



# AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

## NEWSLETTER

Issue 03

Monday 28 May 2018

## 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 Creator of all. I ask Him to enlighten our hearts with the knowledge of Holy Qur'an and endow upon us wisdom and kind exhortation. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect His nation from that which He fears for it.

### **RAMADAN MUBARAK**

I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to all students, families, staff, and community members on the Holy Month of Ramadan. Al Amanah College community welcomes this Holy Month with happiness and serenity. Ramadan is the month of patience and empathy and it is a great opportunity for all Muslims to do their best in obeying the Exalted Allah in every aspect of their lives. Also, fasting helps the Muslims to feel what the poor feel, and in this way one remembers to care for those less fortunate than oneself.

### **NAPLAN TESTS**

Testing was conducted from Tuesday 15 May - Thursday 17 May. The students completed tests in Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Students' results will be received in Term 3 and assists the school in gaining more under-

standing of how our students are progressing, as well as giving us extra important information that allows us to develop programs and activities that target areas of learning needs.

### **2019 ENROLMENT TIMELINE**

Al Amanah College is now accepting applications for enrolments for Kindergarten to Year 6 students. A child born between 1 August 2013 and 31 July 2014 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2019. Expression of interest forms may be downloaded from the school website or collected from the admin office at 2 Winspear Ave, Bankstown. Parents will need to complete and forward or drop the expression of interest form with the child's birth certificate, immunisation information and latest school report. Last day of accepting application is **Friday 29 June 2018**.

### **All the very best wishes**

Bassam Adra



## Dates to Remember

**Monday 28 May**

Year 6 Iftar

**Tuesday 29 May**

ICAS Science

**Tuesday 5 June**

Kindy Excursion

**Thursday 7 June**

Eid Present Stall

**Monday 11 June**

Public Holiday

**Wednesday 13 June**

ICAS Spelling

**Thursday 14 June**

ICAS Writing

**Friday 15 June**

Eid Ul Fitr TBA

**Tuesday 19 June**

Eid Fete

**Thursday 21 June**

Susannah Place

**Monday 25 June**

School Photo's

## RAMADAN MUBARAK

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم، الحمد لله الذي أنعم علينا بهذا الشهر العظيم، والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد الطاهر الأمين، وعلى إخوانه النبيين والمرسلين، وأصحابه وءاله الطيبين الطاهرين.

قال الله تعالى : {شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ}.

تحت شعار **رمضان سكون واطمئنان**، نظمت كلية الأمانة احتفالاً بمناسبة قدوم شهر رمضان المبارك لتلاميذها في بانكستاون، وذلك بحضور الأساتذة والاهل والطلاب يوم الخميس الواقع في 10-5-2018 من الساعة الثانية عشرة وحتى الساعة الواحدة ظهرًا .

اكتسب الاحتفال طابعاً خاصاً مليئاً بالبهجة والسرور، بينما كان بعض الأساتذة والتلاميذ يجهبون الأطعمة والحلوى والعصير التي أحضرها التلاميذ، كان البعض الآخر يعمل على تزيين المدرسة والصفوف باللوحات الرمضانية وغيرها من الزينة التي أظهرت الفرح بقدوم هذا الشهر العظيم . وهنا يجدر بنا أن نشكر الأهالي الكرام الذين قدموا للمدرسة حلويات وأطعمة خاصة لهذه المناسبة العظيمة .

كما أن الاحتفال تخلله باقة من الأناشيد الدينية العطرة وعروضاً لبعض التلاميذ من وحي المناسبة.

وفي ختام الاحتفال وُزعت جوائز للفائزين في المسابقات التالية:

1-مسابقة تلوين شعار رمضان للصفوف: التمهيدي والاول والثاني

2- مسابقة تصميم بطاقة تهنئة بمناسبة قدوم رمضان للصفين الثالث والرابع

3\_ مسابقة صنع مجسم للكعبة أو جامع للصفين الخامس والسادس



Al Amanah students celebrated 'Welcome Ramadan' on Thursday 10 May. Students contributed to a class picnic and helped decorate their classes for this special occasion. We would like to thank our generous parents for donating the delicious food. The variety of performances were well rehearsed and performed beautifully. Upper primary students participated in a model making competition of either a Mosque or the Kabaa which the parents judged. Middle primary students made Ramadan Mubarak cards for their families, whilst lower primary students enjoyed a colouring competition. Congratulations to all the winners.





## AL ISRA AND AL MI^RAJ

Praise be to Allāh the Lord of the worlds and may Allāh raise the rank of our Master Muhammad peace and blessings be upon him.

Allāh said in the Qur'an 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-Aqṣa in Jerusalem, which is surrounded by a blessed land. ]**

Al Amanah College Bankstown organised an event for celebrating the great Islamic Miracle of Al Isra' and Al Mi^raj. The celebration took place on Wednesday 11 April.

The celebration began with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, an insightful lesson given through a PowerPoint presentation about Al Isra' and Al Mi^raj, followed by a quiz about the miracle. Prizes were given to the winners of the quiz.

The celebration also included beautiful Islamic chants sung by the students, who happily participated.

At the end of the celebration, sweets were distributed to all students.



## ^Id Prayer and Recommended Acts on the Day of ^Id

^Id prayer can be performed in congregation, or individually any time between sunrise and noon. The best time of the *Eid* prayer is after the sun has reached the height of a spear (approximately 20 minutes from sunrise).

However if one missed it one should make it up. The *Eid* prayer is not preceded by the *adhan* (the call to announce the prayer time) or *iqamah* (the call to start prayer).

The one who performs the *Eid* prayer must satisfy the conditions and avoid the invalidators of prayer. The *Eid* prayer consists of two *Rak^ahs*.

It is initiated with *the opening takbir*, with the intention to perform ^Id Prayer with the *Imam*, followed by the opening supplication, and seven *takbirs*. In between each *takbir* of the seven *takbirs* one recites the following du^a':

"*Subhanallah, walhamdulillah, wala ilaha illallah, wallahu akbar*". Then one recites *al-Isti^athah* (seeking refuge with *Allah* from the *shaytan* by saying "*A^outhu billahi minash-Shaytanir-Rajeem*"), *Suratul-Fatihah* and *Surat Qaf* or *Suratul al-'Ala* alternatively. In the second *rak^ah* one says five *takbirs* before reciting the *Fatihah* followed by *Suratul-Qamar* or *Suratul-Ghashiyah*.

If one started with the *Fatihah* leaving out any or the entire *takbirs*, ones prayer is still valid, however one would miss out on the reward of the *takbirs*. Hence one should continue with one's prayer order.

After the prayer, it is recommended that the *Imam* delivers two speeches (same as the Friday speech) starting with nine *takbirs* in the first half of the *khutbah* and seven in the second.

The *Imam* should teach the people the rules of breaking the fast, visiting one's relatives, and other significant matters pertaining to *Eid*.

### Recommended acts on the day of Eid

- \* It is *sunnah* on the day of ^Id to have a bath before going to the prayer.
- \* To wear perfume.
- \* To clip one's fingernails.
- \* To wear the best of one's clothes.
- \* To take different routes to and from the ^Id prayer.
- \* To go early to the mosque excluding the *Imam*.
- \* It is *sunnah* to have a light snack such as dates or the like before going to the prayer.
- \* Walking to the prayer place.
- \* Saying *takbirs* of *Eid* is highly recommended after the sunset of the last day of *Ramadan* and remains until the *Imam* says the opening *takbir* of the ^Id prayer. This includes saying *takbir* in one's home, the market places, mosques, and the streets.
- \* Congratulating one another on the day of *Eid* is rewardable, as both *Ibn Hajar* and *Al-Bayhaqiyy* stated.
- \* It is *sunnah* to spend the night preceding the day of ^Id in acts of worship such as praying or the like. Prophet *Muhammad* (peace be upon him) used to pray ^Id prayer consistently as it is *sunnah mu'akkadah*.



The first *Eid* prayer that the Prophet performed was in the second year after the *Hijrah* (migration).



## Meaning of the Eid Takbirs

1. Allah is Great
2. No one is God except Allah.
3. Allah is Great and Praise is due to Allah.
4. Allah is Great.
5. Many praise is due to Allah.
6. Praise to Allah at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day.
7. No one is God except Allah
8. He fulfilled His promise and gave Victory to His slave.
9. He strengthened His soldiers and He alone defeated the Ahzab.
10. No one is God except Allah.
11. We do not worship anyone but Him.
12. Our worship is dedicated only to Him.
13. Even if the non-believers hate it.
14. We ask Allah to raise the status of (our master) Muhammad,
15. And the Al (Muslim wives and relatives) of our (master) Muhammad,
16. And the sahabah (Companions) of (our master) Muhammad.
17. And the Ansar (The people of Madinah who supported the Prophet) of (our master) Muhammad,
18. And the wives of (our master) Muhammad,
19. And the descendents of (our master) Muhammad, and save the (Muslim) Nation of (our master) Muhammad.
20. Oh Allah forgive me and my parents, and have mercy on them for the great efforts they exerted in raising me.



## زكاة الفطر وأحكامها

اعلم يا أخي المسلم وفقنا الله وإياك لطاعته أن الفرائض هي أفضل ما يُتقرب بها إلى الله عز وجل ومن جملة هذه الفرائض المتعلقة بشهر رمضان زكاة الفطر. وزكاة الفطر تجب بإدراك جزء من رمضان وجزء من شوال بأن كان حياً عند غروب شمس آخر يوم من رمضان. وعلى هذا تجب على الولي عن المولود الجديد الذي وُلد آخر أيام رمضان وأدرك جزءاً من شوال.

والمسلم يُخرج زكاة الفطرة عن نفسه وعن من عليه نفقتهم إن كانوا مسلمين.

ومن كان له أبوان مسلمان فقيران وجب عليه أداء الزكاة عنهما.

ويجب على الرجل المسلم فطرة زوجته وأولاده الذين هم دون البلوغ. وأما الابن والابنة البالغين فلا يجب على الأب دفع زكاة الفطر عنهما وإنما يؤدي الولد البالغ عن نفسه إن استطاع وإن لم يستطع جاز لأبيه أن يدفع له أو عنه بإذنه.

وإنما تجب زكاة الفطر على من عنده مالاً فاضلاً عن دينه وكسوته ومسكنه وقوت من عليه نفقتهم يوم العيد وليلته. وأما مقدار الزكاة التي يجب إخراجها عن كل واحد صاعاً من غالب قوت البلد.

وفي بلاد الشام ونحوها يخرجون قدر ملء كفين معتدلين أربع مرات من القمح وهو المسمى بالصاع .

وعند السادة الحنفية : نصف صاعٍ من برٍ، أو دقيقه أو سويقه، أو صاع من شعير أو دقيقه أو سويقه أو تمرٍ أو زبيبٍ أو قيمة ذلك.

ولا بد من النية في أداء الزكاة وهو أن ينوي زكاة الفطر لقوله صلى الله عليه وسلم: **”إنما الأعمال بالنيات”** أي أن الأعمال الصالحة لا تكون معتبرة إلا بالنية.

وتُعطى زكاة الفطر لأي صنف من الأصناف الثمانية المذكورة في القرآن الكريم المستحقين للزكاة كالفقير والمسكين.

﴿إنما الصدقاتُ للفقراء والمساكين والعاملين عليها والمؤلفة قلوبهم وفي الرقاب والغارمين وفي سبيل الله وابن السبيل﴾

ويجب أداؤها قبل غروب شمس يوم العيد ويحرم تأخيرها عنه بلا عذر مع العلم بأنه يجوز دفعها في أول رمضان. ولكن يسن دفعها قبل صلاة العيد.

أخي المسلم، لم يبق من رمضان الكثير فهلاً وطدت نفسك إلى أداء الفرائض وفعل الخيرات والمبرات قبل أن يفارقنا شهر القرآن والبركات.

## Zakah of Fitr

The *Zakah* of *Fitr* is due on every Muslim who is alive part of *Ramadan* and part of *Shawwal* (the month after *Ramadan*.) According to *Imam ash-Shafi'iy*, the due *Zakah* for each is a “*sa*” or four “*mudds*” (the fill of a pair of average-sized hands cupped together) of the most common staple food of one's area. However, according to *Imam Abu Hanifah*, the due *Zakah* is three “*mudds*” of wheat or six “*mudds*” of dates, barley or raisins. Alternatively one may pay the value of these “*mudds*”. **In Australia , it is estimated to be about \$ 5.00 (Year 2018)**. One intends that any amount in excess of the due *Zakah* is given as a charitable donation.

It is an obligation upon the Muslim to pay the due *Zakah* for one and one's Muslim dependants if on the day of the Feast of *Fitr* (*ʿId-ul- Fitr*) and the night after it one has enough to meet one's debts, clothing, lodging, and sustenance, and the sustenance of those whom one must support.

The man must pay the *Zakah* of *Fitr* for his wife, non-pubescent children, and poor Muslim parents. He may not pay for his pubescent children or solvent parents without their permission. It is permissible to pay the *Fitr Zakah* any time during *Ramadan*, even on the first night. However, it is recommended to pay it during the day of the Feast and before the *ʿId* Prayer, because this mends the hearts of the poor people before the Prayer. It is prohibited to delay paying the *Fitr Zakah* until after the sunset of the day of the Feast without an excuse.

### Recipients of Zakah

For all types of *Zakah*, the intention is obligatory upon setting one's *Zakah* portion aside or paying it to the deserving people. *Zakah* must be paid to the eight categories of Muslims deserving of *Zakah* as mentioned explicitly in the *Qur'an* (*at-Tawbah*, 61):

﴿ إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَاتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَامِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَالْغَارِمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ ﴾

1. Those (who are poor) who earn less than half their basic needs (*al-fuqara*);
2. Those (who are poor) who earn half, but less than what meets all their basic needs (*al-masakin*);
3. The *Zakah* workers who are assigned by the caliph (*al-ʿamiluna ʿalayha*);
4. The new converts to *Islam* whose hearts are to be reconciled (*al-mu'allafatu qulubuhum*);
5. The slaves who are short in satisfying their contract for purchasing their freedom from their owners (*ar-riqab*);
6. Those who are unable to pay their debts (*al-gharimun*);
7. The volunteer fighters (*fi sabilillah*);
8. The travellers who do not have enough to enable them to reach their destination (*ibn-us-sabil*).

It is neither permissible nor valid to pay *Zakah* to other than those eight types of Muslims specifically mentioned above. Hence, it is not valid to pay *Zakah* to any charitable project, hospital, or the like.

**May Allah accept your deeds in this Blessed Month, and may Allah make this Ramadan a fruitful and joyous month for the Muslims at large.**



## SRC TREETOPS EXCURSION

The SRC TreeTops Excursion, held on Thursday 12 April, was all about being active, testing limits, supporting peers, having fun and getting up close with nature.

TreeTop Adventure Park provided our SRC students with an amazing and unforgettable team building adventure.

As students climbed, weaved and flew through the tree tops, on various rope courses, they supported and encouraged one another through wobbly bridges, rope ladders, tunnels, cargo nets and zip lines.

They were able to discover; new friendships, courage as some students overcame a fear of heights, self-worth as adrenalin hit and their growing confidence sky rocketed and appreciation as they explored the natural environment from a unique perspective high above the tree tops.

Our SRC's behaviour was exceptional and they deserve to be commended on their ability to encourage one another and work together towards a shared goal.

SRC Committee



## YEAR 3 FIELD OF MARS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 4 April, 3M and 3S 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.



## YEAR 2 CHICKS R US INCURSION

As part of the science program, 'Lifecycles', Year 2 held an incursion called Chicks R Us. 2L and 2D were able to interact with chicks as they watched them hatch and grow in the 2 week process. This enabled students to engage in real life learning as they were able to view the life cycle of chickens from the comfort of their classroom. Students were responsible and caring and should be proud of how well they handled taking care of the chicks!



## YEAR 6 GALA DAY

On Wednesday 4 April, Al Amanah Bankstown's Year 6 participated in a Soccer Gala Day along with Al Amanah Liverpool and Salamah.

Sporting our new jerseys, students took part in exciting 7a-side games throughout the day. Both boys and girls teams showed great enthusiasm, each recording a win.

The girl's team progressed through to the semi-finals, however were unfortunately eliminated.

Overall, it was a highly enjoyable day, with many wonderful reports about our student's lovely behaviour and sportsmanship. They proudly represented Al Amanah Bankstown. Well Done!

PDHPE Committee



**SPORTING SCHOOLS — HOCKEY**

This term we were lucky enough to have coach Andy from Hockey NSW, come out and teach the Kindergartens and Year 1's various skills and knowledge to play hockey.

Students build on each week's skills and are challenged with various games to assist them to play at their fullest potential.

Students are enthusiastic participants and look forward to their sports day.



**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

This year, students at Al Amanah College participated in Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its 19th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event where all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Well done to all students who participated in the event and walked to school safely.





## YEAR 1 'STORYTIME DELIGHTS'

On Tuesday 22 May, Year 1 had an incursion held by Blue Whale Theatre. In class we have been studying Drama and to assist students with the skills they need to perform in front of an audience, our host Therase performed the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Students were involved and entertained as they answered questions and participated.

Mrs Jazzar & Ms Chami



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Students at Al Amanah participated in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23 May.

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read.

This year, the students watched a reading of "Hickory Dickory Dash" written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood. Some of the students used finger puppets to retell the story, completed a find a word and cut out chatterboxes based on the story.

The English Committee

## GET READING RIGHT

'Get Reading Right' is a synthetic phonics program that is being implemented at our school in grades K-2. On Tuesday 3 April, Mr Justin Cabin from Educational Dynamics, visited our school to hold demonstration lessons in the lower primary classrooms. The students enjoyed the lesson while teachers were able to gain effective techniques to implement in their phonics lessons.

For parents who are interested in assisting

their child's development in mastering the phonemes, the following websites and apps that can be recommended:

- Phonics Hero (website)
- Dinosaurs Letter Lite (app)
- Reading Magic 1 (app)
- Phonics Genius (app)





# Sydney EID FESTIVAL 2018

SATURDAY

16 JUNE

SUNDAY

17 JUNE

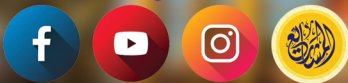
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