

# 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 endow upon us wisdom and patience. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect his nation from that which he fears for them.

First of all, I would like to extend my deepest condolences and sincere sympathies to the family of Abou Lokmeh family for their great loss of their beloved daughter "Our year 6 student **DALAL**" who passed away as a result of tragic buggy car accident. May Allah bestow His mercy upon her pure soul and enlighten her grave. We ask our exalted God to grant her family, friends and teachers patience and unite us in Paradise with her in the Hereafter.

I have the pleasure also to extend a special welcome to our new families who joined us for the first time in 2019 and I appreciate the decision they made to entrust much of the responsibility for their child's education to the dedicated and professional staff at Al Amanah College and I hope that your time with us is beneficial and vitalizing.

I would like also to welcome our new staff Mrs Dib & Mrs. Alsheikh who have actively joined us with full energy and enthusiasm for the new school year. Also, a particular welcome back to Mrs. El Zahab and Miss Rouhaifa who came back this academic year to participate again with their colleagues in the learning development of our students.

### School Announcements

Again, we emphasize on the partnership between school and home since we consider it as vital in the

learning journey of each child and it will strengthen the communication between students, parents and school, and consequently we remind you to provide the following:

- The current email address so that we can send you the school newsletter or the like.
- Inform the administration office in writing whenever your child is absent.
- Inform the admin and the class teacher if there are any changes to your child's medical condition.
- Update your contact phone numbers, address and employment details if there are any changes.
- Approach our teachers, coordinator and principal if you have any concerns about your child.

Another very important and urgent reminder to all parents and carers to use all precautions about the safety of students and comply with the following:

- Reduce speed limit to avoid any tragedy.
- **Drop off your children and move immediately** to diminish the traffic congestion in the parking area.
- **Do not go to the assembly area or wait in the playground area** to give other parents a chance to drop off their children in the parking area.
- All parents are requested not to leave their children unattended in the car.

Best Wishes for the new school year

Principal

B. Adra



## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday 5 March

Y2 Telstra Museum Excursion  
PRC Begins

### Thursday 7 March

SRC Induction

### Tuesday 12 March

Y1 Centennial Parklands Excursion

### Tuesday 12 -Thursday 14 March

NAPLAN Trials

### Thursday 14 March

SRC Breakfast

### Friday 15 March

National Day Against Bullying and  
Violence

### Monday 18 March

3S and 3/4STaronga Zoo Excursion

### Tuesday 19 March

Kindy Calmsley Farm Excursion

### Wednesday 20 March

4E Royal Botanical Gardens Excursion

Y5 Bushfire Museum Excursion

### Saturday 23 March

NAPLAN Preparation Session 1

### Wednesday 27 March

Y6 Gala Day

### Thursday 28 March

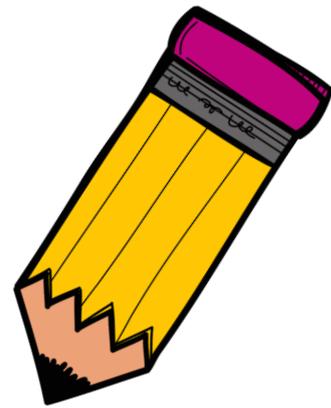
Y6 Centennial Parklands

### Saturday 30 March

NAPLAN Preparation Session 2

## 'MEET THE TEACHER' MORNING

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who gave up their time to attend our parent information sessions. The 'Meet the Teacher' sessions were held in our lower primary classes during Week 5. Kindergarten on Monday, Year 1 on Tuesday and Year 2 on Wednesday. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents and caregivers who did not attend. It is important that you attend scheduled meetings as it is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and contribute to your child's educational program.



## SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are from 8:20 am - 3:30 pm. All students must be at school at 8:20 am and any pattern of continuous lateness, even if a late note is obtained, will result in the school calling the parents for an interview. Students need to be punctual to school in order for them to participate in the morning supplications and assembly. Lessons begin at 8:40am. Students who arrive after roll call ends will need to obtain a late note from the office. These students will miss out on class time and this will affect their overall learning. It is also disruptive for the students who are punctual. We ask for your cooperation to ensure your child arrives on time in order to maximise his/her learning.

## PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

Ways you might get involved:

- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help with school excursions
- help with school events

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Let us know if you have any special circumstances. Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Please inform your child's class teacher or the Principal about any changed circumstances so that your child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, a separation or divorce or the death of a loved one.

## PRESCRIBED MEDICINE

If at any time your child requires prescribed medication to be administered at school it should be brought to the Office. School Administration staff will supervise the taking of medication. Students are not allowed to administer their own medication or hold medication in their school bag. A completed medication form (available at the office) should also accompany all medication. Medication should only be brought to school for students if it is unable to be taken before and after school. It is hoped that medication to be taken three times a day is given before school, after school and in the evening. The medication must be sent to school in the original packaging and will only be administered if correct paperwork has been completed and the medication has your child's name printed on the prescription label.



## PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION



In order to achieve the very best education for your child, it is imperative that you keep in close contact with the classroom teacher. If you have any concerns relating to your child's progress, you are reminded that the first point of reference is the classroom teacher.

We like to have strong communication with our families. Please ensure that if there is ever an issue to follow the correct procedures :

1. Talk to your child's classroom teacher first.
2. If not resolved, please see the Executive member of staff responsible for the area of concern i.e. Mrs Jalloul (English Curriculum), Mrs Ismail (Arabic Curriculum), Sheikh Abdullatif Nachar (Religion).
3. If still unresolved, please make an appointment to see the Principal.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As a part of school policies, students are required to attend school with correct school uniform and proper haircuts. Teachers will be checking students' uniform every morning. Students found wearing incorrect uniform or with inappropriate haircuts will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted and asked to either bring the correct uniform or take the student home.

We have noticed there has been a number of students who are purchasing school trousers from the local department stores such as Kmart and Big W. It is important that school uniform is purchased from the front office to ensure our student body look very smart and professional. This allows students to feel a sense of belonging and pride.

Please ensure your child labels all items of clothing. Lost property items are located on the hangers under the assembly area. Many of the items are new and very costly. We have numerous items such as jumpers and hats. Please ask your child to check through lost property carefully.



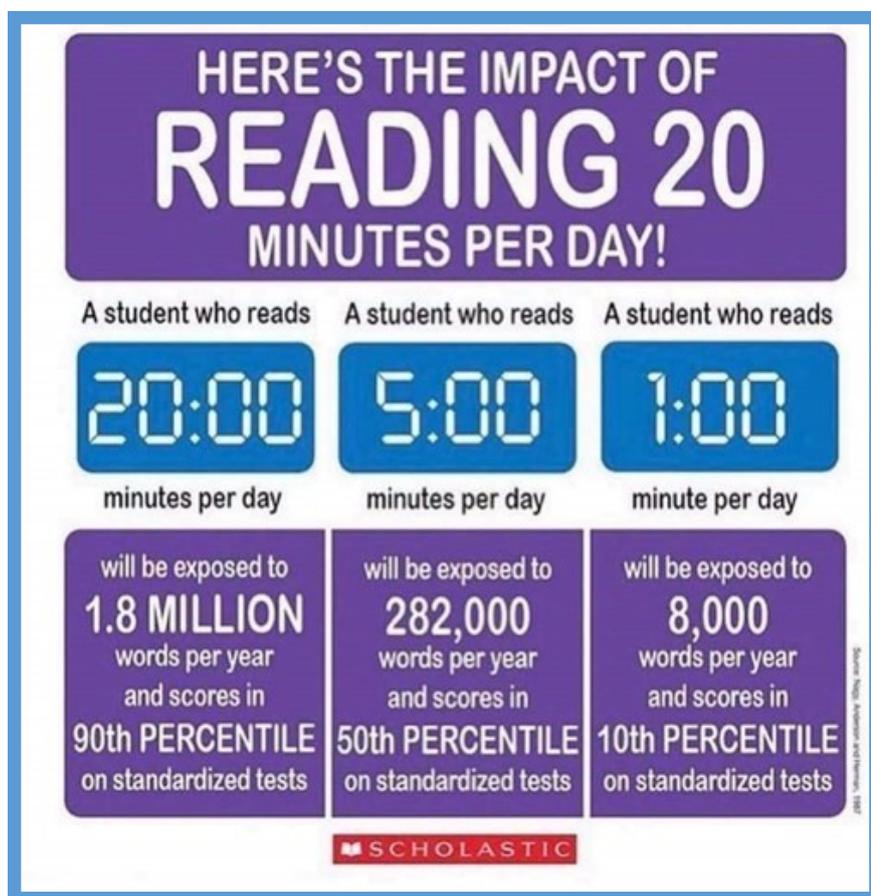
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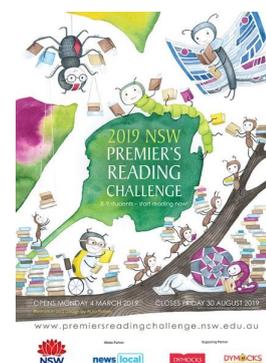
For more information about our uniforms please contact us on (02) 9708 1220

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE –PRC



The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.



## MATHLETICS



Your child is using Mathletics as part of their mathematics program at school. Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource, which is aligned to curriculum standards. Your child has take-home access to Mathletics – they simply sign in with their school username and password using any compatible computer or mobile device.

The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Encourage them to achieve a weekly target of 1000 points to earn a certificate, building through bronze, silver and gold across the school year. Go for gold!

Sign up for FREE progress updates in 3 easy steps:

1. Visit [www.mathletics.com/parent](http://www.mathletics.com/parent)
2. Complete the form and click "Submit"
3. Look out for a weekly progress email in your inbox at the beginning of each week

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2018

On Monday 10 December 2018, Year Six students attended their end of year graduation for the final time as primary students. The day was filled with excitement and there was not a dry eye in sight, with smiling faces from parents, teachers and family members who came together to celebrate this occasion. The formalities began with the MC Mr Jamleoui introducing Ahmad El-Saj for a beautiful Qur'an recitation from the Holy Qur'an.

This was followed with the College's Head Principal; Mr Mohamad El Dana, who delivered a speech emphasising on the school equipping the students with the true teaching and methodology of Islam in accordance to the rules of religion. This can be greatly attributed to the hard work and dedication of the Al Amanah College Religion and Arabic department which guides the students to a path of moderation free from extremism. Mr El Dana reflected on the 2018 academic year and congratulated Year Six students on completing seven years of their primary studies and wished them the best of luck in their secondary school.

This was proceeded with a religious lesson by the school's religious advisor, Sheikh Ibrahim Alshafie, who spoke about the importance of acquiring the Islamic knowledge from the right source such as Al Amanah College. In addition, he stressed on the importance of spending our time wisely and advised parents and students to seek the obligatory knowledge through joining the circles of knowledge by attending religious lessons during the school holidays. The School's Religious Advisor Shaykh Ibrahim Alshafie congratulated the Year Six students on their success in completing their journey spanning seven years of schooling.

The graduation ceremony continued with a selection of speeches from various staff members and Year Six graduates. A video was played which projected and showcased the school's twenty years of achievements since its humble beginnings. Year Six then lit up the room with their amazing performance and were excited to collect their graduation certificates, along with those who achieved various awards in different categories. The most eagerly anticipated event of the morning was the award ceremony which highlighted student's achievements during 2018 academic year based on either their academic, sporting and extra-curricular participation.

### End of Year Award Recipients:

#### Parent-Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs Margaret Oweck

#### Gold PRC Award

Asiyah Kanj

#### Platinum Award

Aya Jalloul

#### Jason Clare community Service Award

Abu Baker Istanbuli

#### Tania Mihailuk—Civics and Citizenship Award

Maysa Oweck & Elham Charani

#### Tania Mihailuk—Most Improved Award

Uzayr Aboulhaf

#### Sport Awards

Walid Haddad & Zakaria Ahmed

#### Values Award

Maryam lali & Jinan Saleh Moussa

#### Consistent Effort Award

A diba Yasmin & Aya Jalloul

#### Achievement Awards

Malak Hamdash, Abir Al Nachar &

Rami Shahin

#### Principal Awards

Rawan Iniazi & Asiyah Kanj



The day ended on a sugar high with plenty of cake and biscuits to go around. We congratulate Year Six on finishing

# 2018 YEAR 6 GRADUATION



## K-5 PRESENTATION DAY 2018

Congratulations to all the primary students for completing the school year. Years K - 5 Presentation Day was held on Wednesday 12 December 2018. The formalities began with the MC, Mrs Jalloul introducing Benyamin Jalloul for a beautiful Qur'anic recitation of the Holy Qur'an. This was followed by a speech from the school principal Mr Adra and a religious lesson by Sheikh Abdullatif Nachar.

A video was then played which projected and showcased the school's twenty years of achievements since its humble beginnings. The students presented short performances showing casing their talents and awards were given to students in the categories listed below. It was successful presentation day to mark another successful year at Al Amanah Bankstown.

### Parent Awards- Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs Korhani, Mrs El Halabi, Mrs Abou Ghaida, Mrs Aassar, Mrs Rashid, Mrs Awad, Mr Chamma, Mrs Serhan, Mrs Alsharhani, Mrs Mohammad, Mrs Hamdash, Mr Weaver, Mrs Alkhair, Mr Sidaoui, Mrs Abbass, Mrs El Swaissi, Mr and Mrs Istanbuli, Mr Ismail

### Premier Reading Challenge Gold Certificate

Noah Jalloul (3M), Zara Moksasi (3M), Abdelrahman Hassanin (3S) & Yassin Abdel Sadig (5Z)

### Tania Mihailuk—Civics and Citizenship Awards

Kindy - Muniba Hassan & Zahra Rifai

Year One - Sofiya Najjar & Zeina Istanbuli

Year Two - Elias El Saj & Manha Khan

Year Three - Rukaya Zrayka & Razan El Rifi

Year Four - Rayyan Saeed

Year Five - Shayma Awad

### Tania Mihailuk—Most Improved

Kindy - Farah El Jebilei & Eleen Al Loubany

Year One - Zein Abou Ghaida & Yara Al-Ghandour

Year Two - Liana Abu Lebdeh & Mohamed Labbade

Year Three - Sherihan El Halabi & Ali Abou Ghaida

Year Four - Lina Kalash

Year Five - Reanna Mohamad

### Sport Awards

Kindy - Adam Abdel Razzak & Elias Marabani

Year One - Taha Tamer & Abdulrahmen Ismail

Year Two - Serene El Kassar & Jalal Chehade

Year Three - Yousuf Kanj & Gami Gami

Year Four - Jihad Chamma

Year Five - Mahdi Abou Ghaida



## K-5 PRESENTATION DAY

### Values Award

Kindy - Jaycob Kaddour and Jenna Chehade

Year One - Mohamed Youla and Natali Mansi

Year Two - Layla Tamerji and Muhammed Azeem

Year Three - Sarah El Kassar and Ghaliya Istanbouli

Year Four - Safa Umair

Year Five - Reem Farran

### Consistent Effort Awards

Kindy - Zayna Ahmed, Aya Abu Lebdeh, Barra Jebriil and Abdulrahman Osama

Year One - Omar Mahfoud, Muhammad Jamous, Reyhana Serhan and Soofiya Nawaz

Year Two - Yara Haddad, Fatima Kamara, Ahed Abdelsadig and Amna Zafar

Year Three - Yamen Al Tarazi, Ammar Aboulhaf, Roba Hussein and Ahmad Al-Sharhani

Year Four - Humayl Siddiqui and Rama Dannoun

Year Five - Yashfa Abbas and Saba Tanai

### High Achievement Awards

Kindy- Jibril Elmir, Khadeejah Kassar, Shayma Korhani, Zakariah Masri, Mariam Irani and Zainab Taha Ali

Year One - Sidra Dannoun, Lilyan El Rifi, Mohammed Al-Jayashi, Mohammed Al Tarazi, Aaysha Reza and Muhammad Rayn Siddiqui

Year Two - Ayah El Swaissi, Mohamed Al Khair, Omar Lefevre, Jasmin Al-Sharhani, Aouni El Hares and Mohammad Sidaoui

Year Three - Muhammad Serhan, Awni Jebriil, Noor Syed, Aaisha Siddiqui, Adam Abou Khalifa and Muhammad Muqurab

Year Four - Muhammad Kassar, Leen Mansi and Fawaz Jamous

Year Five - Sama Jebriil, Nadine Abu Lebdeh and Yassin Abdelsadig

### Principal Award Recipients

KA - Ewan Matar and Giselle Zreika

KD - Majed Diab and Raghd Yassin

1C - Aya Hamze and Osmat El-Hawarneh

1J - Taha Alzubaydi and Nur Adriana Noreisham

2D - Arush Dewan and Ahym Jebriil

2L - Sewar Mansi and Sidrah Aboulghod

3M - Mahek Saiyyad and Aysha Awad

3S - Abdelrahman Hassanain and Zara Moksasi

4O - Yara Shahine, Maryam Farran and Sheikh Daiyan

5Z- Fazda Idad and Benyamin Jalloul

A big congratulations goes out to all the 2018 award recipients.





## STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Zayne Abdel Razzak

KA



Jowan Alzubaydi

KA



Khadeejah Kassar

1J



Yara Alghandour

2E



Elias El-Saj

3S



Maryam Farran

5A



Aisha Istanbuli

5A

## LUNCHBOX TIPS

It's important to pack a lunch box with food that's safe to eat to prevent food poisoning. Storing ingredients at the right temperature is the best way to keep food fresh. Foods such as meat, fish, poultry and eggs; cooked pasta, noodles and rice; and dairy items such as milk, yoghurt, custard and cheese need to be kept very cold.

- Use a cooler bag and ice brick to keep food cold in the lunch box.
- Or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.
- Freeze items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, yoghurt tubs and home-made muffins. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.
- Follow hygienic food preparation methods. This is especially important when food will be stored in the lunch box for several hours before eating.
- If preparing lunches the night before, store in the fridge or freezer.
- For food that has just been cooked, cool it in the fridge overnight before packing.



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