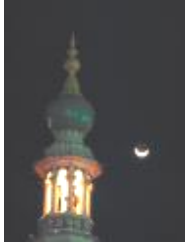




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### Important dates

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June – Semester 1 exams start  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of term. Also, sausage sizzle for the whole school.  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Return to school.  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Term 3 school fees due.

### An important note

It is great to receive positive feedback from the school community about the publication of this Newsletter. We hope it is providing you with a window into the school and your child's learning. JazakAllahu khairan for your support. One thing that we should all be aware of though, is that from time to time, Ayah from the Quran and the name of Allah, will be printed here. Therefore, utmost care needs to be taken for its handling. Please ensure that children are also aware of the respect owed to any verses from the Holy Quran or the names of Allah ta'ala.



### Suggestions

Please be aware that a suggestions box will be provided in the office, both on the men's and ladies' sides. You are welcome to write your suggestions and place it in this box or you may email to [info@dulum.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@dulum.vic.edu.au). This will be treated with confidentiality and passed onto the Principal. If you have comments or suggestions specifically to do with this newsletter, you may email your suggestions to [newsletter@dulum.vic.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@dulum.vic.edu.au). We are focusing on 'continuous improvement' and discussions have taken place between staff and students. The most important point is how we can start with ourselves.

### Sausage Sizzle

Our school will be having this Friday as an end of semester treat. Please ensure that \$3 is later than Thursday. A note has already been sent home about this.



### Notice

There will be no assembly on the **boys'** campus this Friday due to exams. The exams will be starting at **8.20am** and their awards ceremony will be in the masjid at 2.30pm.

### School Start Bonus

The State Government's School Start Bonus has been introduced to assist the parents/guardians of Prep and Year 7 children in meeting the start-up costs of school.

In 2006, the Bonus is \$150, paid at the start of Term 3. From 2007, the Bonus is \$300 per annum and will be paid during the first term of the school year.

Eligible parents/guardians do not need to make individual claims. Darul Ulum will forward required parent and student records to the Association of Independent Schools of Victoria, who will pass the information directly to the Westpac Bank for processing.

Your information is protected by privacy laws and will not be used for any purpose other than this payment.

The Bonus will be directly forwarded to your home via cheque. To ensure you receive your payment, please notify the school immediately if you have recently changed address.

If you would like further information regarding the School Start Bonus, you can freecall the telephone helpline on 1800 809 834.

### Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being good role models for the month of May:

Student Name	Grade Year
Omar Chamra	PREP A
Adam Dennoui	PREP B
Beyza Guler	PREP C
Bahja Abdi	GRADE 1 A
Rabeeta Arain	GRADE 1 B
Muneeb Elbashir	GRADE 1 C
Sidrah Shahzad	GRADE 2 B
Abu Sulaiman	GRADE 2 C
Yaaseen Dala	GRADE 3 A
Maryam Arain	GRADE 4 A
Rayyan Osman	GRADE 5 A
Halima Ali	GRADE 6 A
Aisha Imran	YEAR 7 Girls
Amirah Malik	YEAR 8 Girls



Zaynah Malik	YEAR 9/10 Girls
Safia Dheadhy	HAFIZA A
Rahma Naser	HAFIZA B

### Arabic Corner -Sh Abdullah

By the grace of Allah then by the consistent effort of our Arabic teachers, this term has been very successful & fruitful. Students of grade 2, 3 & 4 have covered two units of work; one about "Family" & the other about "School". Grade 5 to Year 10 students have also completed 2 units of work: "Sports" & "Food." Fortunately, students were able to do some hands on work in the new home – economics lab by cooking the recipes they had written up in class.

The Year 9/10 boys were also rewarded by going out on an excursion to a restaurant which was part of the curriculum as they had to complete relevant exercises and activities.

The new home economics lab.



It is very pleasing to see more frequent parental involvement than before. However, it could be quite challenging at times as we all have a busy schedule & are pre-occupied.

Nevertheless, I think we would agree that our children's education & upbringing should have the priority over all other aspects of life that tend to keep us busy.

Listed below is a summary of some research based facts outlining the importance of parental involvement:

- When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school — and the schools they go to are better.
- The family makes critical contributions to student achievement from preschool through high school. A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level or cultural background.
- Reading achievement is more dependent on learning activities in the home than is math or science. Reading aloud to children is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success. Talking to children about books and stories read to them also supports reading achievement.
- When children and parents talk regularly about

school, children perform better academically.

- Three kinds of parental involvement at home are consistently associated with higher student achievement: actively organizing and monitoring a child's time, helping with homework and discussing school matters.
- The earlier that parent involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects.
- Positive results of parental involvement include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, improved behavior, and restored confidence among parents in their children's schooling.

### Ikhlas -Sincerity

Ikhlas (sincerity) is very important, and here is the explanation for it: Let's say that a person opens the door for you. Now can that person go to your neighbour and say "reward me for opening the door" Your neighbour will think that this person is crazy and say "why don't you ask the person you opened the door for! This has nothing to do with me!" In the same way, if we do things for someone but not for Allah, then how can we expect Allah to reward us for it? Allah will just tell us to go and get the reward from the person we did the good deed for. No matter how good our deeds are, if we do not do them for Allah, then Allah will not be responsible to reward us. Allah actually wants the best for us, that is why if we do things with ikhlas, then we will get two benefits. One benefit is that Allah will reward us for it; even a small good deed will grant us a huge reward. Secondly, we will automatically get the benefit in this life as well. For example, if we eat food because it is the order of Allah to look after our body, then not only will our stomach be satisfied, but Allah will reward us for eating because we wanted to follow his orders.

**Just remember that even if we give a date to someone for the sake of Allah, it could get us a reward the size of a mountain. But if we give a mountain full of gold in charity, yet it was for showing off, then we will not even get the reward the size of a date stone!**

### Easy Good deeds -Ms Alia

Here are some easy good deeds which we can all make an effort for. Just remember though, only do them for pleasing Allah, and for no other reason.

1. Think of Allah before you take any action. Make dua before everything- sleeping, eating, studying, driving...
2. Read the Qur'an in Arabic and the meaning every day - take the time out of your busy schedule to listen to Allah.
3. Evaluate yourself daily before going bed. Thank Allah for good deeds, repent to Him for your mistakes and sins.
4. Avoid looking at unlawful pictures, whether they be from television, magazines, or otherwise.

## Holiday Learning - Ustaz Cem

Dear Parents  
Assalamu alaikum ,

As the holidays are fast approaching, it is important to consider the following points:

- ó The holidays do **not** mean that you stop learning. Muslims should always be seeking knowledge
- ó Reading is an essential skill that must be mastered, especially in our community.
- ó Students should be reading at least half an hour every day. A wide range of books and stories is recommended.
- ó Reading can be done at any time- while travelling, before sleep, whenever and wherever you are.
- ó Be good role models and examples to your children. Share the joy of reading and seeking knowledge. Discuss favourite books and read books together. Start reading to your children at an early age – even when they are 6 months old!
- ó The local library has a lot of fascinating resources and holiday activities for students of all ages.
- ó Listen to your children reading aloud. Let them hear you read aloud. Play with words and sounds.
- ó And most of all, have fun!

I wish all students, parents and staff a fruitful and blessed holiday.

Wassalaam.

### Values Awards

This month we have concentrated on the value of **obedience**. The following students are to be congratulated for showing this noble quality:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Obedience Award</b>
Prep A	Eman Eliskendarani
Prep B	Raheeb Rahman
Prep C	Jana Elsayed
Grade 1 A	Mariam Mohamad
Grade 1 B	Raayyan Arguc
Grade 1 C	Yesra Elsayed
GRADE 2 A	Hussein Shiday
Grade 2 B	Mohamad Merhi
Grade 2 C	Abdullah Omara
Grade 3 A	Halima El--Sayed
Grade 3 B	Muhammad Wilson
Grade 4 A	Maryam Arain
Grade 5 A	Hadjar Gourinet
HAFIZA A	Aisha Baron
HAFIZA B	Sadia Mia

### Semester 1 Awards

Here is a list of all the students from the girls' campus, who received an end of semester award. Note that

there are two categories. The Excellence awards are given based on achievement both in akhlaq (manners) and academics. The Consistent effort award was based on those who tried their hardest in all areas.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Excellence Award</b>	<b>Consistent Effort Award</b>
Prep A	Khulud Khodr	Zara Khan
Prep B	Zeinab Iqbal	Maymunah Qureshi
Prep C	Badrie Chamra	Yousef Elleissy
Grade 1A	Rami Dennaoui	Ayesha Mansour
Grade 1B	Nurfathini Noorazman	Hamza Elleissy
Grade 1C	Khodr Merhy	Khadijah Selek
GRADE 2A	Yasemin Huseyin	Hamza Allouche
Grade 2B	Hashim Alashy	Shaker Allouche
Grade 2C	Zubaidah Nourdin	Sumeyyah Rehman
Grade 3A	Muhab Khalifa	Kamil Beirouti
Grade 3B	Abeer Khan	Mariam Mustapha
Grade 4A	Huda Elmi	Mariam Saad
Grade 5A	Faiza Mohammed	Batul Dala
Grade 6A	Halima Ali	Salam Merhi
Year 7A	Amani Zayegh	Eman Mohamad
Year 8A	Halabia Merhi	Amirah Malik
Year 9/10A	Hajir Hussein	Zaynah Malik
HAFIZA A	Aisha Baran	Rokaya Ismail
HAFIZA B	Aniisa Hassan	Laila Gyftakis
ALIMA	Gulnur Kunduraci	Safiya Ismail

### Thrilling three's!

The grade 3's have had an exciting and busy week. They have displayed their creative masjid models in assembly. On Wednesday they had a multicultural day with the students dressing up in the costumes of their ancestral countries. Ms Zeba had girls in her class with henna being applied to their hands, whilst the boys were doing some calligraphy in Ms Samira's class. Overall, both the students and the staff enjoyed a break from the norm.







## Story of the Week: The Cake

Sometimes, don't we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this", or "Why did this have to do this to me". A little boy was telling his Grandma how everything was going wrong...at school he was being bullied and he also had health problems. Meanwhile, Grandma was baking a cake. She asked her grandson if he would like a snack, which, of course, he did. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuck" says the boy. "How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross Grandma!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky!" To which Grandma replied: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a delicious cake! Allah works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But Allah knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! Eventually, they will all make something wonderful! Hope your day is a "piece of cake!"

## Muazzin Online!

The Muazzin Newsletter is now available to be viewed from the school website at <https://www.dulum.vic.edu.au>. Previous editions are also available should you wish to see pictures and photos in colour.

## FUN CORNER

### Brainteaser

Last week's answer: Ahmed started with 3 cans of cat food on Sunday night.

**This week:** Maryam came home from her holidays at Grandma's with 6 books. While she was away, she purchased 3 books at the book store and got 1 book as a gift. During her stay at Grandma's, she also gave her cousin the 2 books that she finished.

**How many books did she take with her when she left for her trip?** (Answer in next newsletter)

Find-a-word:

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F	A	K	N	T	X	S	A	S	A	Khudu
H	V	S	N	A	Z	L	O	X	J	Khushu
U	X	H	H	L	S	V	W	U	D	Qawmah
K	H	K	H	A	M	W	A	Q	A	Qiyam
E	Z	S	H	S	H	N	J	S	H	Ruku
F	L	M	U	U	R	U	R	A	W	Sajdah
B	I	I	S	H	D	U	D	L	E	Salam
Q	I	Y	A	M	K	U	D	A	S	Salat
H	R	G	V	U	A	O	U	M	X	Tashahud

Have a look at dot in the centre of this picture. Now move your face closer or further to it while still looking at the dot. What happens? You will notice a rotation of the two Circles! Ofcourse they are not really moving. Just proves that seeing is NOT believing. We do not see the Malaikah, yet we know they are real.

