



AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

NEWSLETTER

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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.

As the final days of Term 1 draws to a close, with the children feeling settled and managing the daily routines expected of them; I would like to acknowledge the achievements done by our students, 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, for the time spent participating in reading groups, and for their co-operation with our rules and policies.

This term has been full of various events and activities such as: IncurSIONS and excursions carried out to many places, ceremonies, breakfasts as well as the Harmony Day in which all students were cheerful. We also had the Athletic Carnival where all students have the opportunity to participate in a range of athletic activities.

Regarding **NAPLAN** preparation; the parent information session was conducted on 24-03-2018. That session

provided parents with basic NAPLAN information; and our teachers who started tutoring on the same day, another session will be held also on April 7 and they will continue two more sessions in Term 2 on May 5 & 12. Moreover, our dedicated teachers have been focusing on the learning needs of our Year 3 & 5 students and giving them a continuous assistance to enable our students to achieve better results and growth performance in their NAPLAN results.

All parents are kindly requested to update the school with any changes in your child's health conditions and note that all information will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed except to the relevant staff. Moreover, parents are always encouraged to discuss the progress of their child with the relevant teacher since their follow up will allow your child to enhance and nurture their learning and education.

Finally, all parents are again requested to approach me, our coordinator or the class teacher if they have any concerns about their child's progress. We are looking forward to vitalizing supplemental partnership with the whole community of Al Amanah College.

I wish you all the very best!
Yours Sincerely,
Bassam Adra

Dates to Remember

Friday 13 April

Term One Ends

Wednesday 2 May

Term Two Begins

Saturday 5 May

NAPLAN PREP 3

ICAS Digital Technologies

Thursday 10 May

Sayuban Ramadan

Saturday 12 May

NAPLAN PREP 4

Wednesday 16 May

Ramadan TBA

Wednesday 16, Thursday 17

& Friday 18 May

NAPLAN EXAMINATION

Tuesday 22 May

Yr 1 Storybook Delights IncurSION

Tuesday 29 May

ICAS Science



الإسراء والمعراج : المعجزة الباهرة بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد وعلى إله وصحبه الطيبين الطاهرين

قال الله تعالى:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ " سورة الإسراء

أجمع أهل الحق من سلف وخلف ومحدثين ومتكلمين ومفسرين وعلماء وفقهاء على أن الإسراء كان بالجسد والروح وفي اليقظة، لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا.

الإسراء

جاء جبريل عليه السلام إلى الرسول محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم فأخذه إلى المسجد الحرام وأركبه خلفه على البراق وهو دابة من دواب الجنة يضع حافره عند منتهى طرفه، ومرًا بالمدينة وطور سيناء وبيت لحم حيث ولد سيدنا عيسى عليه السلام حتى أتيا بيت المقدس، وقد جمع الله للرسول عليه الصلاة والسلام جميع الأنبياء من آدم فمن بعده في المسجد الأقصى تشريفًا له فصلى بهم إمامًا.

من عجائب ما رأى الرسول في الإسراء:

الذين يمشون بالغيبة: رأى قوما يمشون ووجهم و صدورهم بأطفار نحاسية قال له جبريل "هؤلاء الذين يغتابون الناس" **خطباء الفتنة:** ورأى أناسا تفرص السننهم وشفاههم بمقاريض من نار، قال له جبريل: "هؤلاء خطباء الفتنة". يعنى الذين يخطبون للبشر و الفتنة أى يدعون الناس إلى الضلال والفساد والغش والخيانة. **تاركو الصلاة:** ورأى قوما ترضح رءوسهم ثم تعود كما كانت فقال جبريل: "هؤلاء الذين تتناقل رءوسهم عن تأدية الصلاة".

المعراج

المعراج ثابت بنص الأحاديث الصحيحة وأما القرآن فلم ينص عليه نصا صريحا لكن ورد فيه ما يكاد يكون نصا صريحا. والقصد من المعراج هو تشريف الرسول بإطلاعه على عجائب فى العالم العلوى وتعظيم مكانته. عرج النبي محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم ومعه جبريل عليه السلام إلى السماء الأولى فوجد فيها آدم عليه السلام، وفى الثانية عيسى ويحيى عليهما السلام، وفى الثالثة يوسف عليه السلام، وفى الرابعة إدريس عليه السلام، وفى الخامسة هارون عليه السلام، وفى السادسة موسى عليه السلام، وفى السماء السابعة إبراهيم عليه السلام. فائدة جليلة: إن الله خالق السموات السبع وخالق الأماكن وخالق كل شئ. كان الله موجودا قبل خلق الأماكن كلها وهو الذى لا يحتاج إلى شئ. قال الإمام على رضى الله عنه: "كان الله ولا مكان وهو الآن على ما عليه كان." أى كان الله قبل خلق المكان بلا مكان وبعد أن خلق المكان هو موجود بلا مكان، وحسبنا قول الله تعالى: "لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ" أى لا يشبهه شئنا من مخلوقاته ولا يوصف بصفة من صفات المخلوقات. أما اعتقاد أن الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم وصل إلى مكان فى السموات أو فوق السموات هو مركز لله تعالى فهو ضلال وتكذيب لقوله تعالى: "لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ" وقوله تعالى: "وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ" أى لا شبيهه ولا مثل له. من عجائب ما رأى الرسول فى المعراج:

البيت المعمور: وهو بيت مشرف فى السماء السابعة هو لأهل السماء، الملائكة، كالكعبة لأهل الأرض كل يوم يدخله سبعون ألف ملك يصلون فيه ثم يخرجون ولا يعودون أبدا.

سدرة المنتهى: وهى شجرة عظيمة أصلها فى السماء السادسة ثم تعلق إلى ما فوق السابعة.

الجنة: وهى دار السلام والنعيم. وهى موجودة فوق السموات السبع.



The Miracle of Al-Isra' and Al-Mi'raj

Praise be to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds, the One Who exists without a place. May Allāh raise the rank of Prophet Muḥammad and his kind Al and Companions and protect his nation from what he fears for them. The miracle of al-Isra' is confirmed in the Qur'an. In Surāt al-Isrā', Ayah 1, Allāh said:

”سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ“

Which means: (Praise be to Allāh Who enabled His slave, Muḥammad to make the journey at night from Masjid al-Ḥaram in Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem, which is surrounded by a blessed land). This journey is also confirmed in the saḥih ḥadith. As such, there is scholarly consensus (ijmā') Prophet Muḥammad journeyed in body and soul on the night of al-Isra' from Masjid al-Ḥaram in Makkah to Masjid AL-Aqsa in Jerusalem. Moreover, these scholars indicated the person who denies al-Isra' is a blasphemer for belying the explicit text of the Qur'an.

Al-Isra'

Angel Jibrīl came to the Prophet with *burāq* one of the animals of Paradise. The *burāq* is very fast animal; the length of the *burāq*'s stride is the farthest distance its eye can see Jibrīl and the Prophet mounted the *burāq* then it set forth.

The Prophet and Jibrīl arrived to al-Madīnah then to Tur Sīnā', then to Bayt Lahm, where Prophet ʿĪsā (Jesus) was born, until they entered the city of Jerusalem. There the Prophet went to Masjid al-Aqsa where Allāh assembled for him all the Prophets--from ʿĀdam to ʿĪsā. Prophet Muḥammad moved forward to led them all in prayer. This is an indication the Prophet is higher in status then all the rest of the prophets and messengers.

On Prophet Muḥammad's journey from Masjid Al-Ḥaram to Masjid al-Aqsa, Allāh enabled him to see some of His wondrous creations. The Prophet saw people whose lips and tongues were clipped with scissors made of fire. Jibrīl told the Prophet "These are the speakers of sedition (fitna) who call people to misguidance."

The Prophet saw angels smashing some people's heads with rocks. These heads would return to the shape they had been, and then the angles would smash their heads again-- and so on. Jibrīl told the Prophet, "These are the ones whose heads felt too heavy to perform prayer--the ones who used to sleep without praying."

The Prophet saw people scratching their faces and chests with brass finger nails. Jibrīl said, "These are the examples of those who commit gossip (ghībah)."

Al-Mi'raj

After the Prophet took this night journey from Masjid al-Ḥaram to Masjid al-Aqsa, he ascended to the upper heavens. There, Prophet Muḥammad saw Prophet Adam. Then Prophet Muḥammad ascended to the second heaven where he saw Prophets ʿĪsā and Yahya then Prophet Yusuf in the third, Prophet Idris in the fourth. In the fifth heaven, the Prophet encountered Harun. On the sixth heaven he encountered Prophet Musa. And in the seventh heaven, saw Prophet Ibrahim.

Some of the wondrous creations Prophet Muḥammad saw in the Mi'raj:

Al-Bayt ak-Maʿmur: which is to the angels, is like the Kaʿbah is to us. Every day 70,000 angles go there; then exit from it, and never return. This will continue until the Day of Judgment.

Sidrat al-Muntaha: a very big and extremely beautiful tree. Its beauty is beyond description.

Then the Prophet ascended to what is beyond the seven skies; he entered Paradise. In Paradise, the Prophet saw some of the bounties Allāh prepared for the inhabitants of Paradise.

We ask Allāh that we would all die as Muslims. We ask Allāh to bestow on us the bounty of entering Paradise without torture.

And Allāh knows best.

AI AMANAH IMAM'S SRC LEADERSHIP SEMINAR # 1



On Wednesday the 28 March 2018, primary SRC members and their parents attended a seminar titled "Leadership Manners".

This SRC leadership seminar was conducted by the school's Religious Teacher and Imam Sheikh Amr Alshelh Al-Huseiny Al-Azhary, who provided the students with an important Religious insight on the qualities and characteristics of a being a leader and role model within the school and 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. Hence, it is important to follow in the path of these significant Islamic figures and display these characteristics in order to provide an on-going leadership commitment within the school and wider community.

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

After the seminar, the Imam listened to the parent's concerns and feedback while enjoying some light refreshments.

Seminar # 2 will be during Term 2 and we hope to see more parents at that event InshaAllah.

Imam Sheikh Amr Alshelh Al-Huseiny Al-Azhary.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 13 March, Al Amanah College Bankstown held their Annual Athletics Carnival at 'The Crest'. On a day filled with intense rivalry, students competed with immense energy and determination. With focus on the number one spot, students gave their all in each running event, leaving nothing on the track. This was shown to be the case with only a few points narrowly separating each team. At the end of the day, it was the 4 x 100m relays that determined the final results. It finished with Azalea 4th, Wattle 3rd, Eucalyptus 2nd, and finally in 1st position and champions for 2018, Waratah! Well done and congratulations to all students who participated, we hope you had a fun and enjoyable day!

PDHPE Committee



KINDY – CALMSLEY FARM EXCURSION

On Tuesday 6 March, KA and KD went to Calmsley Hill Farm as part of our 'Paddock to Plate' unit for Science. 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 were also allowed to pat a little chick and a rabbit. Some of us who weren't scared touched and patted 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 a farmer shear a sheep - that was truly spectacular!

We also got to keep some of the wool. Finally, we went on a tractor ride all around the farm which was so fun. 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.

Mrs Achi and Mrs Awada



HARMONY DAY

On Friday 20 March the staff and students of Al Amanah College Bankstown celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates the fact that Australians come from all over the world. The diversity of people who live in Australia makes it such an interesting and special place to live. This year our school celebrated Harmony Day with a special Multicultural Fair. Students were given the opportunity to experience preparing a cultural dish or making a craft activity based on a country from around the world. Although it was a busy day it was fantastic to be involved in such an important event.

Social and Welfare Committee



SRC INDUCTION

On Thursday 8 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 Power-Point 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 a success.

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

Mrs Oueik and Ms Chami



SRC BREAKFAST

To celebrate the newly elected SRC members, the staff at Al Amanah College and parents of SRC students took part in organising a special, "Welcome Breakfast". On Thursday 15 March, the 2018 members had breakfast with Mr Adra, Mrs Jalloul and the SRC Committee teachers. 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 and Ms Chami



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

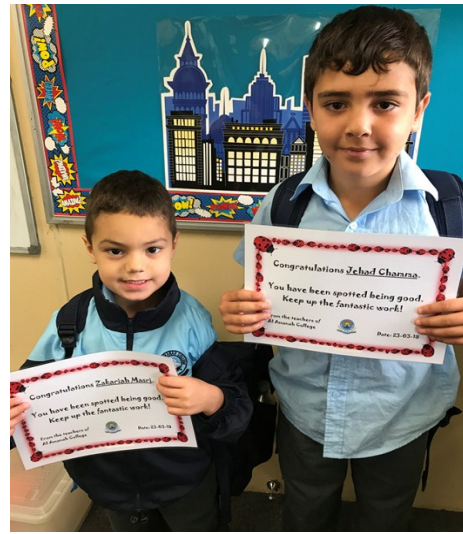
Clean up Australia was celebrated on Friday 2 March 2018. All students in Al Amanah College participated in cleaning up our school yard and playground. This was done in an initiative to highlight the importance of keeping our surrounding environment clean.

Miss Lalee



SPOTTED BEING GOOD

For the first time at Al Amanah College Bankstown, the students received a special award after being “spotted doing something good”, out in the playground. Every week, the teachers will be on the hunt to spot students who are doing the right thing. Congratulations to both Jehad Chamma (40) and Zakhiah Masri (KD) for being the first recipients.



THE BIG VEGIE CRUNCH

Did you know that only 5.4% of Australian kids eat enough vegetables? On Thursday 1 March at 11am, the whole of Al Amanah College Bankstown joined together in the fresh open-air to participate in 'The Big Vegie Crunch'. The playground was a sea of colour and smiles as children munched and crunched on their deliciously prepared vegetables. The Big Vegie Crunch is an exciting initiative by NSW Health. Its hope is to increase children's exposure, knowledge and positive attitudes towards vegetables. Thank you to all parents who packed vegetables for their children.

Welfare & PDHPE Committee



YR 1 TRAVEL BUGS INCURSION

The Year One students 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.

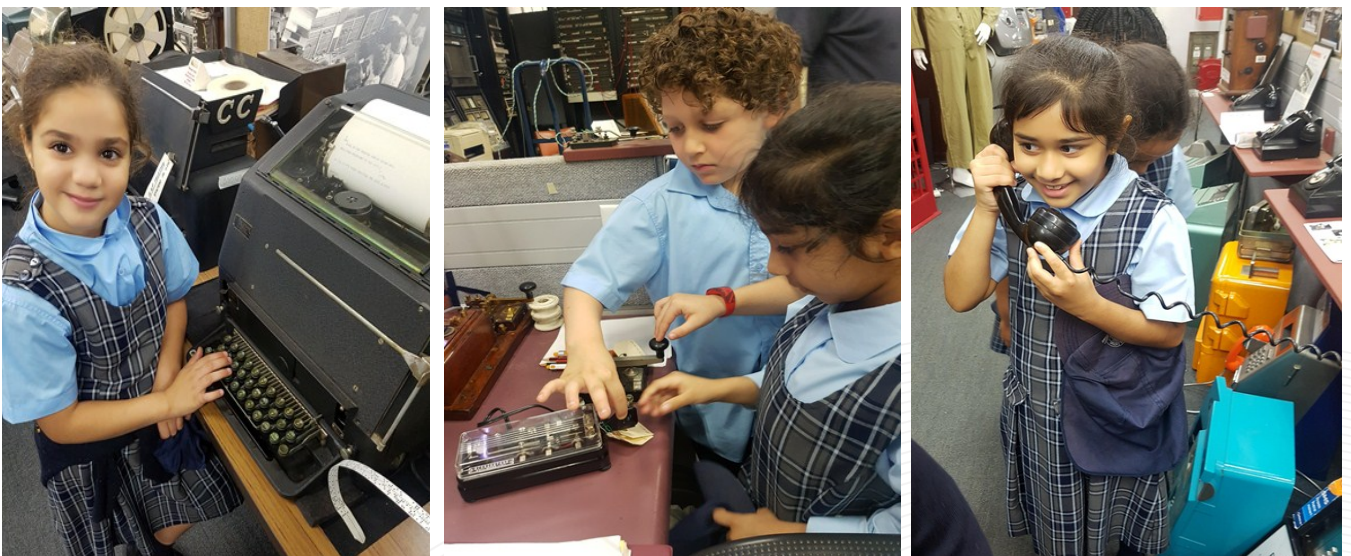
Mrs Jazzar & Ms Chami



YR 2 TELSTRA MUSEUM EXCURSION

Year 2 recently visited Telstra Museum as part of their History unit 'Getting your Message Across'. 2D and 2L loved exploring the different telecommunication devices and enjoyed the tour around the museum. Students were given the opportunity to have a hands-on encounter with Telstra's historical collection including a variety of telecommunications equipment and archival documentation. Students typed their name in morse code and were given a certificate with their morse code name printed on it. This helped students understanding of the past and present use of technology.

Miss Lalee & Miss Baburi



YR 4 ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

As a part of their “Plants in Action” Science unit, Year 4 went on excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens. They were able to explore the various gardens, plant sunflower seeds and get an inside look at the pollination display. It was a fantastic day and I encourage all parents to visit the gardens in the holidays!

Mrs Oueik



YR 5 STANWELL PARK

As part of the ‘Burning Issue’ Geography unit, the Year 5 students went on an excursion to explore areas affected by bush fires in Sydney. On the day, they learned to identify how disastrous a bush fire can be, by assessing first-hand the impacts on native vegetation and the damage caused to communities. Students dressed up as real fire fighters, played an Olympic style game based on what they learned from the ranger and fished out live insects from a small creek in the rainforest. The students had an amazing time!

A very big thank you to Mrs Mohamad and Mrs Abou-Ghaida for all their help on the day.

Miss Zahra



STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jaycob
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KA



Farah
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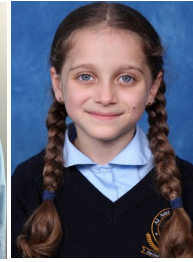
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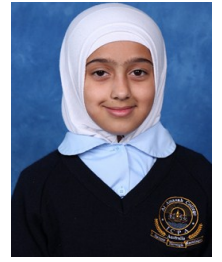
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TERM ONE HOLIDAYS

The College would like to remind all parents that the last day of Term One will be on Friday 13 April 2018. Please note the School office will not be opening during the Term 1 holidays. Classes will resume on Wednesday 2 May 2018.
Have a Safe Holiday



Nutrition Snippet

Cancer Council NSW

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box is here!

The task of packing a healthy school lunch is now easier with the launch of our exciting new Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au

The new website shows how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love.



It features an interactive lunch box builder that enables you to plan your kids' lunches on your phone, desktop or tablet - it's quick, easy and the kids will love helping too!

Healthy recipes and tips on adding more fruit and veg to lunch boxes will help set your child on a path of lifelong healthy eating to reduce their cancer risk.

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