supposed to be the second oldest in continuous use anywhere in the Muslim world.

The mosque structure has a prayer room, a mihrab & an open courtyard. Among its most distinctive characteristics are its spare, unmortared, split stone masonry, its square minaret tower, and its conscious lack of adornment, keeping with the strict [Malikite](#) beliefs of the city's founders. The mosque and its minaret are popularly considered the national emblem of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.



Moo?

Only 20 animals live in Lina's barn. All in all, the animals have a total of 62 legs. The only animals that live there are cows and geese. **How many cows and how many geese live in Lina's barn?**