

# 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 community of Al Amanah, All praise and thanks are due to our Exalted God "**Allah**", the Lord of the worlds and the One Who exists without a place. May **Allah** raise the rank of our Prophet Muhammad, and protect His nation from that which He fears for them.

As the final days of Term 3 draw to a close, I would like to acknowledge the work done by many of our students, staff, and parents and wish

everybody a peaceful, happy and relaxing holiday break. This short holiday break is an opportunity for all students to recharge their batteries and start planning for Term 4. It has been magnificent to coordinate and work with our motivated staff as one team to implement the current best practice in teaching and learning programs and offer our students the best possible education and facilities to nurture and enhance their pedagogical performance accordingly.

What a fantastic Term 3!! It has been entertaining and beneficial and full of miscellaneous events and activities:

- Eid Al-Adha Fete and New Hijri Year,
- Bankstown Library, Maritime Museum, Elizabeth Farm & State Library Excursions
- Natural Disaster & Cleanaway Incursions
- Islamic Gala Day & In- School Gymnastics
- Public Speaking
- Book Week, Science Week, and Literacy and Numeracy Week.

NAPLAN reports were distributed and sent home for our Year 3 and 5 students. Parents were given information about their child's achievement in Literacy and Numeracy. At the school level, our staff analysed NAPLAN results using SMART data to help better understand and evaluate the performance of our students. This analysis will assist teachers to identify students learning needs and focus on them to achieve the best in NAPLAN results in the coming year.

I would like to thank all parents for their co-operation with all of our rules and expectations since our aim is to build and enhance collaborated partnerships between school, home and community.

Finally, I wish all staff, teachers, parents, carers and the whole community of Al Amanah a safe and restful holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Yours Sincerely,

Bassam Adra

Principal

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Friday 22 September

Last Day of Term 3

#### Monday 9 October

First Day of Term 4

#### Tuesday 24 October

Kindergarten Brickwork Incursion

Yr 1 - Sydney Observatory Excursion

#### Tuesday 31 October

Kindergarten Orientation - Session 1

#### Thursday 2 November

Yr 5 - Observatory Hill Excursion

#### Tuesday 7 November

Kindergarten Orientation - Session 2

#### Wednesday 8 November

Yr 2 - Push n Pull Incursion

#### Thursday 9 November

Yr 6 Open Day

## THE MIGRATION OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

The immigration of Prophet *Muhammad*, otherwise known as the *Hijrah*, was not about running away from being killed, nor was it about fear, or a retreat from bidding the lawful or forbidding the unlawful. The *Hijrah* was done in obedience to what *Allah* had ordered. During the *Hajj* season, when the people gathered, the Prophet *peace be upon him* used to call them to *Islam* and say to them: **“Say no one is God except *Allah* and then you will succeed”**.

The Prophet was very patient with what the blasphemers had done to him. His companions tolerated many types of torture including whipping, hitting, imprisonment, burning, and execution. Yet when they gained the support and aid from *Allah*, it was as if they had turned into a solid rock that could not be scratched. Their pious heartbeats and their silent supplications shook the hearts and thrones of the disbelievers. Consider the words of our master *Muhammad* after the people had come to his uncle *Abu Talib* and asked: **“What does your nephew want out of his call to *Islam*? If he wants status we shall give him it and we will not do anything without his consultation. If he wants money, we will collect it for him until he becomes the richest amongst us. If he wants to rule us, we shall give him the position of king”**. But the Prophet *peace be upon him* said to his uncle: **“If they were to place the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left, I would not leave this call to *Islam*”**. There is not a single prophet that left the call to *Islam*, nor is there a prophet who neglected the call to *Islam* due to hardships or calamities that had overcome him.

The blasphemers agreed to killing the Prophet *peace be upon him*. They encouraged one man from each tribe to hit the Prophet with their swords simultaneously so that his murder could be seen as done by all those tribes and so that no one from the Prophet's family could seek revenge. Angel *Jibril* came to the Prophet *peace be upon him* telling him about their evil plan. Angel *Jibril* ordered the Prophet not to sleep in the same place he used to. The Prophet then called upon *Aliyy Ibn Abi Talib* and instructed him to sleep on the same bed that the Prophet used to sleep on and to cover himself with the same green cloak that the Prophet used to cover himself with. *Aliyy* did this. A group of young blasphemers surrounded the Prophet's house. On his way out, the Prophet, *peace be upon him*, picked up a handful of dirt. He sprinkled it on their heads, as he recited *Ayahs* 1-9 from *Surat Yasin*.

*Ayah* 40 of *Surat At-Tawbah* means: **“And he (the Prophet) would say to his companion not to be saddened, for they had support from *Allah*.”** The companion mentioned in this *Ayah* is *Abu Bakr as-Siddiq*. This *Ayah* does not mean that *Allah* is physically present with them in the cave, because *Islam* states that *Allah* exists without a place. Rather the actual meaning of this *Ayah* is that *Allah* is supporting and giving victory to them over their enemies.

*Allah* the Almighty saved the Prophet with the weakest spider web. A spider spun its web around the entrance of the cave where the Prophet was and nearby two doves had laid eggs. By the Will of *Allah* the Prophet was not seen by the blasphemers. The believers waited patiently in *Madinah* for the arrival of their beloved Prophet to their land. Some would go to the outskirts of *Madinah* every day waiting for him, others climbed trees to see if they could see him coming in the distance.

On midday of a very warm day, the *Ansar* went out in many groups to the outskirts of *Madinah* as usual, expecting the arrival of the Prophet. They heard one of them yelling loudly and saying: “the one you have been waiting for has arrived”. Enthusiastically, hundreds rushed out to welcome and greet their master, Prophet *Muhammad*, while chanting.

May *Allah* return this holy occasion to us filled with blessings and peace, *Amin*.

عد ثلاث عشرة عاماً من مبعث النبي الأُمِّي الأمين صلى الله عليه وسلم قضاهنَّ في الدعوة إلى دين الله تبارك وتعالى، جاء الأمر الإلهي بالهجرة إلى المدينة المنورة بنور الهدى المحمدي، وذلك بعد أن هاجر قبله الكثير من أتباعه فاستجاب خير الخلق لأمر ربه وخرج يرافقه صاحبه الصديق في هذه الرحلة المباركة التي كانت حدثاً تاريخياً مهماً وتحولاً كبيراً في مسار هذه الدعوة الحقة، وأظهر الله تبارك وتعالى في هذا الحدث من المعجزات ما ثبت به قلوب المؤمنين الصادقين، وكان سبباً وعملاً عظيماً في هداية أناس وإنقاذهم من الضلالة والشرك إلى الهداية والنور والسعادة الأبدية.

وتستوقفنا في هذه الهجرة المباركة إحدى المعجزات النبوية وهي التي شهدها أحد القفانين من قبيلة كنانة هو سُرَاقَة بن مالك، وذلك لما كان النبي المصطفى صلى الله عليه وسلم وصاحبه الصديق في طريقهما إلى غار ثور متواربين عن أنظار قريش الذين خرجوا يريدون قتلهما، ففي أثناء ذلك يلتقي أبو سفيان سُرَاقَة فيعرض عليه مائة من الإبل لقاء أن يرزق النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وصاحبه إلى قريش، بعد أن أعلن بين مشركي قريش أن من يأتي بمحمد صلى الله عليه وسلم له مئة من الإبل، فعقد سُرَاقَة النية على أن يستأثر وحده بالغنيمة وخرج يطلب النبي الأمين وصاحبه الصديق.

ولما كان السحر (وهو وقت قبل الفجر) امتطى صهوة جواده وسلك طريق المدينة وبقي يبحث عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم وصاحبه الصديق، حتى إذا زالت الشمس وحميت الظهيرة فقد الكثير من الأمل في أن يجدهما.

وفي هذه الأثناء يقترب سُرَاقَة وهو يسمع قراءة النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم والصديق يكثر من الالتفات يمنة ويسرة خوفاً من عدو يريد بصاحبه وحبيبه شراً، فيرى سُرَاقَة قد أدركهما ويغتم النبي بذلك فيدعو النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قاتلاً: “اللهم اكفناه بما شئت وكيف شئت” رواه الإمام أحمد. وهنا تظهر إحدى معجزاته صلى الله عليه وسلم فتسوخ قوائم فرس سُرَاقَة في الأرض فيثب عنه خائفاً وقد علم أن لمطلوبه شأنًا عظيماً عند الله. فيناديه سُرَاقَة ويسأله أن يدعو الله له قاتلاً: “ادع الله أن ينجيني مما أنا فيه، فوالله لأعمينَّ على من ورائي من الطلب” فيدعو خير الخلق صلى الله عليه وسلم ربه فينقذ الله فرس سُرَاقَة، ويقترب متفكراً فيما حدث له، ويخبر النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم أخبار ما تريد بهما قريش من الأذى. وهنا يخاطبه الرسول الأعظم فيقول له “كأنى بك قد لبست سوارى كسرى” رواه البيهقي في السنن. يمضى سُرَاقَة إلى قريش فيجد الناس يلتسمون (يطلبون) رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فيقول لهم: “ارجعوا، فقد استبرأت لكم ما ههنا وقد عرفتم بصرى بالآثر” فرجعوا.

أسلم سُرَاقَة بن مالك سنة ثمان للهجرة، وبعد انهزام الفرس في معركة القادسية وعودة جنود المسلمين قام سيدنا عمر بن الخطاب رضي الله عنه وأبى سُرَاقَة سوارى كسرى كما أخبر النبي الأعظم محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم.

وتابع النبي محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم رحلته مع الصديق حتى وصلا إلى المدينة المنورة حيث كان المسلمون من أهل المدينة ينتظرون وصوله. ولما علموا بوصوله صلى الله عليه وسلم عمت الفرحة والسعادة وأشرقت المدينة المنورة بنور النبي الأعظم. وكانت الهجرة فاتحة خير وتأسيساً للدولة الإسلامية التي كانت منطلقاً لنشر الدعوة. وتعليم الناس أمور دينهم.

## BOOK WEEK PARADE

Each year across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together by celebrating CBCA Children’s Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children’s literature.

This year, the theme for Book Week was ‘Escape to Everywhere’. To commemorate this event, students listened to award winning Australian Children’s Story Books when they visited our school library. They also took part in a ‘Guess the teacher to their favourite book’ competition.

Our Book Character Parade was held on Wednesday 23 August. Students looked amazing dressed as various book characters and for the first time this year as vocabulary words! Year 1 students gave a beautiful book reading of “Whoever You re” by Mem Fox and Year 5 students performed an entertaining play of the story of The Three Bears with a twist!

Thank you to all the parents for their effort in helping their children participate in this event and congratulations to this year’s Book Week costume winners.

English Committee



CLASS	WINNERS
KA	Sofiya Najjar and Abdul Nasser El Hosni
KD	Muhammad Jamous, Lilyan El Rifi and Hannah Jalloh
1C	Aouni El Hares and Yara Haddad
1S	Ahmad Abdelsadig and Hasnaa Abdul
2J	Yousuf Kanj and Razan El Rifi
2L	Noah Jalloul and Malak Chamma
3B	Raheel Tamer and Rayaan Rashid
3/4O	Miami Chehade and Fawaz Jamous
4E	Nadine Abu Lebdeh, Sara Ibrahim and Sama Jebril
5H	Aya Jalloul and Rami Shahine
6Z	Jasmine Kheir and Zara Jalloul



## MKR - MATHS KITCHEN RULES

The Mathematics committee held Al Amanah's first and very own MKR (Maths Kitchen Rules) where students used their mathematical skills to enjoy a Jelly Bean Guessing competition, weighing fruits on a scale, choosing and paying for various foods on a menu, making sandwiches in a minute and some addition/multiplication colouring activities. A very special thank you to Mrs Nachar who helped manage the activities throughout the day.

Mathematics Committee



## MATHS SUPER HERO CHALLENGE

Al Amanah students took part in the Maths Super Hero Challenge throughout Literacy and Numeracy Week. Students earned medal points by demonstrating mastery on maths activities played on mangahigh.com and their points were tallied on our school's Leader board. Each student earning 150+ medal points received a medallion! Congratulations to our medallion recipients:

MEDAL	STUDENT
<b>GOLD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awni Jebрил</li> <li>• Mohammad Serhan</li> </ul>
<b>SILVER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abdelrahman Hassanein</li> </ul>
<b>BRONZE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sama Jebрил</li> <li>• Hussain Al-Khudhair</li> <li>• Shakeela Dzakiya</li> </ul>



## LIBRARY VISIT

As part of Book Week students from Kindergarten to Year 3 were given the opportunity to visit Bankstown Library. The wonderful librarians spoke about Book Week and the theme 'Escape to Everywhere', showing the students some of the shortlisted books. Al Amanah students were also given the opportunity to listen to a few stories and played some guessing games. The students loved visiting the library and gained great insight into the importance of reading.

Mrs Oueik & Mrs Awada



## ELIZABETH FARM

On Thursday 14 September, Year 4 attended an educational and interesting excursion to Elizabeth Farm. This was an educational experience which incorporated our English, History and Creative Arts Units relating to British Colonisation. On the day students explored the home of the Macarthur family, which dates back to 1793. Students also learnt about the history of the family and their convict servants as well as the impact of colonisation in Australia. In addition to the many fun activities students had the opportunity to visit the garden, wash clothes by hand and take a guided tour through the kitchen, main bedroom and drawing room of Elizabeth Farm. This assisted the Year 4 students in gaining insights into the lives of both convict servants and the Macarthur family.

Mrs El Zahab



## SCIENCE WEEK

During Term Three, students of Al Amanah College participated in National Science Week. This year we embraced the theme 'Future Earth' to enhance the knowledge and transformation of a sustainable world.

To celebrate this year's theme each grade was given the opportunity to create their own experiments. The K-2 winners of the Science Competition were Muhammed Jamous (KD), Zaima Riaz (1S) and Ahmad Alsharhani (2L). The 3-6 winners of the Science Competition were Anneeq Shaikh (4E), Aya Jalloul (5H) and Karim Alsukker (6Z).

All students from K-6 participated in a workshop run by Cleanaway. The workshop allowed students to discover ways we can recycle whilst identifying recyclable packaging and developing smarter shopping skills to reduce the amount of waste we produce. Students were then put to the test theoretically by engaging in a hands on Mix and Match activity linking the recycling processes.

We would like to thank all the students who participated in the Science Competition!  
Science Committee.



## NATURAL DISASTERS

As part of the Science topic 'Earthquake Explorers', students in Year 6 learned about earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, fire storms, landslides, meteorites and more in this engaging workshop at school. The presenter described and demonstrated how the various natural disasters occur on Earth and then the students got their hands busy interacting with the equipment. There were various stations for students to see a demonstration of various natural disasters. This included a 'Tectonic Jigsaw' station, where students investigated how tectonic plates form, 'Tornado Bottle' that modelled the movement of air in a tornado.

It was lots of fun!

Miss Zahra



## MARITIME MUSEUM

Year 2 students attended an excursion to the Australian National Maritime Museum as part of their Science Unit 'Water Works'. Students explored the ways in which Australians engage with our waterways in our leisure time. The program started with a tour of 'Watermarks' - adventure, sport and play exhibition and then conducted a hands-on session of structured activities and free play. Both 2L and 2J enjoyed exploring a ship called 'HMAS Vampire' and loved making artwork inspired by water. It was great seeing students engaged and participating during all programs.

Mrs Jazzar & Miss Lalee



## STATE LIBRARY

This term, Year 5 students of Al Amanah College have been learning about Australia's colonial past. On Thursday 24 August 2017, the students visited the State Library to learn more about Australian history; including Indigenous Australians, the First Fleet, early settlement and the expansion of the colony. Students participated in a series of hands-on activities and by studying the lives of convicts through the lens of original collection items. Students enjoyed participating in a costume guided role play, analysing primary material, learning the language of the Euroa people and touring the State Library.

Thank you to our parent helpers for all their help on the day.

We had an amazing time!

Miss Haddad



## EID FETE

الحمد لله حق حمده و الصلاة و السلام على سيدنا محمد خير خلقه و على ءاله و صحبه و بعد :

أقامت كلية الامانة الإسلامية بانكستاون نهار الجمعة الواقع في 5-09-2017 احتفالاً بمناسبة عيد الأضحى المبارك بمشاركة الأهالي الكرام , تضمن الاحتفال الكثير من النشاطات الترفيهية والالعاب , بالإضافة الى المأكولات و العصائر, وغمرت البهجة وجوه التلاميذ وهم يرتدون ثياب العيد ويلعبون فرحين بهذه المناسبة العظيمة وكان احتفالاً ناجحاً ومميزاً . و تميز احتفال هذا العام بتحدي كبير بين الطلاب بمختلف الألعاب للفوز بالجوائز, مما أضفى على الاحتفال جواً من التنافس الرياضي و المرح ووزعت هدايا على الفائزين.

كما نتقدم كلية الأمانة من الأهالي والحجاج العائدين إلى ديارهم سالمين غانمين بأحر التهاني سائلين الله تعالى أن يتقبل منهم صالح أعمالهم وأن يكون حجهم مبروراً وكل عام و أنتم بألف خير أعاد الله علينا و عليكم هذه الأيام الفضيلة بالخير و البركات و على الأمة الإسلامية بالأمن و الأمان.

Al Amanah College organised an ^Eid Al Adha Fete which was held on Tuesday 5 September 2017.

On the day, students came to school dressed in their ^Eid clothes and were involved in many fun and interactive games. Some of these games included winning prizes. Students also had the opportunity to purchase a variety of food and treats of their choice.

It was a fun and enjoyable day for everyone.

On behalf of Al Amanah college, we wish everyone a great and blessed ^Eid Al Adha and we ask Allah to accept our good deeds.

We would also like to welcome back the parents of the students of Al-Amanah College who have returned home safely from Hajj. We ask Allah the Exalted to accept their good deeds and their Hajj. We ask Allah to grant us blessings every year and to grant us to experience the day of ^Eid again peace. Ameen.





## SRC LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Sheikh Alshelh presented a seminar entitled 'SRC Leadership' on Thursday 21 September. He spoke about manners and the importance of displaying good manners. He discussed how we should learn from the manners of the best of all creations- Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). He told students that we need to embed these ethics in our day to day lives, within the school and the wider community.

Sheikh Alshelh emphasised this through explaining the characteristics and traits of Prophets and Pious Islamic figures in history who displayed good manners, respect and integrity amongst their nations.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and may Allah reward the SRC students for their dedication and commitment towards betterment of the school community.

SRC Committee



## ISLAMIC GALA DAY

On Thursday 14 September, Al Amanah College Bankstown entered two teams into the Western Sydney Islamic Gala Day organised by the NRL. Throughout the day students strongly competed against other Islamic schools in rugby league and tag matches. Although the sport was new to most, with many playing it for the first time, both teams put in an impressive performance with their fancy footwork and excellent teamwork skills. They were highly enjoyable to watch and each participant should be proud of their amazing effort and how they represented their school. Well Done!

PDHPE Committee

Mrs Jazzar & Mr Sinwan



**G A L A D A Y**

# COLGATE COMPETION



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16 August 2017

Mr Bassam Adra  
Principal  
Alamanah College  
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Dear Mr Adra,

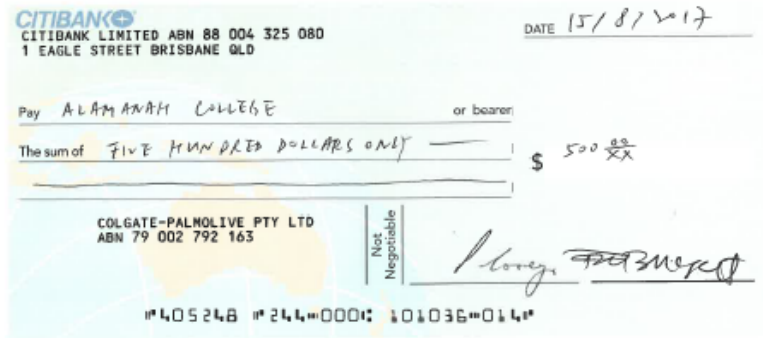
This letter is to congratulate your school on winning 2017's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Australian art competition. Sana Tanai completely blew away our judges with her great 'tooth-themed' art. As you may know the winning Australian school receives \$500, please find your cheque enclosed with this letter.

The twelve regional finalist's entries will be sent to New York to compete with other finalists from many other countries from around the world. From this combined group, twelve Global winners will be chosen and their artwork will be reproduced in next year's *My Bright Smile Calendar* to be distributed to over 50 countries participating in the "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures" program. In addition each Global winner receives a Colgate-Palmolive Scholarship in the amount of \$250 (USD) and a Colgate-Palmolive Classroom Grant of \$500 (USD) for their school. I will notify you shortly if your student is successful.

Please convey our thanks to your staff for encouraging your students to take an active role in improving their oral health and ensuring their smiles last a lifetime.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Southwood  
Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Program Manager  
Australia and New Zealand

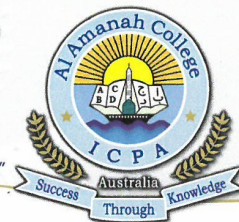


# Welcome to Kindergarten!

## AL AMANAH COLLEGE

BANKSTOWN CAMPUS

"DEVELOPING CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT AND INSPIRED YOUNG STUDENTS"



### Kindergarten Orientation Dates

- Session 1:  
Tuesday 31 October 2017
- Session 2:  
Tuesday 7 November 2017
- Session 3:  
Tuesday 14 November 2017
- Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

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## STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



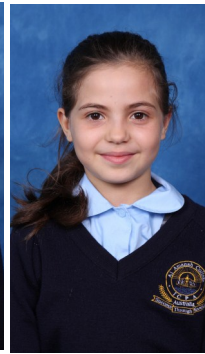
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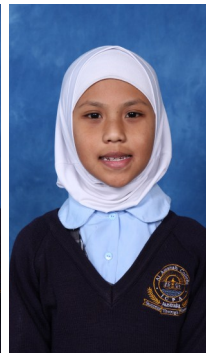
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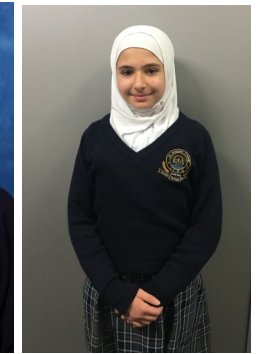
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## JELLYBEAN COMPETITION WINNER



Nutrition Snippet



### The simplest way

...to keep all the nutrients and minerals.

Here are some useful tips to help keep the nutrients and minerals in your fruit and veg during preparation and cooking.

- Follow storage tips. Not only will your fruit and veg last longer, it will retain more nutrients and taste better too.
- Try not to peel your fruit and vegetables if you can avoid it. The skin is packed with fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins lie close to the skin surface.
- When cooking fruit and veg try not to chop it up too much.
- Heating fruit and boiling veggies loses many of the wonderful vitamins and minerals inside. Fruit and veggies are great fresh and raw. If you prefer them cooked, steaming, blanching, grilling, roasting, stir frying or microwaving retain more nutrients.
- Fresh is great but the nutrient value of food is also retained when snap frozen.
- Use the outer leaves of vegetables unless they are wilted or unpalatable.
- Keep it simple and do what works for you. We agree that eating fruit and veg any way you can is still a win!



For more information visit  
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