



# AL NOORI NEWS

## Al Noori Muslim School

**Our mission is for all students to be empowered, resilient and future-focused.**

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**BACK TO SCHOOL – SMILES AND LAUGHTER AT THE SCHOOL GATE**

**Dear Parents/ Caregivers,**

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

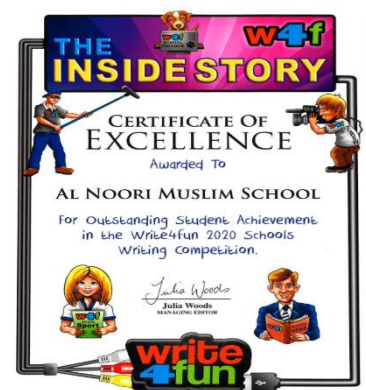
We again thank you for your ongoing support, patience, and encouragement during this period of ever changing routines and restrictions. It has been a difficult time for us all in so many ways. The good news is that there is light at the end of the tunnel, as we see further restrictions being removed in NSW. Ensuring meaningful learning experiences for our children is always at the forefront of our thinking, planning and systematic delivery of curriculum. A real positive outcome of the COVID-19 situation has been the flexibility and adaptability demonstrated by our staff and parents in developing their own capacity through their incredible commitment. Moving forward, we will continue to leverage technology to enhance our programs and work with our parents and school community to achieve our school mission of developing students who are empowered, resilient and future-focused.

**Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is a Public Holiday. We wish all families a safe and happy long weekend.**

### WRITE4FUN COMPETITION

This year our primary students participated in the Write4Fun competition. In May 2020, Write4Fun announced that Al Noori Muslim School had 10 or more students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2020 Schools Writing Competition.

**Our school was recognised for outstanding student writing as less than 5% of schools showed this level of achievement.**



## WHOLE SCHOOL

### ATTENDANCE

Parents are kindly reminded to provide medical certificates or written and signed notes justifying absence when their child is away from school. Please provide the note/s upon return to school.

### PUNCTUALITY

All students must be at school on time for morning assembly. Assembly is an important aspect of your child's day.

Primary bell: 8:30am      High School bell: 8:25am

### EARLY LEAVE

Parents wishing to pick up their child/ren early are required to complete an early leave pass at the administrative office. Please note, children must be picked up before 2:30pm and not during break times.

### APPROVED LEAVE

All students must have approved leave before any travel plans for more than 3 days. Not seeking approval by the principal, may jeopardise your child's enrolment at the school. Leave forms may be collected from the front office. Leave will not be approved during examination periods.

### START AND FINISH TIMES

Year Groups	Start Times	Dismissal Times
Kindergarten	8:40 am	2:45 pm
Years 1 - 2	8:35 am	3:00 pm
Years 3 - 5	8:30 am	3:15 pm
Year 6	8:30 am	3:15 pm
Years 7 - 9	8:25 am	3:30pm
Years 10 - 12	8:25 am	3:30pm

### ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

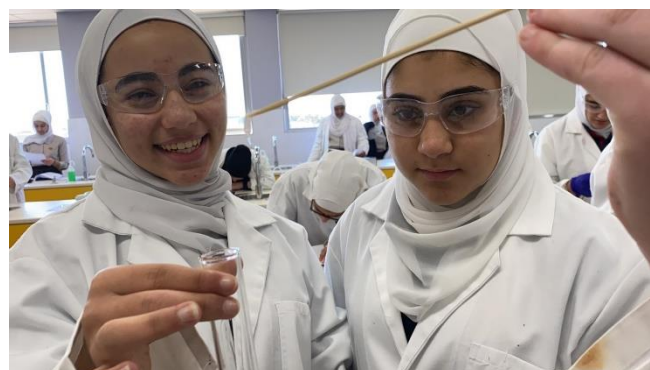
Parking/Driving: Please ensure you park in designated areas only. Driving or parking illegally puts our students at risk. The speed limit on the school grounds is 5km/h. The speed limit around the school zones is 40km/h. Help keep our students safe by parking legally and driving safely at all times.

### UNIFORM DEPARTMENT

The uniform department is open every Monday and Wednesday between 8:10-10:30am. All uniform items can be purchased by placing an order.

Order forms are available from the Admin Office. Parents can complete the order form, include the payment and submit the form to the Admin Office. Orders will be processed and the uniform item will be delivered to your child's class.

## YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12



### HALF YEARLY EXAMS

The Half Yearly examination timetable will be released within the next fortnight. Teachers will be conducting their revision lessons with students. We encourage parents to follow up with their children's studies and ensure an appropriate study environment is available for their children at home.

### STUDY SUCCESS TIPS

It is essential for students to manage their time and organise their revision material ahead of their exams to avoid unnecessary stress and last minute cramming. See below for some study success tips:

#### 1. Make a study plan

Work out a study timetable that includes time for revision, homework and rest. Make a list of what you want to achieve and for each item what you need to do to complete the goal. Make it manageable and achievable. Small steps make achievement of a big goal possible.

#### 2. Write it down

Write down your study plan and display it somewhere prominent. This will help you hold yourself accountable.

#### 3. Limit distractions

Technology has its time and place. During examination periods, store your devices with your parents to avoid procrastination and distractions.

#### 4. Take breaks

It is very important to factor breaks into your study plan. These breaks should include a time to eat, pray, exercise and enjoy important family time. Figure out the method of breaking up your study sessions that works best for you – one recommendation is working in 25-minute intervals with short breaks in between. You might find that longer study sessions work for you. Whatever you decide, try not to go any longer than an hour without taking a break.

#### 5. Set a time to finish everyday

It is very important to get a good night sleep, so set a time to unwind before going to sleep each day. Consider setting an alarm each day to let yourself know it's time to finish for the day.

## SPORT/PDHPE UNIFORM

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on the days they have Physical Education lessons. Change rooms are closed due to COVID-19 measures; therefore, students will not be required to change back into their school uniform.

## WINTER UNIFORM

In winter students are required to wear the winter school uniform which includes blazer and jumper/cardigan. Non uniform items such as hoodies will be confiscated.

## KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

### TERM 1 STUDENT ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

The **Term 1 Student Assessment Portfolios** will be released to students in Week 8. The portfolios will feature a range of assessment tasks completed by students prior to the online learning phase. The portfolios will give parents insight into their child's Term One academic progress.

The Term One Social Skills and Work Habits checklist is also included and is based on the skills displayed in Term One.

A reminder that the Term 2 examinations are postponed until Term 3.



### TERM 2 PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

During Weeks 9 and 10, K-6 teachers will be contacting parents to discuss each student's academic progress and social development. These phone interviews will inform parents about the academic results achieved in Term 1 as well as how the student is progressing currently in class.

Primary teachers look forward to speaking to all the parents.

## K-6 HOMEWORK

The K-6 homework program will resume in Term 3. The weekly homework tasks will be assigned to students through the **ClassDojo** app. A weekly homework schedule will be posted on the class story each week and information on submission days & the method of submission.

The Term 3 homework program will engage students in a wide range of activities including Literacy & Numeracy pen and paper tasks as well as interactive ICT tasks.

## STUDENT VOICE SURVEY

A huge thank you to all the students and parents who participated in this survey. The feedback you have provided is extremely valuable and will be used for future programming and planning.

Teachers were appreciative of your support and the positive messages.

### SOME EXAMPLES

*"Masha Allah Sheikh was uploading daily lessons and lesson summary and giving feedback, giving motivation, my all 3 kids love 🤍 their Sheikh .... keep it up Sheikh! You are my kids' inspiration 🙏"*

*"She helped us in Arabic and always made sure we are in comfort in this hard and stressing COVID-19 pandemic. I am grateful as she struggled just to make sure we understood Arabic- the language of Al-Quraan. She struggled while we learned. She went through hard times to make us happy and we surely can never repay her"*

*"You never rest you always do everything for us. You love us all, you're like a mother to us. May Allah bless you for what you do. You're the best and my favourite teacher ever!"*

*"Omg!!!! These teachers are amazing, feedback was always detailed, also when my daughter struggled they were always there to help and reassure her. Getting a phone call from the teacher as a random check-up was a highlight, she was feeling down and anxious and it made her day!!!! Best teachers by far 🤍"*

*"Teacher was life saver 24/7 (SOS) available to help, to cooperate, to assist lucky that my child got this wonderful teacher and especially her motivational responses, dojo's and energetic comments give inspiration and energy to children to work more and more and show their best"*

## WINTER UNIFORM

It is expected that all students attend school wearing a blazer, jumper or cardigan each day during the winter months. Please ensure students wear these items each morning. Kindly label all items using a permanent marker and remind students to place items in their school bags when they take them off.





## MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURE – PRIMARY CAMPUS

Thank you for your cooperation and support with the new morning drop off procedure. Our lower primary students are doing a brilliant job making their way to their classrooms independently. Class teachers are proud of the maturity and responsibility being displayed by our students. They are attending class promptly, prepared and ready to learn. **Please note Noble Ave gate will close at 8:30am and Greenacre Road gate will close shortly after 8:30am. Entry into the school after this time will be through the Admin Office.**



## HOME-TIME DISMISSAL PROCEDURE – PRIMARY CAMPUS

The home time dismissal period is an extremely busy time for all schools and with the current COVID 19 restrictions, it has become busier than ever. To help ensure a safe and smooth dismissal procedure, the school has utilised six different exit points for K-6 students. The exit points are as follows:

EXIT	GRADES
Greenacre Rd Sheltered Walkway	Kindergarten (KG, KR, KO)
Greenacre Rd Middle Gate	Kindergarten (KB, KY, KP) & Grade 1
Greenacre Rd Gate next to the Admin Block	Grade 2

Noble Ave Gate 1	Grade 3 & Grade 4
Noble Ave Gate 2	Grade 5
Greenacre Rd High School Gate	Grade 6

Teachers are stationed at each exit point and are ready to assist parents by calling students to meet their parents at the gate.

If you would like older siblings to wait with younger siblings, please just send the teacher a message on the **ClassDojo** app.

In the case of **wet weather**, parents will be permitted to enter the school grounds and meet their children in the following areas:

Kindergarten	K-2 Assembly Area
Grade 1	K-2 Assembly Area
Grade 2	K-2 Assembly Area
Grade 3	3-5 Assembly Area
Grade 4	3-5 Assembly Area
Grade 5	Year 5 shelter in front of the classrooms
Grade 6	High School Sheltered Area

The patience and support shown by the school community is greatly appreciated.

## PRIMARY LIBRARY

The primary library will open to students in Week 8. Students will be invited to the library to borrow and return books on a weekly basis. Please ensure students return their books to the library in Week 8. The primary library days are as follows:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
KR	KB	KO	KP	1B
1R	1G	KY	1P	2Y
1O	2P	KG	1Y	3P
2O	2B	3O	2G	4B
3B	2R	3Y	3G	4R
4P	3R	4Y	4O	5B
4G	5R	5O	6O	6R
5G	5Y	5P		6Y
	6G			
	6B			

The library is open during recess and students are welcome to visit the library to read or borrow books. Please ensure students have a library bag with them especially on their library day. Please note, the library is not open before and after school.

May Allah SWT keep you safe and in good health. Have a wonderful long weekend.

**Wassalaam**

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