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Important dates

6th Dec (Thursday) – Exams start**12th Dec** (Wednesday) – Start of Holidays**31st Jan 2008** (Thursday) – Start of **Term1** 2008

Hadith of the week

Hazrat Ibn Abbaas R.A. reports that Rasulullah Sal'am said: "whoever desires to perform Hajj, should hasten towards performing it." (this Hadith encourages the performing of Hajj as soon as is possible after having made sincere intentions towards it, as was said by Rasulullah (Salallahu Alaihi Wassallam)).

In another Hadith it has been stated: "Hasten to perform your obligatory Hajj, for one knows not what shall happen (to prevent it)." (Targheeb)

In one Hadith it is stated: "Make haste to perform Hajj, because one knows not what lies ahead. Perchance illness may overtake you or some other necessity (may demand your attention). (kanz)

In one Hadith it is stated: "Hajj should be performed before nikaah."

In a further Hadith it is also said: "Whoever has to perform Hajj should do so in haste, for a sickness may overtake him, or his means of conveyance may become unavailable, or some other necessity may prevent his departure." (Kanz)

In one Hadith it is said: "Do hasten towards Hajj before some excuse prevents it." (Kanz)

In view of these Ahaadith, the majority of Imams from among the Imams of Fiqh, are of the opinion that Hajj should be performed at the first opportunity after it becomes obligatory on a person. Should he delay, he is a sinner.

School Uniforms

We are pleased to inform you that the newly designed school uniforms have gone into production. We will soon see them being worn by the Prep students of 2008.

However, these new uniforms will not be available for all other students in the school yet.

As such, students of Grades 1 & up of 2008 are still required to wear the present (green/grey) school uniforms until they are all phased out. Students will still be allowed to wear the present (green/grey) school uniforms bought from the school until they don't fit anymore or damaged.

STUDENTS ARE STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR HOMEMADE SCHOOL UNIFORMS AS OF 2008.

It is estimated that the present (green/grey) school uniforms bought from the school will hopefully be totally phased out and replaced by the new (blue) school uniforms in 2010, InshaAllah.

In order to make way for the new (blue) school uniforms, the school is offering the sale of the present (green/grey) school uniforms at cost price.

Parents are encouraged to make their purchases of the present uniforms early in time for the new school year.

Scholarships Available for Students

There are scholarships that the Department administers that have financial need as an eligibility criterion. This criterion will be met by the parent/guardian being an eligible recipient of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the students themselves receive the Youth Allowance.

The student scholarships are administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for students who are currently in Years 4-12. The online application process is obtained at <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/> Students will need their 2007 'end of year' results to apply online.

Please note

The student online application process closes on **Friday 25 January 2008.**

Only the successful student scholarship winners will be notified of the outcome of the application process. Scholarships will be awarded by 30 June 2008.

- The student scholarships online application process is now open

- the address of the scholarships website is - <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships>
- scholarship criterion of financial need being met by either parent/guardian being an eligible recipient of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the student receiving the Youth Allowance
- the closing date for applications – 25 January 2008
- Principal must verify the students 2007 'end of year' results for the application to be valid.

A list of the available scholarships is provided below.

Primary

Graham Davidson Scholarship

This scholarship, which is valued at \$600, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities.

Students must be currently completing Year 6 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

Secondary

Albert Jacka and William Newton Memorial Scholarship

The Port Phillip City Council provides a \$1000 scholarship in memory of Albert Jacka and William Newton, two Victoria Cross winners, who were both residents of the City of Port Phillip. Current Year 8 students who reside in the City of Port Phillip are invited to apply. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results, involvement in school and community activities, and circumstances of disadvantage and/or need. The scholarship is for four years and carries a yearly allowance of \$250 a year

Alice Jennings Scholarship

A scholarship is available for a female Koorie student currently completing Year 12 in 2007 who, immediately upon receiving her Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or her Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), intends to enter an approved TAFE or University course in a field that contributes to the welfare of the Koorie population. This would include, but not be limited to, studies in Law, Social Work, Education, Psychology or Applied Science (Health Production, Nursing etc). The award will be made on the basis of the student entering the approved course and her demonstrated community involvement in the Koorie population. The scholarship is valued at \$1000 per annum and will be awarded for one or more years of study subject to the student's satisfactory progress. Scholarship holders must agree to authorise the Department of Education and Early

Childhood Development to obtain academic results in connection with the scholarship.

Angela Taylor Scholarships

Two scholarships, which are valued at \$250 each, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$250 per year.

Constable Howell Memorial Scholarships

Two Scholarships will be awarded to students who are currently completing Year 8 in 2007, after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. These scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$2,000.

Curson Memorial Scholarships

Two scholarships will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of a member of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. These scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$2,000.

E.C. James Scholarship

This scholarship, which is valued at \$750, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities.

Students must be currently completing Year 9 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for three years and carries an allowance of \$250 per year.

Maurice Moore Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

Ray Denman Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

Robert Lane Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

Stephen Henry Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

The Frank Carey- Memorial Scholarships

Two scholarships valued at \$600 will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Public Transport Union Victorian Locomotive Division. Each scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

The Glenn Moorhead Memorial Scholarship

One scholarship valued at \$600 over two years (\$300 per year) for students commencing tertiary education in 2008. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). The student must have completed Year 12 in 2007, and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Rail, Tram & Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

The Ken Matthews Scholarship

One scholarship valued at \$600 over two years (\$300 per year) for students commencing tertiary education in 2008. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). The student must have completed Year 12 in 2007, and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Rail, Tram & Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

The Steve Gibson Memorial Scholarships

Two scholarships valued at \$600 will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters

of financial members of the Public Transport Union Victorian Locomotive Division. Each scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship valued at \$400 will be awarded after consideration of the student's 2007 end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of a member of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$200 per year.

Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship for Year 10 Koorie Students

Koorie students currently completing Year 10 in 2007 are invited to apply for the Tynan-Eyre scholarship valued at \$400. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the student's 2007 end of year results and involvement in school and community activities. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$200 per year.

Victorian Association for Deserted Children and Ivy Blair Scholarships

Four scholarships are available, each to the value of \$600. Applications are invited from students currently completing Year 10 in 2007 at any registered school in Victoria. The scholarships are for two years and carry an allowance of \$300 per year. The scholarships are aimed at students who are performing well at school, but may need some financial assistance to help them complete secondary school. The scholarships are specifically targeted to students who, whilst undertaking VCE, will be dependent on a sole parent or whose parent/s are deceased.

Walter Lindrum Memorial Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to students attending any Victorian school who are currently completing Year 12 in 2007 and who will be commencing a University or TAFE degree or diploma (not certificate) in 2008 in Victoria. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the student's school results, involvement in school and community activities and the student's financial circumstances. The scholarships, offered by the Trust Company of Australia, consist of an allowance of \$500 for one year in the first instance, but will be renewable for each year of the course, provided that satisfactory progress has been made.

Year 8 Girls

The year 8 girls have done a marvellous job writing the following poem and we would like the rest of the school to enjoy it as well.

Ms. Sevinc Ofli

PRAYER by Year 8

As I awake at the screams of the alarm
I rise eagerly

I make ablution to cleanse myself.
As the sun's rays are still hidden
I dry myself as quick as lightning.

Refreshed now with wudu
to start my prayer
bending down
connecting with my God.
Wind flutters scarf
I can pray anywhere
Mountains high
Cliff low.

I lower my gaze,
Putting everything behind me,
As the wind blows me away
I stand still in prayer,
I pray with full concentration
Oh my Lord!

Standing stiff as a board,
Proclaiming my obedience,
Praising; Praying; Concentrated
the floor meets my forehead.
I am a servant of Allah.

I put my hands up for prayer
Then bow down
to God

As the warm breeze
goes through my body
I imagine myself in front of Allah.

I swiftly bow down to my only God,
I prostrate like a bird flying to
its destination.
And yet it is coming to an end.

As I lower my gaze
and ponder over my sins
I feel like a criminal
but I acknowledge that I have some good in me.
As my forehead embraces the ground
I cry in submission to my Lord.

A charity with every step I go,
Standing before my Lord,
Shaking like a leaf,
A repentant tear rolls down my cheek,
This might be my final submission.

Prayer is a silent call
just between you and your Lord,
Relaxing your soul,
You can ask for forgiveness,
For Allah is your witness

The End



Food and Peer Pressure



There can be a lot of peer pressure on children to eat 'trendy' high fat, high sugar snack foods, not to mention all the 'seductive' marketing and TV advertising of these non-nutritious snack foods. To reduce the temptation to consume these foods regularly, it is best to limit the amount of money children are given to spend at school. Try to avoid stopping at local milk bar on the way home, or provide a healthy snack in the car after school to reduce unhealthy choices. Also, keep these high kilojoule (kj) packaged snackfoods out of the pantry and limit packaged snackfoods in the lunchbox. If children are exposed to these 'sometimes' foods regularly, they will know them as 'everyday' foods. The occasional high kj food at events such as parties and special events in moderation is okay. However, it is important to refer to these foods as 'sometimes' foods, reminding children of when they are eaten.

Too many treats may lead to:

- ◆ Children not eating enough nourishing food to provide them with the vitamins and minerals their bodies need.
- ◆ Overweight issues which effects health and can impact on a child's self esteem and social networking. It can also impact on children's confidence to participate in sport.
- ◆ Dental problems from consuming too much sugar.
- ◆ Spending too much money - homemade, nutritious snacks and lunches are much cheaper!
- ◆ A lack of nutrition education for your child, and a lack of exposure to different new and healthy foods to educate your child's palate.