

# 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 Creator of all and to Him belong the endowments and proper commendations. I ask Him to bestow upon us guidance and wisdom. May Allah raise the rank of Prophet Muhammad, and protect His nation from that which He fears for it.

On behalf of Al Amanah College staff, I would like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the whole community of Al Amanah College on both glorious occasions of **Eidul-Adha AL Mubarak** and the **New Hijri year**. I ask our God the Almighty ALLAH to make this year full of tranquillity, peace, and happiness for all parents, students, staff members and all Muslims in the world.

We have commenced Term 3 with a buzz of exciting activities which have lots of fun associated with Islamic celebrations and educational events planned for the students this term; some of which are several incursions and excursions to different places, Eid Ul-Adha Fete, Book Week Parade and Science Week; in addition to the Gymnastic Program for all students who have been enjoying the benefits of regular exercise. Also, our teaching staff worked on the assessment of new kindergarten students for 2020. Thanks to all our teachers who exerted so much efforts to organise all the great activities which challenge our students' performance learning, knowledge and skills. We would like also to extend our thanks to the parent helpers for the great work they have been doing in supporting students and helping in our miscellaneous activities and we look forward to their continued support skills.

We are still in the process of refreshing our school and our main focus will be the further improvement of teaching and learning and provision of quality programs to ensure that all topics for each subject are covered and to enhance individual student learning outcomes. Hence, our students will continue to grow in knowledge.



All parents are again highly requested to ensure that their children arrive the school on time at 8:20 to catch the morning assembly and supplication. Lessons start at 8:30 and if students arrive after roll call ends, they need to obtain a late note from the office and consequently they will miss out on class time which will affect their overall learning. We need all students to be punctual to maximize their learning performance and nurture their productive future.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for their continuous cooperation, our dedicated teachers and our staff for their striving mission. I am looking forward to vitalizing supplemental partnership and healthy communication between our school and the whole community of Al Amanah College.

I wish you all the very best.

Yours Sincerely,  
Bassam Adra  
Principal

### Dates to Remember

**Thursday 5 September**

ICAS Science

**Monday 9 September**

Year 2 Waterwork

Year 3 Ranger Jamie

**Tuesday 10 September**

ICAS Writing

**Thursday 12 September**

ICAS Spelling

**Tuesday 17 September**

ICAS English

Meerkat incursion

**Wednesday 18 September**

Year 4 Elizabeth Farm

**Thursday 19 September**

ICAS Maths

**Thursday 26 September**

Public Speaking

**Friday 27 September**

Last Day of Term 3

**Monday 13 October**

Term 4 Day One

## الهجرة المباركة

بعد ثالث عشرة عاماً من مبعث النَّبِيِّ الأَمِين صلى الله عليه وسلم قضاهنَّ في الدعوة إلى دين الله تبارك وتعالى، جاء الأمر الإلهي بالهجرة إلى المدينة المنورة بنور الهدى المحمّدي، وذلك بعد أن هاجر قبله الكثير من أتباعه فاستجاب خير الخلق لأمر ربه وخرج يرافقه صاحبه الصّديق في هذه الرحلة المباركة التي كانت حدثاً تاريخياً مهماً و تحولاً كبيراً في مسارهذه الدعوة الحقّة، وأظهر الله تبارك وتعالى في هذا الحدث من المعجزات ما تُبَيِّنُ 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 النبويّة وهي التي شهدها أحد القفائين من قبيلة كنانة هو سُرّاقَة بن مالك، وذلك لما كان النَّبِيُّ المصطفى صلى الله عليه وسلم وصاحبه الصّديق في طريقهما إلى غار ثور متواريين عن أنظار قريش الذين خرجوا يريدون قتلها، ففي أثناء ذلك يلتقى أبو سفيان سُرّاقَة فيعرض عليه مائة من الإبل لقاء أن يَزِدَّ النَّبِيُّ صلى الله عليه وسلم وصاحبه إلى قريش، بعد أن أعلنَ بين مشركي قريش أن من يأتي بمحمّد صلى الله عليه وسلم له مئة من الإبل، فعقد سُرّاقَة النية على أن يستأثر وحده بالغنيمة وخرج يطلب النَّبِيَّ الأَمِين وصاحبه الصّديق.

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

وفي هذه الأثناء يقترب سُرّاقَة وهو يسمع قراءة النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم والصّديق يكثر من الالتفات يمنة ويسرة خوفاً من عدو يريد بصاحبه وحبيبه شرّاً، فيرى سُرّاقَة قد أدركهما ويُعَلِّمُ النَّبِيَّ بذلك فيدعو النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قائلاً: "اللهم اكفنا بما شئت وكيف شئت" رواه الإمام أحمد. وهنا تظهر إحدى معجزاته صلى الله عليه وسلم فتسوخ قوائم فرس سُرّاقَة في الأرض فيثب عنه خائفاً وقد علم أن لمطلوبه شأنًا عظيمًا عند الله. فيناديه سُرّاقَة ويسأله أن يدعو الله له قائلاً: "ادع الله أن ينجينى مما أنا فيه، فوالله لأعمين على من ورائي من الطلب" فيدعو خير الخلق صلى الله عليه وسلم ربّه فينقذ الله فرس سُرّاقَة، ويقترب متفكراً فيما حدث له، ويخبر النَّبِيَّ 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 سُرّاقَة إلى قريش فيجد الناس يلتمسون (يطلبون) رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فيقول لهم: "ارجعوا، فقد استبرأت لكم ما ههنا وقد عرفتم بصرى بالأثر" فرجعوا.

أسلم سُرّاقَة بن مالك سنة ثمانٍ للهجرة، وبعد انهزام الفرس في معركة القادسيّة وعودة جنود المسلمين قام سيدنا عمر بن الخطاب رضى الله عنه وألبس سُرّاقَة سوارى كسرى كما أخبر النَّبِيُّ الأعظم محمّد صلى الله عليه وسلم.

وتابع النَّبِيُّ محمّد صلى الله عليه وسلم رحلته مع الصّديق حتى وصلا إلى المدينة المنورة حيث كان المسلمون من أهل المدينة ينتظرون وصوله. ولما علما بوصول صلى الله عليه وسلم عمت الفرحة والسعادة وأشرقت المدينة المنورة بنور النَّبِيِّ الأعظم. وكانت الهجرة فاتحة خير وتأسيساً للدولة الإسلامية التي كانت منطلقاً لنشر الدعوة. وتعليم الناس أمور دينهم.

## 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*.

# الأحاديث الأسبوعية

## Hadiths of the Week

Be Happy

قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
تَبَسُّمُكَ فِي  
وَجْهِ أَخِيكَ  
صَدَقَةٌ.

T3 WK1

Which means:  
"Meeting your brother with a smile is rewardable"

قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "خَيْرُ بَقَاعِ الْأَرْضِ الْمَسَاجِدُ" رواه مسلم .  
which means: "The best of the places on Earth are the mosques".

T3 wk2

قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
"أَفْضَلُ الْأَيَّامِ يَوْمَ عَرَفَةَ" رواه ابن حبان

Which means:  
"the best day is the day of ^Arafah"

T3 WK3  
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قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
" لِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ عِيدٌ وَهَذَا عِيدُنَا " رواه البخاري

T3 WK4

Which means:  
For every people there is a ^Eid,  
and this is our ^Eid

قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
"مَاءُ زَمَزَمَ لِمَا شَرِبَ لَهُ" رواه ابن ماجه

Which means:  
"Zamzam water is useful for whatever purpose it is drunk"

T3 WK5

قال رسول الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
"لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعٌ" رواه البخاري

T3 WK 6

Which means:  
"The one who severs ties with his kin will not be amongst the first people who enter Paradise"

## SCIENCE WEEK

National Science Week is an annual event that is held at Al Amanah College every year. It increases students and communities understanding and appreciation for science, innovation, engineering and technology. Many students were involved in Science Week and created their own science projects from volcanoes to electrical circuits and so many others fascinating projects. We have such a great turn out this year and it was extremely hard to choose a winner.

### Winners of Science Week

Jibril Elmir – Fruit and Veggie Power

Jacob Kaddour – Solar Power

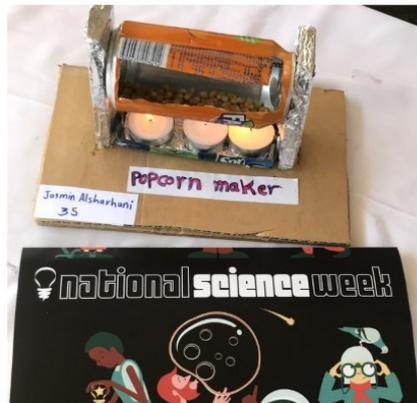
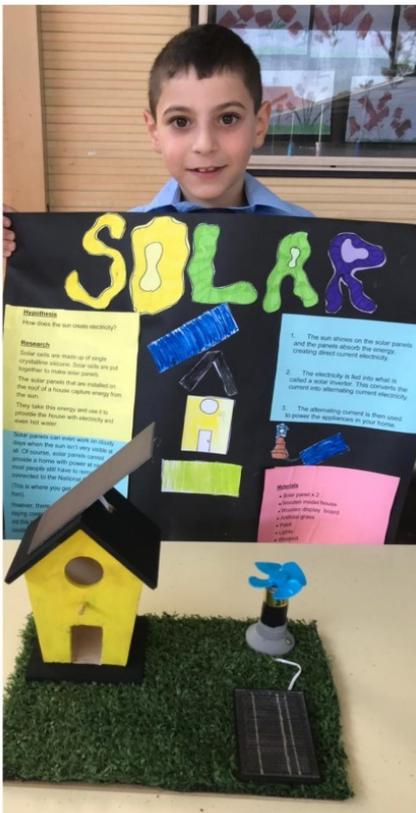
Jasmin Alsharhani- Popcorn Maker

Laiyla Jalloul- Bouncing Egg

### Runner ups

Aya Hamze- Electrical Circuit

Mahek Saiyyad- Science Lab



## SHOELACE TYING LESSON

This year our school participated in Ascent Footwear's shoe lace tying lessons. Ascent Footwear works closely with the Podiatry community and The Athlete's Foot to ensure they are meeting the needs of Australian school kids feet. Part of this commitment is educating students about a range of foot health issues from learning how to tie shoe laces to basic foot biomechanics.

The lessons were totally free and the children were presented with a tying certificate and 9 step guide so they can keep practicing at home!

For more information visit: <http://www.ascentfootwear.com.au/lace-tying-lesson/>



## GYMNASTICS

This term, students have been participating in a high quality gymnastics program run by 'Moving Bodies'. Through the use of a range of specialist gymnastics equipment such as balancing beams, bars and tramps, students have improved on their fundamental movement skills. Each week, students have learnt new skills in lessons that are both fun and challenging.

PDHPE Committee



## ^EID AL ADHA 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 الثلاثاء الواقع في 20-08-2019 احتفالاً بمناسبة عيد الأضحى المبارك بمشاركة الأهالي الكرام , تضمن الاحتفال الكثير من النشاطات الترفيهية والالعاب , بالاضافة 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 تتقدم 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

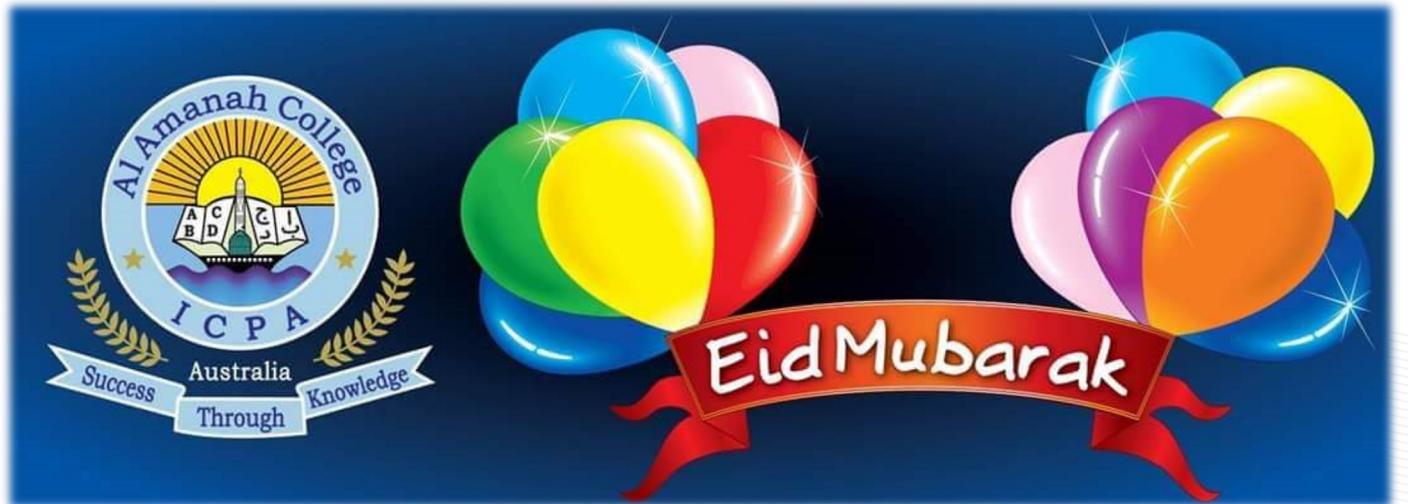
Al Amanah college organised a ^Eid Al Adha Fete which was held on Tuesday 20-08-19.

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.

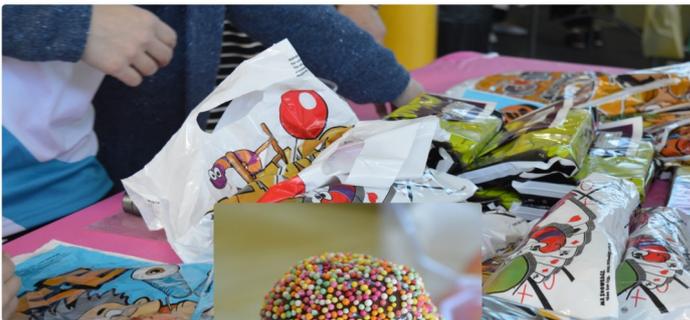
It was a fun and enjoyable day for everyone.

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

We welcome back the parents of the students of Al-Amanah College who have returned to their homes 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 with peace. Ameen.



# ^EID AL ADHA FETE



## BUILDING YOUR CHILD'S VOCABULARY

All parents want their child to do well in school. One way to help your child is to help them build their vocabulary. Beginning readers use knowledge about words to help them make sense of what they're reading. The more words a reader knows, the more they are able to comprehend what they're reading or listening to.

Talking to and reading with your child are two terrific ways to help them hear and read new words. Conversations and questions about interesting words ("The book says, 'The boy **tumbled** down the hill,' and look at the picture! How do you think he went down the hill?") are easy, non-threatening ways to get new words into everyday talk.

Sharing a new word with your child doesn't have to take a long time: just a few minutes to talk about the word and then focus back on the book or conversation. Choose which words to talk about carefully – choosing every new word might make reading seem like a chore. The best words to explore with your child are ones that are common among adult speakers but are less common to see in the books your child might read.

When introducing new words to your young learner, keep the following four helpful hints in mind:

**1. First, provide a simple, kid-friendly definition for the new word:**

***Enormous** means that something is really, really big.*

**2. Second, provide a simple, kid-friendly example that makes sense within their daily life:**

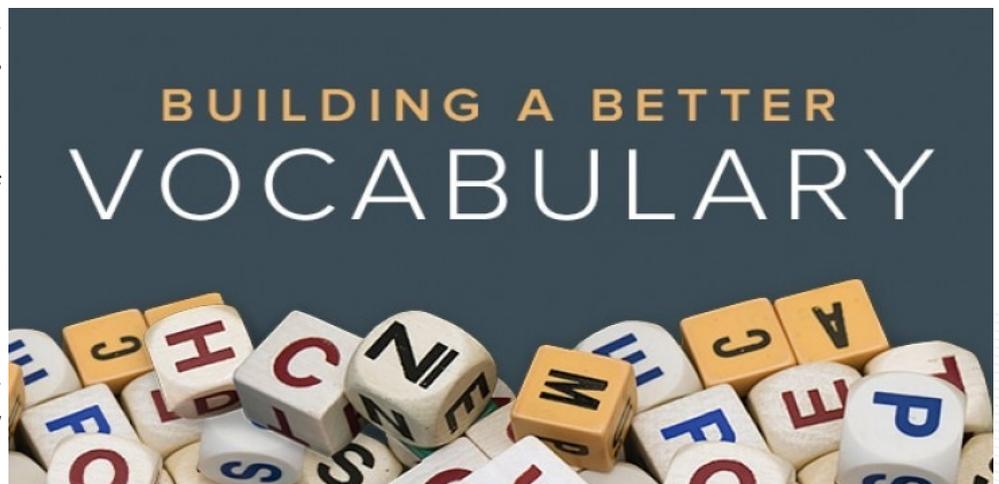
*Remember that really big watermelon we got at the grocery store? That was an **enormous** watermelon!*

**3. Third, encourage your child to develop their own example:**

*What **enormous** thing can you think of? Can you think of something really big that you saw today? That's right! The bulldozer near the park was enormous! Those tires were huge.*

**4. Last, keep your new words active within your house.**

Over the next few days and weeks, take advantage of opportunities to use each new vocabulary word in conversation. Take the time to share new words and build your child's vocabulary. You'll be **enormously** glad you did!



## VOCABULARY SESSION



This year, teachers at Al Amanah College have been participating in numerous professional development sessions about vocabulary.

Vocabulary is an important focus of literacy teaching and refers to the knowledge of words, including their structure (morphology), use (grammar), meanings (semantics), and links to other words (word/semantic relationships).

On Monday July, all teachers including Arabic staff members, attended a learning session at our Liverpool campus. AIS consultant's, Sandra Duggan and Ben Arber, engaged staff in a hands-on workshop to help analyse student writing samples and develop skills and strategies to help increase student's vocabulary. Teachers will continue to participate in professional development sessions throughout the year and implement understandings in the classroom.

## YEAR 1 FAIRFIELD MUSEUM

Year One visited Fairfield Museum on Tuesday 27 August and took a trip back to the future and experienced life in the past. Students participated in an 'old fashioned' lesson as they sat at their desks and learnt how to write with a nib pen and ink well. The Blacksmith's shop was the most exciting of all as they observed a Blacksmith, as he used a forge and anvil as well as a hot fire to show students how objects such as horse shoes were made. Year One had an exhilarating day with lots of hands on experiences and gained a lot of knowledge about life in the past



## BOOK WEEK

This year, our Book Week Character Parade was held on Thursday 22 August 2019. All students looked amazing in their costumes. We were fortunate to have the Year 1 students perform an entertaining play of 'Mrs Wishy Washy' by Joy Cowley. We are proud of all the students for putting so much effort into their costumes, with some students even coming dressed as vocabulary words!

On the day, students showed off their costumes at the Book Week parade with the presence of their parents. They were also engaged in small trivia questions based on classic children's books and received prizes for guessing questions correctly. Teachers also read some of the short listed books in class and students completed some exciting activities based on these books.

In keeping with the theme of 'Reading Is My Secret Power', our own school library, held a "Crack the Safe" competition. Students had to guess the 3-digit combination to reveal the secret treasure. Congratulations to Yara Alghandour for guessing the code.

As a final point, we would also like to congratulate 6O and 2M on winning the whole class prize for most effort and originality with costumes. They got to go on a mini excursion to Bankstown Library to watch a few performances and participate in some fun activities based on Book Week.

In our own school library, we held a "Crack the Safe" competition. Students had to guess the 3-digit combination to reveal the secret treasure!

The English Committee were so impressed with all the students on the day and we like to thank all the parents for their effort in helping their children participate in this annual event.

English Committee



## AL AMANAH COLLEGE SCHOOL APP

We are launching a new school app to improve the efficiency of communication to and from parents' and carers' mobile phones. The new School App, called 'Al Amanah College', for Apple (iOS 8 on the iPhone 4S or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (4.0 or later) devices.

The School App is free for you to download and, unlike standard text messages, the college won't incur a cost for alerts sent to you via the app; not only will it help us improve communication with you but it will help the college save money.

Alongside the usual "SMS" messaging service, School App also gives you access to your igloo portal which will give you information about your child's attendance, timetable, events such as excursions, outstanding fees, academic information and news & notices. You will also be able to view positive and negative incidents that are logged for your child (we will continue contact you directly regarding any serious incidents). We hope that you will find it a really useful way of keeping informed about your child's progress at the college.

We will continue to send more in-depth communication by email and sometimes by letter. If you do not have a smart phone, you will continue to receive standard text messages and you access your igloo portal using your computer.

If you have recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records. We will amend the details as soon as possible.

### **Downloading the app to your phone**

For new installation, the set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "Al Amanah College" in the Apple App Store or Google Play on your phone.
2. Install the app and,
3. As soon as you have the School App installed, you can view alerts, newsletters, general letters and forms, students will have direct access to Moodle, students and parents will have direct access to our Facebook page and your igloo portals.

If you have any question about the School App or if you are having difficulty logging in to your igloo portal, please contact the school via email: [admin@alamanah.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@alamanah.nsw.edu.au).

## STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Zarifa Hassan

Shayma Korhani

Aya Abu Lebdeh

Jemimah Saleem

Elias El-Saj

Sidrah Abouloghod

Miami Chehade

Moustafa Chamma

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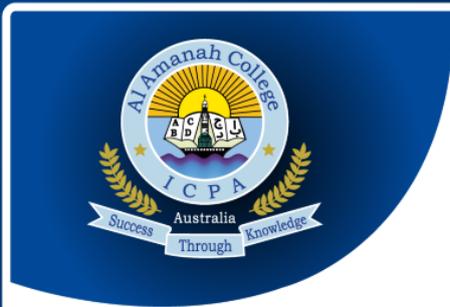
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