



Call to the Light



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Important dates

16th Nov – Quran Competition (Boys)
4th Dec – Prep Orientation Day 2007

Apology

We would like to inform all readers that an error in our 'Story of the Week' section in the last issue of Al-Muazzin was overlooked. We apologize for not writing *RadiAllahu Anha* with Aisha *RadiAllahu Anha's* name and ﷺ with the name of our dearest Prophet ﷺ.

Principal's Message

Dear Staff Members, Students and Parents
Assalam-O-Alaikum

In Darul Ulum College of Victoria, we are trying to provide such an environment where our students can learn to be practical Muslims and be more productive to the society at the same time. We are trying to encourage them so that they can achieve excellence in this world and in the hereafter. In order to achieve this, we require your cooperation. This is a team effort. If any part of the team is not performing well, we will not be able to achieve our goal.

Let us make dua that May Allah (SWT) help us to improve environment in our homes and the school.

Zulfiquar Ali



Hadith of the week

فعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال :
جاء رجل فقال يا رسول الله من أحق الناس بحسن صحابتي ؟
قال : أمك , قال : ثم من ؟ قال : أمك , قال : ثم من ؟ قال : أمك ,
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متفق عليه

Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: A person came to Messenger of Allah ﷺ and asked, "Who among people is most deserving of my fine treatment?" He ﷺ said, "Your mother". He again asked, "Who next?" "Your mother", the Prophet ﷺ replied again. He asked, "Who next?" He (the Prophet ﷺ) said again, "Your mother." He again asked, "Then who?" Thereupon he ﷺ said, "Then your father." (Agreed upon)

Arabic Writing Competition

I would like to take this opportunity to announce to all parents that as an incentive and for the sake of motivating our students, there will be an Arabic Writing Competition which will be held on the 27th of November 2006 inshaAllah. Students of Grades 5 and

6, boys and girls, will be competing against each other, while the Year 7 to 10 students will be doing the same.

Grade 5 and 6 students are required to write an essay consisting of 200 words, whereas our high-school students are required to write a 400 word essay. There will be a first, second and third winner for both categories i.e. primary and secondary levels, which will be judged and assessed by the teachers of the Arabic department.

We request all parents to encourage and support their children to participate in this competition as the main objective for such incentives is the process and not so much the outcome.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter or any other issue related to your child's progress in Arabic, please contact me or the relevant teacher for further discussion. **Sh. Abdullah Elleissy (LOTE Dep.)**

Important

Parents are informed that the school does not offer supervision for children earlier than 8 am. The official school hours are from 8:00 am to 4:05 pm. The school will not accept any responsibility in case of any accidents.

2007 Prep Orientation Day

The 2007 Prep Orientation Day will be on Monday 4th of December. All parents will be provided with more information and details of the event well in advance.

Mobile Phones

Please make sure that your children DO NOT bring mobiles phones to school. If any student is found to be carrying a mobile phone, it will be confiscated.

E N G L I S H

Where does English come from? Br A. Shepherd

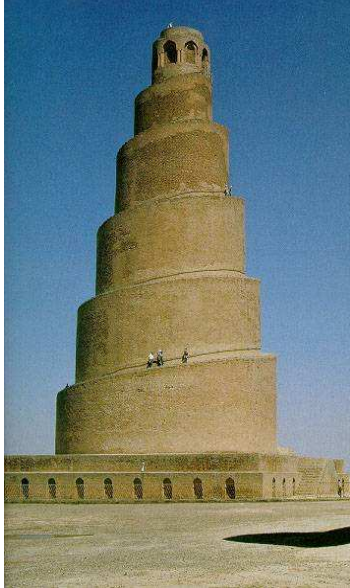
Many people wrongly think that English comes from French or Latin. This is because there are so many words in English that come from these two languages. Even the word "language" comes from Latin! But English was brought into England from southern Denmark and Eastern Germany by the Anglo-Saxon tribes around the 5th century. "English" is named after the "Angel" tribe. (It has nothing to do with angels). So at about the time that Muhammad ﷺ began teaching Islam in Makkah, English was slowly replacing the older Welsh language in Britain. Did you know that many people in Wales still speak Welsh! So

English has "sister languages" that include Dutch, German, Frisian, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish.

Mosques of the World Iraq

The Great Mosque of Samarra is in the Iraqi city of Samarra. It is also called the Mosque of Al-Mutawakkil, as it was commissioned by the Abbasid Khalifa Al-Mutawakkil during his caliphate.

The first mosque, built in 836, has now disappeared; it was replaced in 849-852 by a new mosque built on a grand scale, which for a long time was the largest mosque of the Islamic world. It continued to be used until the end of the 11th century.



Built with baked bricks, the mosque itself measures 239 x 156m, with 17 aisles in the prayer hall and a triple doorway around the courtyard. The mihrab was decorated with glass mosaic, of which only small fragments survived. The excavations of the Iraq Directorate of Antiquities in the 1960s discovered in site fragments of panels of dark blue glass, which lined the walls.



Story of the week

The Prophet ﷺ and his Companions (RadiAllahu anhum) once paused during a journey, and made a camp where they could rest. The Prophet ﷺ went round the camp, talking to the men, and making sure that everything was all right.

Then, not far away, he saw a fire. Someone had lit the fire to keep himself warm.

The Prophet ﷺ walked towards the man who had lit the fire, to talk to him.

Suddenly, he saw that not far away, there was an ant hill. The ants could be seen running about near the hill, working very hard, as ants do. Some of the ants were further away from the ant hill than others, and the Prophet ﷺ saw that they were getting very close to the fire the man had lit. If they came much closer, the ants might be burned up or harmed in some way. The Prophet ﷺ was very disturbed to see this. The ants were in danger. That meant that Allah's (SWT) living creatures were in danger.

"Who has made fire here," he asked.

The man who had made the fire looked up.

"I made the fire, O Messenger ﷺ of Allah (SWT)!" he replied.

"It is cold and I needed to make myself warm."

"Quick!" the Prophet ﷺ told him. "Put out the fire! Put out the fire!"

The man obeyed at once. He took a blanket and beat the fire until its flames died away.

Then, the man looked around and saw that there were ants near where the fire had been. He realised then that the Prophet ﷺ had been worried about the

ants. He did not want the fire to hurt them and in his great mercy had ordered the fire to be put out.

Even afterwards, the man always remembered to look around carefully before he made a fire.

"There might be ants or other animals nearby," he said to himself. "And Allah (SWT) forbids that any man should hurt them!"



Education Maintenance Allowance (2007)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

* be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**

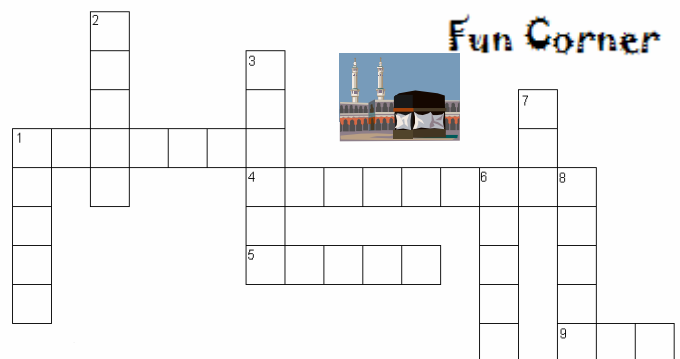
* be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent. Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (30 January 2007 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2007).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February** 2007 for the first instalment and **3 August** 2007 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$210** for primary students and **\$420** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2007 will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

Application forms are available from school office.



ACROSS

- Prophet Mohammad's ﷺ first wife.
- House of Allah.
- Supreme Being.
- He built the ark.

DOWN

- Prophet Ibrahim (A.S) built this.
- The first Muezzin.
- Prophet Mohammad's ﷺ country.
- Dark as night.
- Supplication.
- Prophet Musa's (A.S) brother.

