



AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

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

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“THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW...”



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome students and parents to Term 4. This term is a busy time with the HSC, Yearly Examinations for Years 7 to 11, the conclusion of the year's educational programs and the celebration of student achievement at the end of the term. COVID -19 has had a big impact on us all this year and our normal Term 4 routines have not been able to avoid these impacts. At this stage, we are still planning to hold the student only Annual Presentation Ceremonies, Kindergarten Graduation, Year 6 Graduation and Year 12 Graduation. While this has been a difficult year for all of us, it has been particularly difficult for Year 12 preparing for the HSC. Our dua and best wishes to all our Year 12 students as they sit the examinations. As we move forward, parents are kindly reminded to continue to adhere to the COVID-19 preventative measures the school has implemented. Together we can keep everyone safe.

PROUD TEACHING MOMENT!

GRADE 6 YOUNG AUTHORS

Grade 6 students have showcased one of their many talents as part of Book Week. During this year's Character Dress Up Day, Grade 6 authors visited the primary campus to share some of the books they have written as part of their literacy lessons.

The Grade 6 students visited various classes and read their books to the students.

Congratulations to all the budding authors who developed and illustrated their own books. We are so proud of your efforts!



WHOLE SCHOOL

COVID-19 UPDATE

While we have been fortunate in NSW and have not returned to online learning, the daily reporting of the number of cases in the state reminds us that we must remain vigilant during the pandemic. Al Noori Muslim School will continue to implement the following practices during Term 4.

These are:

- Students must not come to school if they are unwell. Even with very mild symptoms.
- Students who are unwell while at school will be sent to sick bay where they will be isolated and their parent or carer contacted to take the student home.
- If a student has been absent due to flu-like illness or develops flu-like symptoms while at school, they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Find more information about COVID-19 symptoms on the NSW Health webpage:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-andtesting>

- The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school before the student can return to school.
- To minimise absence, students should be tested immediately for COVID-19 if identified as being unwell. This is so that they can return to school once they receive confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms are resolved. Parents can provide the school with a screenshot of the text message confirming the negative test.
- If, after testing negative, a student has ongoing symptoms which persist beyond 10 days, they should arrange to see their doctor. The medical assessment should consider whether the symptoms are typical for that person (for example seasonal, allergic rhinitis), and provide documentation for the school if this is the case. If there are new symptoms at any time, the student should be tested again.
- Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

In addition to these measures, parents and carers should only come onto the school grounds for essential matters. All visitors to the school must sign in at the office, and follow our hygiene and social distancing practices.

Please continue to check the latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW and follow the recommended actions if they have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The location along with the times and dates of when cases were identified can be found on the NSW COVID-19 website below:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>

We will continue to follow advice from the Departments of Education and Health.

UNIFORM DEPARTMENT

Parents are reminded that social distancing rules must be maintained at all times, in all interactions with Uniform Department volunteers and around the Uniform Department building.

Location: 85 Mimosa Road, Greenacre NSW 2190

Dates: Every Monday and Wednesday from 14 October 2020 – 9 December 2020

Purchase Options:

Via Telephone: Dial 0424 663 340 on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 8:10am to 10:30am and pay by credit card to avoid lengthy queues. You will be contacted when your order is ready for pick up.

Via Administration Office: Submit your order form and payment at the Primary or High School Administration Office on **Mondays to Fridays** from 9:30am to 2:30pm. You will be contacted when your order is ready for pick up. **Order forms can be downloaded from the School Website.**

In Person: Visit the Uniform Department on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** from 8:10am to 10:30am.

Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, please follow the **schedule** below:

8:10 am – 9:30 am for surnames starting with **A – L**
9:30 am – 10:30 am for surnames starting with **M – Z**

Your cooperation in ensuring that we have a COVID-19 safe school is appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

K-6 AFTERNOON DISMISSAL TIMES (NEW)

As of Monday the 26th of October, only families with children in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 will be dismissed at 3:00pm. These families will receive a Sentral SMS and an email notifying them that they will be **permitted** to pick up all their children at 3:00 pm.

Any student who is in Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 and have a sibling in Years 3 to 11 will remain in class until 3:20pm. These students will be dismissed with all the other grades at 3:20pm.

Parents cannot opt to leave at 3:00pm. The 3:00pm dismissal session is strictly for selected families who have children in K-2 ONLY.

We ask all parents to socially distance and leave the area immediately after they have picked up their children at 3:00pm. We need to work together to ensure the street is cleared for the next 3:20pm dismissal time. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to manage the afternoon pick up rush.

ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

The SRC Orphan Sponsorship campaign will continue throughout Term 4. The school is happy to announce that so far, the K-6 classes have raised enough money to sponsor 10 orphans. Well done to all the students who have contributed. May Allah (SWT) reward you greatly.

Let us continue to support this initiative by contributing spare coins to the class sponsorship box. The SRC goal is to sponsor 41 orphans- 1 orphan per class. Together we can achieve this goal.

K-6 YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

The Term 4 Examination schedule for K-6 students is as follows:

Weeks 5 & 6 – Arabic & Islamic Yearly Exams
Weeks 6 & 7 – All other Yearly Exams

Students will need to prepare for the examinations by revising topics listed in the exam guidelines and by completing all allocated revision activities.

GRADE 3 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Grade 3 SRC workshop was a great success! Grade 3 students were actively engaged and were able to refine their leadership skills through various activities.

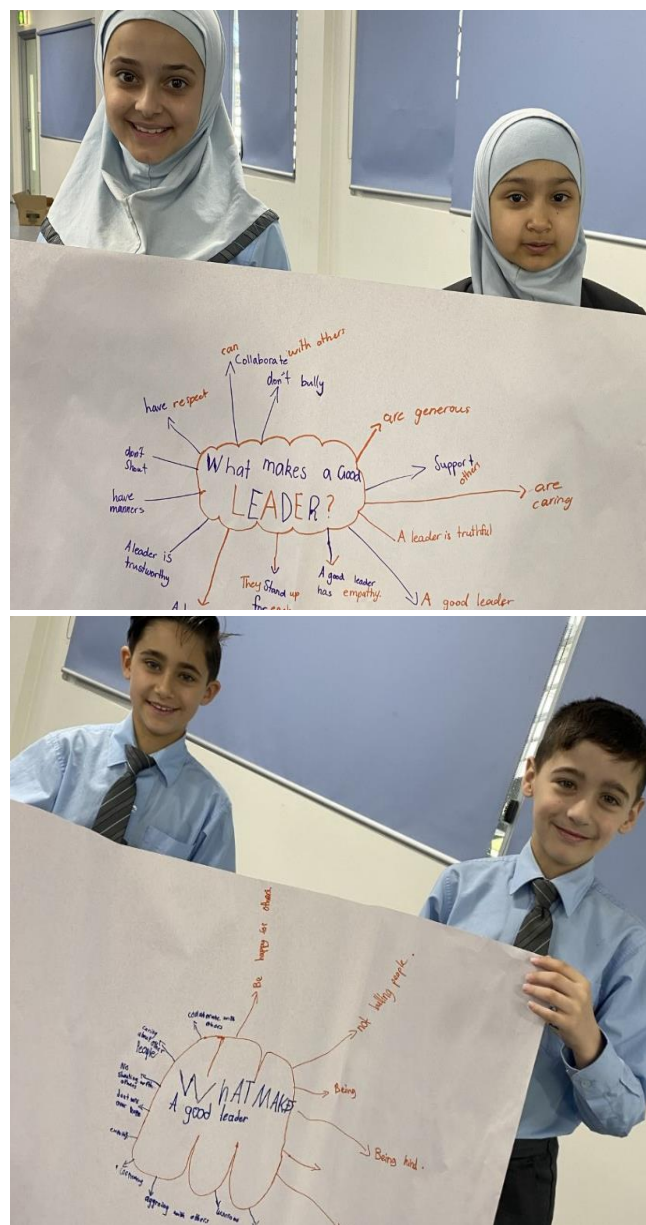
The Grade 3 prefects shared their contributions, responses and views on leadership and showed that they will continue to lead and make positive changes.

"Today I learnt about leadership and how to be a good leader. Leadership is about being a great role-model and showing respect to others. I learnt to cooperate with other people that I don't even know. As a leader, I should care and help others who need my help. I will always be a good leader by listening to instructions, helping others and making responsible choices" - *Bassem Zohbi*

“From the workshop I learnt that a leader should be fair, stand up for others, be kind, care for others and listen when someone is speaking” - *Aisha Akra*

"We learnt to be cooperative with each other and be good leaders. For example: through collaboration, being fair to each other and listening to others when they're speaking" – *Ibrahim Awwad*

"A good leader can: cooperate, listen, collaborate. They have honesty, respect and kindness" - *Aiza Malik*



CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

On Tuesday the 20th of October, K-6 students dressed up as their favourite book characters. Our students looked fabulous! It was a day to celebrate books, characters and children's literature through the theme- Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.

K-6 classes participated in a range of activities planned by the library staff, such as mask making, Kahoot quizzes and book making activities.

It was wonderful to see students so excited to be in costume and be involved in the day's activities. Thank you to the library staff for planning this event.



"Promise me you'll
remember, you are **braver**
than you **believe**,
stronger than you seem,
smarter than you think"



2020 CHARACTER PARADE







**“Oh, the places
you’ll go!”**



YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

HSC EXAMINATIONS COMMENCE

We wish our Year 12 cohort the very best for a successful Higher School Certificate outcome following the commencement of their examinations this Tuesday, 20th October 2020.

Our students walked out of their first examination confident and world-ready despite the turbulent 2020 year. We look forward to sharing with the school community their wonderful results and congratulating them for achieving their personal goals.

TERM 3 PROGRESS REPORTS

Term 3 Progress Reports were distributed last week to all students in Years 7-10. The reports provide parents with information regarding their child's academic progress in Semester 2 and can be utilised to plan areas of focus for the upcoming examinations.

We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher for more detailed feedback or advice regarding the subject area. Parents may contact the School Administration Office and leave a request for teachers to organise a phone meeting. Face-to face meetings are restricted due to COVID-19 regulations.

YEARS 7-10 YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

Yearly Examination timetables have been distributed to all students to allow ample time for successful study management. Teachers will commence their revision lessons prior to the examination period and will welcome any students who seek further assistance from their teachers.

Parents are reminded of the importance of providing their children with a quiet and well-lit study area, encouraging healthy sleeping and eating habits as well as a realistic study timetable. Students should be utilising their schoolbooks, textbooks and teacher revision instructions for studying. Monitor your children's distractions particularly those related to devices, phones and social media and limit, if possible, their use of these distractions as they do not require them for study purposes. We wish all our students the success they are seeking.

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION FOR 2021 ENROLMENTS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the high school will not be conducting any orientation sessions this year. Year 7 and new external students will receive orientation packs detailing relevant information regarding the transition to Al Noori's high school.

BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the 7-10 students who participated in the Library's Book Week competition. The entries this year were, again, outstanding!



TERM 4 2020 EVENTS

Week	Event
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year 10 Yearly Exams Commence ▪ Year 8 VALID Assessments
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ K-6 Arabic & Islamic Exams Commence
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Years 7-9 Exams Commence ▪ K-6 Mainstream Exams Commence

May Allah SWT keep you safe and in good health.

Wassalaam

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