

# Al Amanah College

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

*"Pursuing Academic Excellence: Al Amanah College is committed to pursuing academic excellence and nurturing the individual abilities in a caring, education and Islamic environment"*

### Message from the Principal's office



Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Al Amanah College;

All praise and thanks are due to our Exalted God "Allah", the Lord of the worlds. I ask Allah to enlighten our hearts with the

knowledge of Holy Qura'n and all types of beneficial education and learning. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect His nation from that which He fears for them.

#### TERM 1-

As the final days of Term 1 draw to a close, with the children feeling settled and managing the daily routines expected of them; I would like to acknowledge the achievements made by our students, the dedicated staff for their outstanding contribution to our students' learning, and to convey my sincere and heart-felt gratitude to all parents for their continuous support in various school events and their co-operation with our rules and policies.

#### SCHOOL AIM-

At Al Amanah College, we strive to do the best for our children and we want them to be happy, educated and have the ability to think for themselves and solve their own problems. We motivate and encourage them to develop their skills and love reading.

#### ACTIVITIES-

This term has been amazing, full of various events and activities such as: Several incursions and excursions carried out to various places. We also had the Athlet-

ic Carnival in which all students had the opportunity to participate in a range of athletic activities.

#### HARMONY DAY-

All students were cheerful in making and flying their own kites with the help of their teachers and parents who came along to help and join the fun.

#### NAPLAN PREPARATION SESSIONS-

Year 3 and 5 parents participated in a NAPLAN Parent Information Session on Saturday 25 March 2017. This session provided parents with basic NAPLAN information. During this time students participated in NAPLAN preparation classes at the school. The next preparation session will be held on Saturday April 1 and will continue for two more sessions in Term 2. Our dedicated teachers have been focusing on the learning needs of Our year 3 & 5 students and giving them continuous assistance to enable them to achieve better results and growth performance in their NAPLAN test.

#### PARENT-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION-

Parents are encouraged to book an appointment with the classroom teacher to discuss the progress of their child or message via ClassDojo. Parents are advised that teachers have a duty of care to the students and are unable to discuss your child's progress at the classroom door.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. I'm looking forward to starting Term 2 with all students and teachers refreshed.

Mr Bassam Adra  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

Friday 7 April

- Term 1 Ends

Tuesday 25 April

- Public Holiday

Wednesday 26 April

- Term 2 Begins

Saturday 29 April

- NAPLAN Prep 3

Saturday 6 May

- NAPLAN Prep 4

Tuesday 9 May

- NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 10 May

- NAPLAN Reading
- Kindy Library Visit

Thursday 11 May

- NAPLAN Numeracy
- Yr 6 Chinese Gardens Excursion

Monday 15 May

- Yr 4 Martial Arts Incursion

Tuesday 16 May

- Yr 1 Storybook Delights Incursion

Wednesday 17 May

- Yr 2 Susannah's Place Excursion
- Yr 5 What's the Matter Incursion

Monday 22 May

- Yr 3 Botany Bay Excursion

Tuesday 23 May

- School Photos
- ICAS Digital Technologies

## KINDY-CALMSLEY FARM

On Tuesday 14 March, KA and KD went to Calmsley Hill Farm as part of our 'Paddock to Plate' unit for Science. Despite the weather, we set off by bus excited to see all the animals on the farm. When we arrived, we were greeted by some chickens and turkeys. We went around the farm with our guides that showed us the different animals on the farm. We saw cows, horses, camels and sheep, just to name a few. Those of us who were brave milked a cow. We got to pat a chick, rabbit and a Bearded Dragon lizard. We were also able to touch and pat goats and sheep. After lunch we were entertained by Dotti, the sheep dog, who showed us how she rounds up sheep at the farm on a daily basis. We also attended a Whip show and some of us actually got to crack the whip, Yee Ha!

To end our amazing day we saw Farmer Simone shear a sheep - that was truly spectacular. We also got to keep some of the wool. As we entered the bus to go back to school, we reminisced about our fantastic and exciting day at the farm.

A big thank you to the kids for their behaviour and a big thank you to our parent helpers.

Ms Dutrey and Mrs Awada



## TELSTRA MUSEUM

Year 2 recently visited Telstra Museum as part of their History unit 'Getting Your Message Across'. 2J and 2L loved exploring the different telecommunication devices and enjoyed the tour around the museum, where they were given the opportunity to have a hands-on encounter with Telstra's historical collection including a variety of telecommunications equipment and archival documentation. This helped students understanding of the past and present use of technology.

Mrs Jazzar and Miss Lalee



# SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 9 March, Al Amanah College Bankstown held their Annual Sports Carnival at the Crest facility in Bass Hill. Despite gloomy overcast conditions, students arrived dressed in their house colours determined to become victors. This year, students took part in a range of aged running events as well as a variety of novelty activities provided by *Educational Sports Carnival*. Throughout the day, all house teams showed wonderful sportsmanship and could clearly be heard roaring their terrific team chants. At the end of the day, the final results were Azalea 4th, Eucalyptus 3rd, Waratah 2nd and Wattle 1st. Well done to all students who participated and a special congratulations to Wattle - 2017 Champions!



## SRC INDUCTION

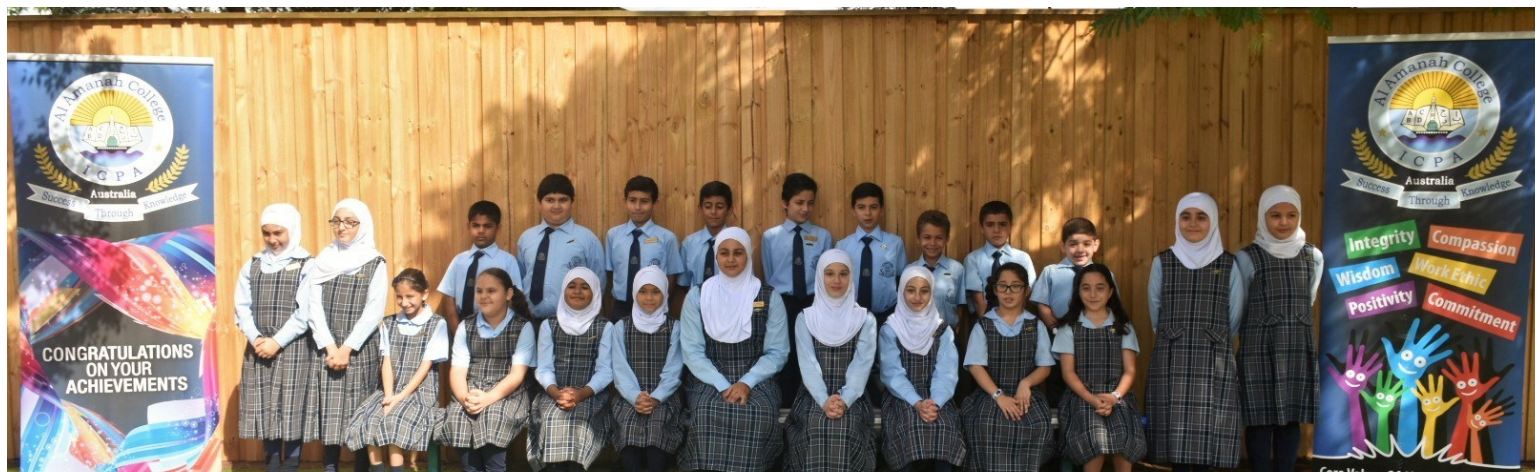
On Thursday 2 March, the SRC had an induction to congratulate the successful applicants into the Student Representative Council. The Induction began with Mrs Jalloul welcoming the SRC students and their parents. This was followed by a speech by Mr Adra in which he congratulated all the students who were elected and praised all those who applied. The students then learned about their roles and responsibilities and watched a PowerPoint presentation showing photos from fun and exciting events run by the SRC last year. The new members then received their badges and Mrs Jalloul read out the SRC Pledge, which the students promised to uphold and maintain. Afterwards, the new SRC members and their proud parents enjoyed morning tea and took photographs to remember the special day.

Thank you to Mrs Jalloul and Mr Adra for their words of encouragement and guidance and a special thank you to all staff who were involved in organising The Induction and making it into a success.

Congratulations to all SRC members. We can't wait to hear about all your ideas for the upcoming SRC events!

Mrs Oueik, Miss Chami and Miss Zahra

CLASS	CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
	<b>SRC MEMBERS</b>	<b>SRC MEMBERS</b>
3B	Lina Kalash Safwat Sheikh	Aisha Istanbuli Jehad Chamma
3/4O	Enora Mehedy Fawaz Jamous	Reem Hamdash Ja'far Al-Khudhair
4E	Jalilah Al Khair Mahdi Abou-Ghaida	Laiyla Jalloul Sayed Abdel Aziz
5H	Aya Jalloul Sedra Mando	Abir Al Nachar Jasmine El Kabbout
6Z SRC	Nasra Marabani	Ahmad Mansi
6Z	Zara Jalloul	Jasmine Kheir
SCHOOL	Taha Saleh Moussa	Imran Aboulhaf



## SRC BREAKFAST

To celebrate the newly elected SRC members, the staff at Al Amanah College and members of the SRC took part in organising a special Welcome Breakfast. On Friday 10 March, the 2017 members had breakfast with Mr Adra, Mrs Jalloul and some of their teachers in the School Office. There was an abundance of delicious food that parents had prepared for the event and the students genuinely enjoyed having their breakfast amongst the staff members.

Thank you to all the lovely parents for making this event a huge success.

Mrs Oueik, Miss Chami and Miss Zahra



## SHELTER BUILDING

On Thursday 2 March 2017, Year 5 participated in a fun "Shelter Building" incursion. This incursion further assisted in enhancing students learning about the English unit 'Survival in Our World' and Geography unit 'Burning Issue'. During this experience students developed their team building skills by working towards the common goal of building a shelter. Students also had the opportunity to learn about various types of home-made and natural shelters. This allowed students to discover how fit for purpose the shelters are to protect from the harshest weather conditions using stability materials to build their shelters.

Miss Haddad



## POWER HOUSE MUSEUM

On Wednesday 21 March 2017, 4E students attended an excursion to The Powerhouse Museum. This involved students participating in fun and educational experiences which incorporated our English Unit 'Pictures Tell the Story.' Students had the opportunity to work together with a facilitator using graphics, media and technology to develop a story. To add to this fun experience, students from 4E were also fortunate to have attended a room called 'The Panic Room' in which they participated in an exciting virtual tour.

Mrs El Zahab



## HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday 21 March, the staff and students of Al Amanah College celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration that brings people of all communities together, to learn and understand ways in which we can enrich and promote unity with one another.

Students celebrated by wearing orange, which is the colour representing Harmony Day. Students assembled their own colourful kites and had the opportunity to fly their kites in the playground with many of our wonderful parents assisting.

Overall, it was a very successful day and we would like to thank all our parents for their assistance.

Social Committee



## FIELD OF MARS

In Week 7, 3B and 3/4O travelled to the Field of Mars Education Centre. We were surrounded by beautiful Australian bush and were able to do many scientific activities to help us classify animals and plants in our surroundings.

Some of these activities included identifying spider webs using a branching key, classifying plants and even collecting specimens from the trees and soil.

The students were engaged and the experience furthered their understanding about how scientists and taxonomists collect and classify animals and plants alike.

Mrs Oueik & Miss Baburi



## NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING

On March 17, Al Amanah College took part in the National Day Against Bullying and Violence. Students were informed as to what bullying is and how to stop it from happening. As a part of the NDA, Years 4, 5 and 6 started making stars as part of a Weaving Jam that is happening throughout Australia. As a school we have committed to making 200 stars and we have almost doubled our target. These stars will be used in the 2018 Commonwealth Games as part of an initiative against violence. Well done Years 4, 5 and 6!

Ms Dutrey



## STUDENT'S FIRST AID

On Wednesday 29 March, Brian Doyle, a First Aid Volunteer, came to our school to teach the upper primary students' knowledge about administering First Aid. The students were taught about the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Students learned about the Emergency Action Plan, the procedure for calling triple zero, the treatment of burns, managing bleeding and how to put an injured person into the Recovery Position. Students practiced putting each other in Recovery Position and even practised securing a bandage.

At the end of the information session, Stage 3 students also received a bandage and a dressing to take home and practise their new learned skills on their family members.

Thank you to Brain Doyle for coming to our school and teaching our students about First Aid.



## TRAVEL BUGS

On Tuesday 28 March, Year One attended a hands-on 'Travel Bugs' incursion where they were educated about the wonders and habitats of minibeasts. Students were able to closely examine a large collection of over 200 specimens of preserved invertebrates. In addition, they were able to observe the movement and hold live minibeasts including large and colourful stick insects, centipedes, millipedes, spiders, scorpions and beetles.

Ms Chami & Mr Sinwan



## DIGITAL MICROSCOPY

On 23 March, Year 6 students enjoyed the 'Digital Microscopy' interactive workshop where students used a range of microscopes to look closely at a variety of specimens. Students observed the structure of fungus, algae, fabrics, microfilms and insects such as beetles, moths and scorpions. They collected samples of soil from the school garden and looked closely through field-work microscopes to find insects. The students then observed yeast and the probiotic cultures that live in yogurt.

It was such a great opportunity for students to use microscopes and look at different specimens close-up.

Miss Zahra



## STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jad  
Chehade  
KD



Kenan  
Zakarna  
1S



Yara  
Haddad  
1C



Jehad  
Chamma  
3B



Sama  
Jebriil  
4E

## PREMIER READING CHALLENGE

Al Amanah College will once again be participating in the Premier Reading Challenge (PRC). The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and to enable the students to experience a variety of literature. The challenge runs from the 6 March to 25 Aug 2017. Further information regarding the challenge can be found on the official PRC website: <https://online.net.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



# 2017 Reading Challenge

### Bankstown Campus

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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to stock up on lunch box staples.

Stock up on these pantry and freezer lunch box staples to save time and money on daily packing.

**Pantry:**

- \*Long-life, reduced-fat milk poppers.
- \*Long-life custard tubs.
- \*Fruit (in natural juice) tubs.
- \*Baked beans (small, easy open cans).
- \*Wholegrain crackers, crispbread or Corn Thins.
- \*Tinned tuna or salmon.
- \*Dried fruit.

**Freezer:**

Make healthy muffins, fruit scones, fruit pikelets, frittatas or mini quiches. Wrap individual portions in plastic, or place in an airtight container, and freeze, ready to go straight in the lunch box.

Other freezable foods include cooked meats, baked beans and sandwich breads.



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