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2021 School Calendar Update

Please be advised that a minor adjustment has been made to the 2021 school calendar. The main changes include the following:

1. The official last day of Term 4 for students is Thursday 9 December and is no longer Thursday 2 December. This additional week in Term 4 was deemed necessary to partially offset the unforeseen lockdown that occurred this year.
2. The last day for Year 11 students is Wednesday 15 December.
3. The first day of Term 4 is Tuesday 5 October.

Kindly ensure to replace the previously distributed school calendar with the updated version. You may also refer to Schoolbox for all term dates.

Thank you.

Administration

2022 Prep Enrolments

Darul Ulum College is excited to announce that Foundation (Prep) 2022 enrolments are now open for both of its campuses, Fawkner and Mickleham. If you have a child born no later than 30 April 2017 and wish to enrol them, please submit your expression of interest using the forms linked below or online via the school's website. Upon receiving your expression of interest, an Application for Enrol-



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Hadith of the Month

[Important] Honour and respect for the words of Allah (glorified be He) and His Messenger (peace be upon him) is obligatory on us. Hence, due consideration needs to be given in the manner in which we dispose of such material.

Abu Aiyub Al-Ansari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Whoever fasts during the month of Ramadan and then follows it with six days of Shawwal will be (rewarded) as if they had fasted the entire year." [Muslim]

ment form will be generated and sent to you. Applications for Enrolment must be submitted by 21st May 2021.

[Fawkner Campus](#)

[Mickleham Campus](#)

NAPLAN 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 tests have commenced. They will be held online for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students from Tuesday 11 May to Friday 21 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Students have been informed of their specific NAPLAN schedule.

Students have also been given an opportunity to become familiar with the question types contained in the NAPLAN Online tests and the functionality of the online platform.

For further familiarisation, students may access the [ACARA public demonstration site](#).

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the [VCAA website](#) or the [NAP website](#).

Thank you.



Upcoming Dates

May and June 2021

11th - 21st of May:

NAPLAN test

13th - 14th of May:

Eid holidays

17th - 22nd of May:

Sunnah Awareness Week

9th of June:

General Achievement Test (GAT) for VCE students

11th - 17th of June:

Secondary School Semester 1 Exams

14th of June:

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

17th of June:

Last day of Term 2 for students

Sunnah Corner

Abu Dharr (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "Do not disdain a good deed, (no matter how small it may seem) even if it is your meeting with your (Muslim) brother with a cheerful face." [Muslim].

News from the DUCV Health and PE Department

2nd PLACE FOR TEAM DUCV!!

In Term 1, team DUCV entered the Islamic Schools Sports Association Victoria (ISSAV) soccer and basketball tournaments. The College came in the top 3 in the ISSAV tournaments against all the Islamic schools that participated in the event. The Year 9 and 10 students played with enthusiasm and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

DUCV students built a great rapport with the other Islamic schools participating in the tournaments. It was great to see all Islamic schools coming together and supporting one another.

It was a successful event and students really had the chance to showcase their passion and skills for sports.

This experience was not just a physical experience, but a great learning curve for students' social and emotional well-being.

The Health and PE department will continue to be involved with such extracurricular activities and to keep the Muslim community socially and emotionally healthy.

May Allah always grant the students victory and the best of health. Ameen.

GO TEAM DUCV!

[Mohammed Helal - Secondary, Health and Physical Education Coach/Coordinator]



Harmony Day

Darul Ulum College held Harmony Day activities in Term 1. The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

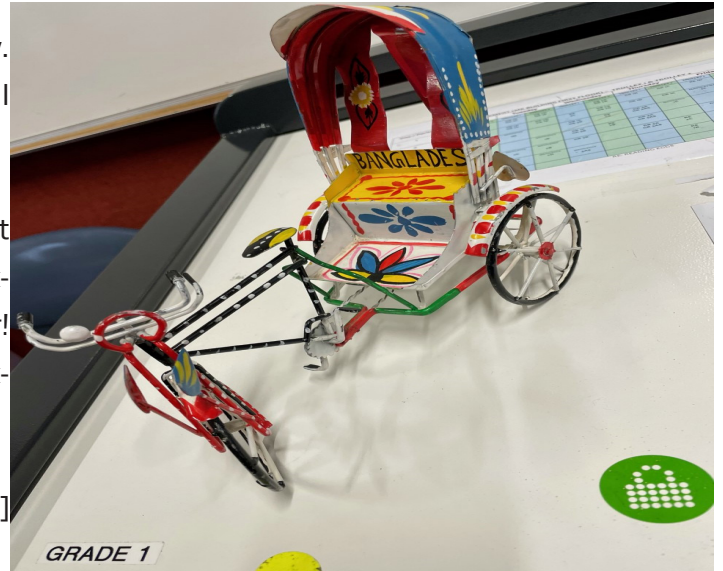
There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. To encourage celebrations, the College had a cultural show and tell, and some in class activ-

ities. Below are two show and tell items shared by students.

For Harmony Day show and tell, I brought a rickshaw. The rickshaw is like a half bike and half cart at the back. I am from Bangladesh and it represents my culture.

Here is one of my experiences on a rickshaw. One night when we were returning from a party, we rode on a rickshaw. It was sooo much fun, it went like a roller coaster! If you ever go to Bangladesh, make sure you go on a rickshaw.

[Grade 3C student]



This is my cultural teapot. People in Turkey use it for heating water, milk or other drinks. It's called an 'irmik' in Turkish. It can be placed directly on fire. It has a flap-py lid that keeps it in place.

[Grade 3C student]



[Ms. Kayenath Shah - Grade 3 teacher]

Ramadhan Awareness Week

As the month of Ramadan commenced during the Term 1 holidays, students engaged in various activities during Term 1 which related to this holy month. As part of the Tarbiyah Department's ongoing commitment to students' religious education, a "Ramadan Awareness Week" was held with the aim of educating students about the significance of this month and preparing them to undertake the prescribed acts of worship.

With Ramadhan having concluded, we recognise that we have been blessed with the opportunity to observe this holy occasion for yet another year; and we praise our Creator for this favour.

Ramadan is an exciting and fun time, and staff members wish that such excitement and love for the month be felt likewise within the students. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the students' work that they have accomplished across the primary year levels as well as what the school did to create a Ramdhan atmosphere.

[Ms. Sohad Qashou - Tarbiyah Coordinator]





Year 7 and 8 Artwork

Last term, the Year 7 and 8 students learned about the art of the Indigenous culture. Students learnt the different ways Aboriginal people created and displayed their art as well as the different techniques used in their artwork.

Ochre was one of the first pigments to be used by the Aboriginals. Ochre is a natural earth-clay pigment that Aboriginals used in their paintings which was dug or mined from places with a soft colourful stone. It was ground up into a fine powder and mixed with water to create one of the world's first paints. It can range in colour from yellow to deep orange or brown. There are a variety of colours that can be extracted and then mixed with other pigments to produce other colours/hues much like the way acrylic colours are mixed to form other pigments.

There are several types of methods used in making Aboriginal art including rock painting, dot painting, rock engravings, bark painting, carvings, sculptures, weaving and string art. Students focused mainly on the dot painting techniques and learnt that dots were used to fill in designs. They were also used to obscure certain information and associations that lay underneath the dotting.

Throughout the term, students created a dot art painting using a stencil of their hand as the main image. It was inspired by what they had learnt about Indigenous symbols and styles of Aboriginal art. Hand stencils are the earliest and most personal symbols that are seen in Aboriginal rock art sites. They are a primal way of marking territory and their individuality is often emphasised by framing them within a circle and using symbols that represent the clan/camp that the individual belongs to. The hand print is like a signature of the individual who placed it there. Students used their knowledge of Aboriginal symbols and Aboriginal dot painting techniques and created their very own hand stencil art. Below, the Year 7s and 8s have decided to show their mark of territory on the art-room wall by displaying their unique Aboriginal hand-stencil artwork!

[Ms. Rayan Moubarak]



Secondary School Semester 1 Exam Timetable [Years 7 – 10] 2021

DATE	EXAM 1 Reading time: 8:40 - 8:50 Writing time: 8:50 -10 :10 1.5 Hrs	Period 3 10:10-10:50	EXAM 2 Reading time: 11:20 - 11:30 Writing time: 11:30 - 12:50 1.5 Hrs	Period 6 12:50 -1:30	Period 7 2:35 – 3:20
Friday 11 June	English [Extended Time for Year 10 Only English Exam: 8:40 -10:40]	Regular Classes	Regular Classes	Regular Classes	Regular Classes
Tuesday 15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science [Years 7-10] Year 10 Accelerated Science: Chemistry 	Regular Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7 – 9: Regular Classes Year 10: Accelerated Maths 1 [Non-calculator Active] [Year 10 non-Accelerated Maths students to be supervised in the library backroom] 	Regular Classes	Regular Classes
Wednesday 16 June	Humanities / History	Regular Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7 – 9: Arabic Year 10: Regular Classes 	Regular Classes	Regular Classes
Thursday 17 June	Mathematics	Regular Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Accelerated Maths 2 [Calculator Active] Time: 11:20 – 1:20 [Year 10 non-Accelerated Maths students to be supervised in the library backroom] Years 7-9: Regular Classes 	Regular Classes	Regular Classes

Grade 3C learning to write persuasive texts

Last term the Grade 3C students learnt how to write persuasive texts using the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' program. I am pleased to share a student's writing piece below. Well done 3C!!

Who Deserves the Hero Award?

Do you want to know the perfect person who deserves the hero award? Oh yes, you are right, it's my dad! No other dad in this whole world is better than mine. He is like SUPER DAD!!!

Do you wish to eat takeaway food? Oh, that's good! But wait, who will get takeaway food? My mum does not have licence. My sister can but she will never ever even dare to get it for me. Oh yes, a superhero will! Do you know who that is? It's SUPER BABA! He is the kindest. He gets me anything I want! He can also grant impossible things in the blink of an eye!

Do you know why I'm always comfortable? It's because all night I hold my father. He's as warm as a blanket. I will probably never, never, never need a blanket in winter because I already have a blanket. Ha ha. It's Baba!

Well, have you ever been happy while sitting to memorize the Qur'an? Obviously, I'm not happy with your answer! Of course, in my life, I've only seen 2 people eager to read the Qur'an. One is my mum and the other is my father. My mum takes care of the family so she does not have too much time left. So my father also does a lot of work just like my mum. But after my dad finishes work, he starts reading Qur'an for 1 HOUR!

So do you want to give the hero award to someone else?

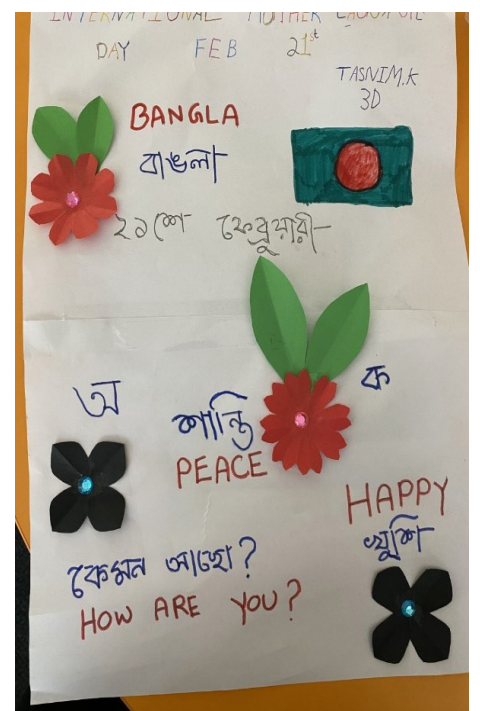
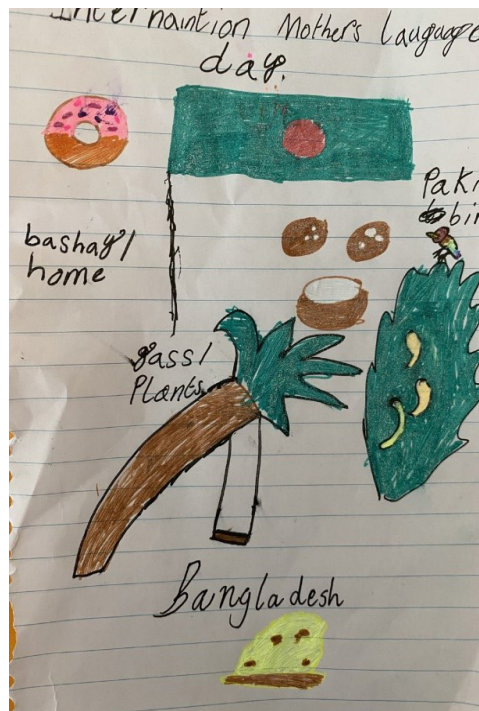
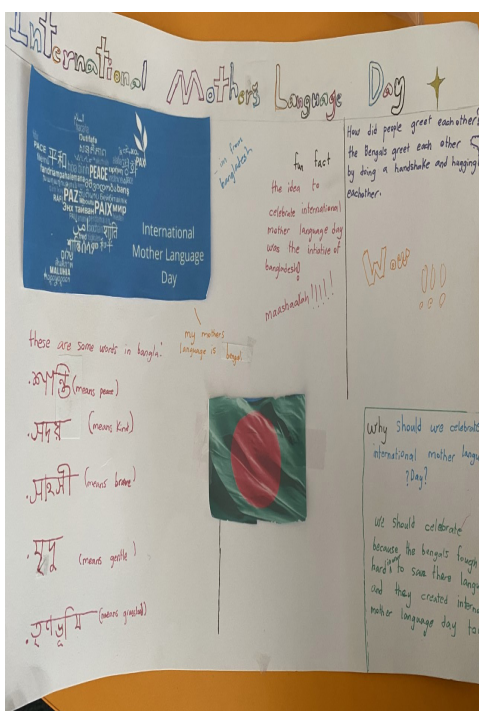
"No, no, your father definitely deserves it! I have to give it to your father. I wish he was my father." [Grade 3C student]

[Ms. Kayenath Shah - Grade 3 teacher]

Grade 3s Celebrate International Mother Language Day

Grade 3 students marked the celebration of International Mother Language Day to foster multilingualism and acknowledge the diversity of languages that they bring to classrooms. They learnt about the significance of holding onto their heritage and being proud of it by sharing their inspirational posters. Below are some posters shared by our the Grade 3 students.

[Ms. Hufsa Huma - Grade 3 Team Leader]



Inspirational Persuasive Writing Pieces by Grade 3 students

In Term 1, Grade 3 students learned to write persuasive texts to present an idea to a reader and persuade them to agree with the writer's point of view. Learning to write persuasively is a crucial 'real life' skill for students. Students were offered a new exciting program 'Seven Steps To Writing', that exposed them to a variety of persuasive techniques. Students have successfully demonstrated the use of these persuasive techniques and devices in their writing pieces provided below.

[Ms. Hufsa Huma - Grade 3 Team Leader]

My dad

Can you imagine a life without an awesome, strong and brave dad? What a hilarious sight. My dad is awesome, strong and brave. He does everything and here are some examples. He mows the lawn, cleans and takes us wherever we want in the whole wide world. I am in total satisfactory. Well, you must be wondering where on earth is my mom. You guessed it right, at a fashion store looking for things for herself.

Do you know where the strongest and bravest person on the face of the world is on this exact second? I know. Well, he lives in our house and he is my dad. I'll describe him to you. Very kind, intelligent and strong. Oh, I almost forgot that he is also brave. Just remember to keep it in the list.

Did you know that yesterday while I was at the park a furious looking dog came up to me and barked at my face. My dad immediately threw a lead around its neck, called the wild life and they took it. My dad is the kind of person who is always quick for action.

Do you have a soldier in your family? Well, I have one and he is my one and only dad. My dad is so helpful and he saves the day. Those days that he saves are every day.

Trees Are Important!!!

Dear council...

Did you ever think about how it would be like to live in a suburb which is constantly flooding? Building houses and shopping malls is not important. What is important is our suburb. Stop cutting trees otherwise, our whole community will sink into ruin. Please don't be heartless and don't destroy our beautiful trees. And I will tell you why...

"Mom, why is it so hot?" I'll give you an answer, trees decrease hot temperatures. Since there are no trees our whole suburb will be like a desert! "Dad, why are we packing again?" "We'll have to go to aunt's cause a flood is coming our way". More dreadful floods!!! Why are all these floods happening, anyway? The trees are getting cut and trees decrease floods. What a senseless, silly and heartless thing to do!!!

Oh, no, no, no not my precious little birds home, I should've bought a cage instead of letting her

build a nest. My bird lost its home and even her little eggs are broken. Can you imagine living in a place where there are no singing or chirping birds? Where are all the birds in the first place? Obviously, if they live in a place where there is no where to build a home they will fly to another town. Please just save our cute, beautiful and precious animals. Owls, birds and many other species will be wiped out if you cut trees. How horrible!!!

"Mom, I want cherry's" Where are all the fruits, vegies and herbs? If the trees die out, then there will be none of those. Fruits are delicious! But it seems like the council wants to just ruin all the joy. Have you ever imagined life without these delicious and yummy foods?

We all need the trees! Can you not even see now that everyone including animals need trees. You must be stupid not to know that even after so many reasons!

STOP CUTTING TREES!!!

Harmful Plastic Bottles

Do you ever wonder how some of our animals went extinct? It was because nearly half of them died because of our plastic bottles. Plastic bottles cause a lot of harm.

Plastic bottles are not safe. Even children can eat them, thinking as if they were food. People can choke on them too. It takes nearly a MILLION YEARS to destroy one. Even if you die, some of them will still be there.

Plastic bottles do not only cause harm but even littering! Our government spends time picking up our rubbish. We should at least pick them up. You don't want the world with so much rubbish, do you?

Sometimes, we go to Zoos and we bring a bottle with us. When it is finished, some of us just throw it in one of the animals' cages. Some animals such as lions, elephants and zebras might swallow it! In a way, we are killing them which is against the law.

Even if there is a sea nearby, you should still not throw your plastic bottle in there. There are even animals in the sea which can die. Some of the animals in the sea even support us! Our sea can also get dirty and we might die because of the dirty water.

We don't need plastic bottles. The world [scientists] has created so many more things where you can store your water. Some of those things are even reusable! We are very lucky to have them.]

No trees, no climbing, kids!

Would you like it if your own suburb was looking so much like a desert? Oh my imagine the food and water. Wait, doesn't trees and plants give food and water? Yes they certainly do! Don't trees grow fruit and it is not only us who eats all of those fruit, well did you forget of those singing birds that eat apples from our trees in the garden! How awful do you think that would be?

Why do people cut down trees? Well you should have an answer to me. Let me guess, is it because you want to be AWFULLY RICH? Well that maybe RICH to you but in reality, you are destroying nature! Well nobody hates nature. SO DON'T YOU NOTICE YOU ARE KILLING NATURE!

Did you even know that trees help us live? Look, trees give us oxygen and without oxygen we cannot live! So that is basically without trees we are ENTREING OUR GRAVES IN NO TIME!

Did you know cutting trees down is so cruel? May I tell if we cut down trees, all those so adorable cute little creatures that live on trees will all soon go extinct? You wouldn't want that to happen, would you? Now show your empathy, STOP CUTTING DOWN TREES FOR THE SAKE OF PEOPLE DIEING, ANIMALS SOON GETTING EXTINCT AND FROM US STARVING OF HUNGER!!!

Don't you feel sorry for those poor animals that is soon going extinct? I feel very sorry, do you? You should by the way. So to help those poor creatures (like squirrels), you must STOP CUTTING TREES DOWN!

MY LIFE WITHOUT A MUM!

MUMS ARE THE BEST THING IN THE WORD THEY SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU THEN EVER IN THE WORLD! YOU DO EVERYTHING WITH YOUR MUM! FOR EXAMPLE WHEN YOU FEEL A LITTLE SAD YOUR MUM KNOWS WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT. YOUR MUM WILL KNOW WHEN YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT MUMS ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT YOU WANT. SO MUMS ARE THE BEST THING ANYONE WOULD WANT IN THERE HOUSE IT CAN BE ANY WHERE REALLY!

WOULD YOU WANT A LIFE WITH NO MUM AND THINK HOW YOU WILL FEEL? I WILL FEEL SAD UNHAPPY AND I PAIN! MY LIFE WITH NO MUM WILL FEEL BAD! AND THINK WHO WILL PLAY WITH YOU?HAVE A LITTLE THINK ? AND SEE HOW WILL YOU FEEL ABOUT IT.

LIFE WITH NO MUM WOULD BE SAD! AND YOU CAN SEE WHAT SHE DES FOR YOU AND EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY! CANT YOU SEE HOW HELPFUL SHE TRULY IS TO! AND SHE TAKES YOU FUN PLACES LIKE LUNE PARK OR TIME ZONE SHE KNOWS WHAT YOU WANT ANY DAY THAT'S HOW MUCH THEY CARE!

MUMS TAKE YOU TO THE DOCTORS WHEN YOUR ILL. ONCE I WAS SICK SHE WENT TO THE DOCTORS TO SEE WHAT WAS WRONG AND WHEN WE LEFT WE WENT TO THE CHEMIST . SO SEE YOUR MUM STOPS ALL HER WORK JUST FOR YOU HOW KIND AND HAPPY WILL IT MAKE YOU? ALLOT SO HELP YOUR MUM A PIT.

MUMS SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU THEN EVER! IN THE WORLD . YOU DO EVERYTHING TOGETHER BUT YOUR SIBLINGS ARE TO BUSY SO JUST PLAY WITH YOUR NICE KIND AND CARING MOTHER! R! YOU CAN TELL JOKES ITS GOOD TO HAVE GOOD LAUGH ONCE IN A LONG TIME JUST FOR YOUR FUN.

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A MUM LIKE THIS! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A GREATER MUM THEN THIS! I DON'T THINK SO. WHAT A CARING MUM AND A NICE ONE TO! A MUM LIKE THIS WOULD BE THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD! WE ALL WOULD DREAM TO HAVE A MUM LIKE THIS! I WISH YOU WERE READING THIS PIECE! LOVE

Wash, Wash, Wash Your Hands

Would you want people to keep a distance from you wherever you go? And may I ask why? Because you got sick by not washing your hands, of course! What a silly little mistake landing you into big trouble. There are lots of things not washing hands can do... And you will find out...

Take one look at your hands, even if you see nothing... there might be nasty germs on your hand or should I say super nasty germs on your hands that make them look ugly, disgusting and even dark! "Your hands are awfully smelly, you better go wash them NOW!" "What has smelly hands got to do with washing hand mom?" You whine. I will tell you what it has got to do with each other. Smelly hands can be a result of germs, if you wash your hands properly with soap you might get nice, clean and non-smelly hands. "Mom I have such clean nails" "But you never wash your hands after playing in the garden, they must have some germs in them".

Your mum is right, you do have dirty hands.

"Mum, there is nothing dirtier than a horse". Oh, yes there is, GERMS. They are horrible, dirty and deceitful. They make you sick, but don't panic, wash your hands, wash, wash, wash and stay safe.

Do you want to stay at home, sick, unable to do anything?!

Oh, no you wouldn't!!!

So, wash your hands because it prevents covid-19. Germs spread viruses, diseases and infections. And without even knowing it your spreading deadly viruses to others.

You don't wash your hands? Yucky, yucky, yucky! How! Washing your hands keeps you nice, clean and healthy.

WASH YOUR HANDS NOW AND BE SAFE!!!