



Call to the Light



# MUAAZZIN

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## Important dates

5<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Maths Day  
 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Cleanup Australia Day  
 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Labour Day (Public Holiday)  
 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Curriculum Day (No School for Students)

## Hadith of the Week:

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam), said, "There are many a people who do Zikr of almighty Allah, while lying comfortably in their soft beds, and for this, they will be rewarded with the highest positions in Paradise by Almighty Lord."

Note: Generally, the greater the sufferings and hardships one undergoes in the cause of religion, the higher will be his status in the Hereafter. But the Zikr of Allah is such a blessed act that, even if it is done in soft beds in this world, it will bring high rewards and elevated positions in the Hereafter. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) had said, "If you keep yourselves busy in Zikr all the time, the angels will shake hands with you in your beds as well as on your way."

Once Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) said, "The Mufarrid people have gone far ahead." "Who are the Mufarrid?" enquired the Sahabah. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) replied, "It is those who are intensely devoted to the Zikr of Allah." On the basis of this Hadith, the Shuyukhs have stated that the kings and rulers should not be prevented from Zikr of Allah, for they, by this means, can attain a lofty rank in the Hereafter.

## Term Dates 2008

Starts	Ends
<b>Term 1:</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> of January	20 <sup>th</sup> of March
<b>Term 2:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> of April	20 <sup>th</sup> of June
<b>Term 3:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> of July	19 <sup>th</sup> of September
<b>Term 4:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> of October	5 <sup>th</sup> of December

## Curriculum Day

Parents are informed that the Term 1, Curriculum Day would be held on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007**.  
**NO** students are required to attend as it would be a student free day and no classes would be held.

## Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

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

Parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2008**.

## Importance Of Kinship

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him maintain the bonds of kinship" [Bukhari]

The young man went to attend the weekly *hadith* lecture of Sayyidna Abu Huraira, Radi-Allahu anhu but the routine opening announcement stopped him. "If anyone sitting here has severed any ties of kinship (*qata-ur-rahim*), he should leave." He recalled that an aunt lived in the town with whom he had not been on speaking terms. The young man quietly left the gathering and went straight to his aunt's home. He asked for forgiveness for his past behavior and sought rapprochement. When the aunt inquired about the reason for this change of heart, he narrated the entire incident. She accepted the apology but asked him to inquire from Abu Huraira, Radi-Allahu anhu, the reason for this unusual announcement. Why did he leave all the other major sins and focus only on this? What was so special about ties of kinship? Sayyidna Abu Huraira replied that he had heard from the Prophet ﷺ that our deeds are presented to Allah every Thursday night and anyone who has severed family ties has all his good deeds rejected. He did not want any such person sitting in his gathering, which was held on the same night, for fear that it could deprive the entire gathering of blessings. Another *hadith* explains further the reason for this fear: "Allah's mercy will not descend on people among whom there is one who severs ties of kinship." [Baihaqi, *Shuab Al-Iman*].

Maintaining the bonds of kinship (*silatur-rahim*) indeed enjoys extraordinary importance in Islam. Conversely, severing the ties (*qata-ur-rahim*), is very high on the list of enormities.