

AL AMANAH COLLEGE

Success Through Knowledge

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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.

As the final days of Term One draw to a close, I would like to inform you that the school is continuing to be closely monitoring the development of COVID-19 outbreak and remains alert by taking the necessary precautions/preventions in order to minimise the risk factors.

We would like to thank also our families for their continued cooperation and patience as the school manages the evolving situation of the COVID-19 outbreak. However, the School's Board and Executive Team are still meeting regularly to discuss the best possible response to the COVID-19 outbreak. As a precautionary measure, the management initiated an early conclusion of Term One. Our Kindergarten to Year Six students concluded term one on Friday 27 March 2020

All students must access the online learning systems in place to continue with their education until Thursday 9 April. At this stage, the school will reopen on Tuesday 28 April 2020 after the official Term One school holidays. We will confirm the School opening in the last days of school holidays through SMS, ClassDojo, the school's website, social media and igloo announcements. So please ensure you check the school's announcements before sending your child back to school in Term Two, 2020.

Friday 03 April 2020 Message from the Principal's Office

We highly encourage all parents to keep the line of communication open with our teachers via ClassDojo as it remains the effective method of communication between parents and staff. The school's advice to all parents is to remain



active in supporting their children with their online home learning experience and contact me for any issues you might be facing.

All these decisions have been made to protect the well-being of our staff and students and also to support our nation-wide initiative of self-quarantine to contain the possible spread of this virus. Our school community as of now, remains safe, Alhamdulillah. Our priority is to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff and their families. We ask all families to act wisely, maintain calm and keep communication open with the school.

On behalf of Al Amanah College staff, I would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to all students, families and friends on the approaching of the holy month of Ramadan. We ask Allah ta'ala to accept all of our good deeds and to gather us in Paradise with our beloved Prophet Muhammad, may peace be upon him.

May Allah protect our children, our families and our communities from any form of harm or abhorrent illness.

Yours Sincerely, Bassam Adra Principal

Dates to Remember

Thursday 9 April Last Day of Term 1 Friday 10 April **Public Holiday** Friday 24 April Ramadan TBA Monday 27 April Pupil Free Day **Tuesday 28 April** Students Day One Ramadan Timetable Begins Friday 20 May **Eid Present Stall** Friday 22 May Ramadan Timetable Ends Sunday 24 May Eid UI Fitr TBA



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 wellbeing. 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.



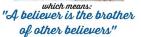
For more information about our uniforms please contact us on (02) 9708 1220

الأحاديث الأسبوعية HADITHS OF THE WEEK















BIG VEGIE CRUNCH

The Big Vegie Crunch is an attempt by NSW primary school students to break the record for the highest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously and to get kids excited about vegetables! Al Amanah College held a 'Big Veggie Crunch' event on 5 March. To get students enthusiastic about vegetables they created a veggie portrait using fresh and crunchy vegeta-

bles. They had an exciting and delicious time.





K-5 PRESENTATION DAY

Congratulations to all the primary students for completing the school year. Years K - 5 Presentation Day was held on Wednesday 11 December 2019. The formalities began with the MC, Mrs Jalloul introducing Ammar Aboulhaf 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.







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 Al Zubaydi, Mrs Hassan, Mrs Al Hussein, Mrs Badra, Mrs Abdallah, Mrs El Mir, Mrs Al Asmar, Mrs Aboulhaf, Mrs Souessi, Mrs Mohamad, Mrs Bintu Conteh, Mrs Haydar, Mrs Marabani, Mrs El Halabi, Mrs Korhani, Mrs Abou Ghaida, Miss Hijazi, Mr Chamma, Mrs Serhan, Mr Sidaoui, Mrs Awad, Mrs El Rifi, Mrs Haddara, Mrs Al Kheir, Mrs Azeem, Mrs Sohail, Mrs Hassanein

Premier Reading Challenge Gold Certificate Samir Moksasi 3S

<u>Tania Mihailuk—Civics and Citizenship Awards</u> Kindy - Kadiatu Mansaray & Teresa Turay Year One - Farah El Jebeili & Jenna Chehade Year Two - Abdulrahman Ismail & Saifan Huda Year Three - Manha Khan & Yara Haddad Year Four - Zuha Shaikh Year Five - Lena Khalash

Tania Mihailuk—Most Improved

Kindy - Amir Mehtedy & Rayhanna Al Asmar Year One - Adam Abdel Razzak & Bara Jebril Year Two - Rayan Hihi & Amina Chamma Year Three - Mohamad Labbade & Alveera Khan Year Four - Gami Gami Year Five - Muhammad Kasser



Sport Awards

Kindy - Samar Khalifa& Samir Almassri Year One - Zahra Rifai & Houda Hamdan Year Two - Zein Abou Ghaida & Rianna Moukhallalati Year Three - Yassir Zreika Year Four - Noah Jalloul & Amir Awad Year Five - Aisha Istanbouli

Values Award

Kindy - Ahmed Moukhallalati & Fatat Awad Year One - Mariam Twajj & Mariam Irani Year Two - Eshal Bilal & Zeina Istanbouli Year Three - Jalal Chehade & Mohamed Al Khair Year Four - Rukaya Zrayka Year Five - Humayl Siddiqui

Consistent Effort Awards

Kindy - Eshaal Ali, Zayne Abdel Razzak, Rana Gami & Saheera Khan

Year One - Raghd Yassin, Majed Diab, Adnan El Rifi & Omar Abouloghod

Year Two - Aysha Reca, Soofiya Nawaz, Muhammad Jamous & Saad Ur Rehman

Year Three - Samira Labbade, Ahmed Koteish & Sewar Mansi

Year Four - Ahmad Al Sharhani, Yamen Al Tarazi & Adam Abou Khalifa

Year Five - Jehad Chamma & Khader Aweek

High Achievement Awards

Kindy – Lamis Abdallah, Jowan Alzubaydi, Muhammad Zayyan Siddiqui, Eve Elmir, Elham Salim & Bilal Hamze

Year One - Ewan Matar, Zayna Ahmad, Hasan El Zok, Aya Abou Lebdeh, Jaycoub Kaddour & Abdulrahman Osama

Year Two - Mohamed Al Tarazi, Lilyan El Rifi, Sidra Dannoun, Taha Al Zubaydi, Adriana Noureisham & Rayn Siddiqui

Year Three - Abdul Zreika, Aouni Hares, Elias El Saj, Arush Dewan & Ayhm Jebril

Year Four - Razan El Rifi, Mahek Farkhanda Sayed, Abdelrahman Hassanein & Aysha Awad

Year Five - Rama Dannoun, Fawaz Jamous & Leen Mansi

Principal Award Recipients

KA - Mariam Koteish & Amir Mohammad Hihi

- KZ Ahmad Obeid & Fawaz Ardati
- 1D Jibril Elmir & Shayma Korhani
- 1J Giselle Zreika & Khadeejah Kassar
- 2E Reyhana Serhan & Osmat Al Hawarneh
- 2M Aya Hamze & Jannat Sader
- 3S Jasmin Alsharhani & Ahmed Abdelsadig
- 3/4S Ayah El Swaissi & Sidrah Abouloghod
- 4E Soukayna Zalghout & Awni Jebril
- 5A Yara Shahin & Maryam Farran



A big congratulations goes out to all the 2019 award recipients.

YEAR 6 PRESENTATION

Monday 9 December 2019, Year Six students attended their end of year graduation at the Bryan Brown Theatre for the final time as primary students. The day was filled with excitement with smiling faces from parents, teachers and family members who came together to celebrate this occasion. The formalities began with the MC, Mrs Oueik, introducing Moustafa Chamma for a beautiful Qur'an recitation from the Holy Qur'an.

This was followed with the College's Principal; Mr Adra, who delivered a speech emphasising on the school and advising students on what may lay ahead for them

Mr Nachar inspired the student's with a religious lesson followed by our amazing School Captains speeches that Benyamin Jalloul and Fazda Idad delivered to their peers.

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 our goals and dreams. 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. Mrs Jalloul and Mrs Sidaoui delivered the most eagerly anticipated event of the morning was the award ceremony which highlighted student's achievements during 2019 academic year based on either their academic, sporting and extra-curricular participation.



Parent-Certificate of Appreciation

Mrs Abou Ghaida, Mrs El Kheir, Mr Chamma, Mrs Mohamad, Mrs Zreika, Mrs Farran, Mr Weaver & Mrs Azeem

Platinum Award Laiyla Jalloul Benyamin Jalloul

Jason Clare community Service Award Miami Chehade

Tania Mihailuk—Civics and Citizenship Award Riyad Weaver

Tania Mihailuk—Most Improved Award Yusra Zraika

Sport Award Reem Hamdash

Consistent Effort Award Nadine Abu Lebdeh & Reem Farran

Achievement Awards Sama Jebril, Yassin Abdelsadig & Saba Tanai

Principal Awards Fazda Idad & Benyamin Jalloul

The day ended with a buffet of finger foods, cake and drinks. We congratulate Year Six on finishing their final year of primary school.





Parent- Certificate of Appreciation Mrs El Kheir, Mrs Farran, Mrs Zreika, Mrs Abou Ghaida, Mrs Azeem, Mr Chamma, Mr Weaver







SRC INDUCTION & BREAKFAST

Our SRC Induction took place on Thursday 5 March. It began with a presentation which outlined the roles and responsibilities of an SRC member. It also showed the accomplishments of the previous SRC members, in hope of inspiring and motivating the new SRC members.

This was followed by students being presented with their badge and reading their pledge. The induction concluded with students celebrating the day with their parents and light refreshments. Congratulations to our SRC members for 2020.

	Class Captains	Class Vice-Captains
3J	Taha Al Zubaydi Aya Hamze	Yahya Chamma Reyhana Serhan
3Z	Omar Mahfoud Jannat Sader	Mohammed Al Tarazi Lilyan El Rifi
40	Mohamed Al Kheir Sewar Mansi	Mohamad Labbade Sidrah Abouloghod
5A	Yamen Al Tarazi Rukaya Zrayka	Ghazwan El Osta Aysha Awad

School Captain	School Vice-Captain	
Fawaz Jamous	Yara Shahin	
Leen Mansi	Ahmad Mehtedy	
Year 6 SRC		
Aisha Istanbouli		
Rayyan Saeed		

On Tuesday 17 March our new SRC members enjoyed a welcome breakfast. We would like to thank the members and their families for a wonderful variety of breakfast options. We hope to have an amazing 2020 with this year's members.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday 28 & 29 January 2020, primary teachers from the Bankstown and Liverpool campus, attended a two-day professional development session on the synthetics program – IntiaLit. InitiaLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.



InitiaLit is designed to be implemented across the four terms of the school year. InitiaLit focuses on two main components:

1. Phonics, to systematically and explicitly teach the basic and advanced alphabetic code in a set sequence. In addition to learning letter-sound correspondences and how these are applied to reading and spelling, children will be introduced to common morphemes and simple grammatical concepts.

2. Vocabulary, oral language and listening comprehension through quality children's literature. Detailed lessons, including writing tasks, are provided for each of the storybook titles selected for use with the program. InitiaLit will be implemented in our Kindergarten classrooms this year followed by Year 1 in 2021 and Year 2 in 2022.

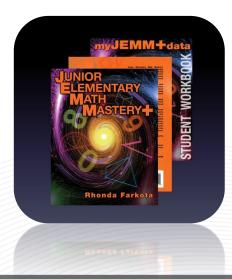


On Friday 21 February Mrs. Jalloul and Mrs. Oueik attended the Math Mastery professional development session with Dr Rhonda Farkota.

Dr Farkota, formerly a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Council for Educational Research (1998-2018), gave a practical overview of the Math Mastery Series programs Junior Elementary Math Mastery and Junior Elementary Math Mastery+.

The MMS consists of daily lessons composed of strands each starting at base level where foundations are laid. These strands proceed to build on the foundations moving through the particular concepts involved whilst all the time inter-relating with the other strands being run concurrently.

These programs will be implemented in Years 3-6 this year at Al Amanah College.



FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

On Monday 2 February 2020, Kindergarten started their first day of school. The students were welcomed by Mrs Jalloul and split into their KA and KE classes.

They waved goodbye to their parents and walked bravely into their classrooms. In the classroom, students were introduced to their class teachers' Mrs Achi and Mrs El Zahab and discussed how they were feeling on the first

day. All students did a fantastic job at expressing their feelings. They also had the chance to trace their name and sing some nursery rhymes.

Kindergarten students also enjoyed developmental play and socialising with their fellow class mates. By the end of the day all students had a smile on their face as they received their 'First Day of Kindergarten' award and pencil.

It was a very happy and successful first day for all the Kindergarten students.





YEAR 2 'CHICKS R US' INCURSION

As part of the science program, 'Lifecycles', Year 2 held an incursion called Chicks R Us. Students were able to interact with chicks as they watched it hatch and grow.

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!



Australian Government Department of Health

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Information for Schools and Early Childhood Centres

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in late December 2019.

On 1 February 2020, the Australian Government updated advice for people who have recently returned to Australia from mainland China based on the latest and best medical advice.

Can I attend school or early childhood centre?

In the following scenarios you can not attend school or childhood centre:

- If you have travelled from Hubei Province within the past 14 days, you must isolate yourself until 14 days have elapsed after leaving Hubei Province.
- If you have left, or transited through, mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 you
 must isolate yourself until 14 days after leaving China.
- If you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, you must
 isolate yourself for 14 days after last contact with the confirmed case.

In the following scenarios your child can attend school or early childhood centre:

- Students and staff who have travelled from other provinces of mainland China (and have not been in Hubei province) who arrived prior to 1 February 2020.
- Students and staff who have only been to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan.

By way of example,

- if someone left the city of Wuhan in Hubei Province on 22 January 2020 he/she is required to isolate until 6 February 2020.
- if someone left Shanghai on 28 January 2020 and comes to Australia via another country on 3 February 2020, he/she would **not be required** to isolate (as he/she left China **before** 1 February 2020).
- If someone left Beijing on 3 February 2020 and arrived in Australia the same day, he/she would be required to isolate for 14 days, until 17 February 2020.

If you develop symptoms (listed below) within 14 days of leaving anywhere in mainland China or within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, you should arrange to see your usual doctor for urgent assessment. You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them of your travel history or that you have been in contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus. Your doctor will liaise with Public Health authorities to manage your care. You must then remain isolated either in your home or a healthcare setting until Public Health authorities inform you that it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in mainland China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people currently infected live in, or have travelled to mainland China. There have been some cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath.

What if I have a student or staff member who is sick within 14 days of being in mainland China?

If the student/staff member develops mild symptoms:

- isolate the student/staff member in a single room away from others
- inform the parent/guardian or staff member and advise them to arrange an urgent medical review
- when possible, the student/staff member should be isolated at home while waiting for a medical assessment; and
- the parent/guardian or staff member should phone ahead to the GP or hospital and inform them that the student/staff member may have novel coronavirus.

If the student/staff member has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- call 000 and request an ambulance
- · if they are a student, inform their parent(s) or guardian(s) and
- inform the paramedics that the student/staff may have novel coronavirus infection.

Staff and students with symptoms should be excluded from attending schools and early childhood centres until symptoms have resolved. If they have been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV they should not attend school or childcare until they are cleared by public health authorities. If staff or students have other respiratory illness (i.e. flu), they should not attend school irrespective of whether there is a concern about 2019-nCoV.

How can we help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. Encourage all children and staff to:

- wash their hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet;
- · avoid contact with others by keeping children home if they are unwell; and
- cough and sneeze into their elbow.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the Australian Government Department of Health homepage at www.health.gov.au.

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

Discuss any questions you have with the Public Health Agency monitoring you.

Contact your state or territory public health agency:

- ACT call 02 5124 9213
- NSW call 1300 066 055

STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Adem Dlakic





Samir Bashir





Abdurrahman Osama 2M

Elias Marabani



Talia Lebde KA

KE



2M



Aya Hamze



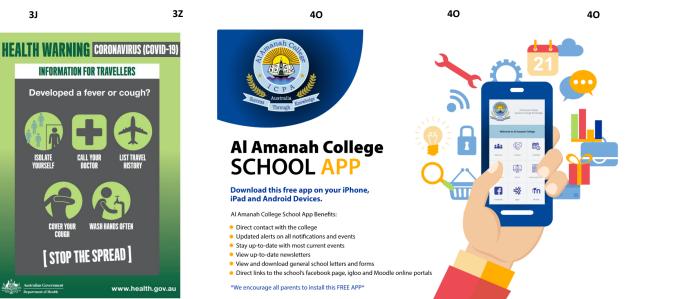


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