

# **AL NOORI NEWS**

# **Al Noori Muslim School**

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

Principal | Ali Kak | B.Ed., M.Ed. Leadership

Postal Address 75 Greenacre Road Greenacre NSW 2190

T: 02 8774 3000 F: 02 9709 4122

W: www.alnoori.nsw.edu.au E: info@alnoori.nsw.edu.au

# **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

ISSUE 4 | THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

# **RAMADAN - THE MONTH OF GIVING**









Primary classes Ramadan Class Displays

# THE BEST CHARITY IS THAT GIVEN IN RAMADAN (TIRMIDHI)

# Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Welcome to Term 2. With many activities already in the planning, it is going to be another engaging term of learning for students. Next week we will conduct online NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. We would like to remind parents and students that the most important aspect of these tests is for students to try their best. They are useful as a snapshot diagnostic tool and, as such, provide better data if the results accurately reflect what students can do, rather than choose to do. We use the Year 9 data to help plan our 'HSC minimum standards' strategy in Year 10, so having this baseline data is helpful. NAPLAN will not impact on Eid celebrations. The School will be closed on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May and Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

# **BOTTLE RECYCLING CAMPAIGN**

The 2020/2021 Bottle Recycling Campaign has raised a phenomenal amount of money. Each of the 10c donations have helped reach \$15 000. Thirty (30) Orphans have been sponsored through this campaign in the last 12 months. Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, and community members who have donated bottles to this campaign.

The biggest thank you is for Mrs Amal Lazki who has led this campaign from day 1. Her commitment, dedication, hard work and passion have led to this great success. May Allah (SWT) reward her greatly for all her efforts. We will continue with this initiative throughout this year. Bottles can be dropped off to the school office at any time. Thank you for your ongoing support.





"In Islam even your smallest, good deed is a key to Paradise".



# **WHOLE SCHOOL**

# **ATTENDANCE**

In New South Wales, the law states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 years of age are required to attend school regularly.

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day, unless:

- your child is too sick to go to school
- your child has been injured
- your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- your child has an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, mumps or measles)
- there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

Schools support parents by monitoring student attendance and helping to address attendance issues when they emerge. We believe that all students require routine, especially as they become young adults.

"Children who attend school regularly are usually more successful than those who are absent frequently".

Here are some tips for positive attendance at school:

- have uniforms, school bag, books and homework organised the night before
- go to bed at a reasonable time each night
- monitor screen time and encourage all electronic devices be switched off one hour before going to sleep
- get up at the same time each morning
- have breakfast each morning
- leave for school at the same time each day (be on time!).

# LATE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded that the Primary School bell rings at 8:30am and the High School bell rings at 8:25am. It is extremely important for students to arrive to school on time and start their day by attending the morning assembly. Please ensure your child is at school on time.

When students arrive to school late, parents are required to accompany the student into the Administration Office to sign a late note. DO NOT send your child into the Administration Office alone. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Research tells us that, in families where at least one parent or significant adult is engaged with the school in some way, children are more likely to be motivated to learn, to see the school in a positive light and to enjoy productive relationships with their teachers. However, many parents do not realise this.

Parents need to know that they can make a big difference when they:

- hold high expectations for their children.
- show interest in the things their children are interested in.
- value learning and model the behaviours of successful learners.
- give specific, rather than general, praise; and
- establish routines that promote health, well-being, and regular home learning activities

# **END OF SCHOOL DAY DISMISSAL**

After the month of Ramadan, the dismissal time will return to normal.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be dismissed at 3:20pm daily. **Kindergarten students will be** 

dismissed from the regular areas on Greenacre Road.

High School students will be dismissed at 3:30pm daily.

### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2021**

Enrolments for entry into Kindergarten and the High School for 2022 will close on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. Enrolment forms are to be completed online. Enrolment forms can be accessed through the school's website <a href="https://www.alnoori.nsw.edu.au">www.alnoori.nsw.edu.au</a>

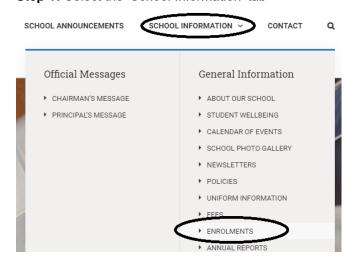
# Option 1:

Use your phone or tablet camera to access the form using the following QR Code below:

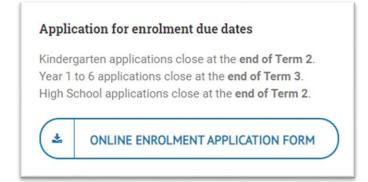


# Option 2:

Step 1: Select the 'School Information' tab



**Step 2:** Select 'Online Enrolment Application Form' and complete the enrolment form.



Once the applications close, parents will be sent an email with further instructions about bringing the required documentation to the Administration Office and paying the application fee.

Applications for Grades 1-6 close at the end of Term 3 however, all other applications close at the end of this term

# **KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6**



# **TERM 1 ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP**

A huge well done to our students, teachers, and parents for supporting this life changing initiative. Term 1 was extremely successful! All classes have done a fabulous job with the donations. A simple mention to the following classes. Look at some remarkable class achievements:

- 2 Yellow students & families \$ 1295
- 3 Red students & families \$520
- K Orange students & families- \$518
- 2 Purple students & families \$450
- K Yellow students & families- \$375

The aim is for each class to reach \$150 a term to accumulate \$600 for the year to sponsor one class orphan each. Some students and teachers are aiming high and hoping to sponsor multiple orphans. May Allah (SWT) reward everyone greatly!

# Don't forget GOLD COIN FRIDAY every week.

# **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will complete the NAPLAN assessments throughout Week 4 and 5. Please note, the timetable below is subject to change but can be used by parents as a guide.

### Year 3 NAPLAN Test Schedule

Online Testing Period: 11th May- 21st May 2021

Term 2- Week 4

#### TUESDAY - 11/5/21

Year 3 Writing (40 min)
Paper Based Test (in class)

## **WEDNESDAY - 12/5/21**

Year 3 Reading (45 min)
Online Assessment

Term 2- Week 5

# TUESDAY - 18/5/21

Year 3 Conventions of Language (45 min)
Online Assessment

# THURSDAY - 20/5/21

Year 3 Numeracy (45 min)
Online Assessment

## Year 5 NAPLAN Test Schedule

Online Testing Period: 11th May- 21st May 2021

Term 2- Week 4- Even Week

# TUESDAY - 11/5/21

Year 5 Writing (42 min)
Online Assessment

# **WEDNESDAY - 12/5/21**

Year 5 Reading (50 min)
Online Assessment

5Y, 5O, 5G

Term 2- Week 5

#### MONDAY - 17/5/21

Year 5 Reading (50 min)
Online Assessment

5B, 5P, 5R

#### TUESDAY - 18/5/21

Year 5 Conventions of Language (45 min)
Online Assessment

5Y, 5O, 5G

# **WEDNESDAY - 19/5/21**

Year 5 Conventions of Language (45 min)
Online Assessment

5B, 5P, 5R

# THURSDAY - 20/5/21

Year 5 Numeracy (50 min) Online Assessment

5Y, 5O, 5G

# FRIDAY - 21/5/21

Year 5 Numeracy (50 min)
Online Assessment

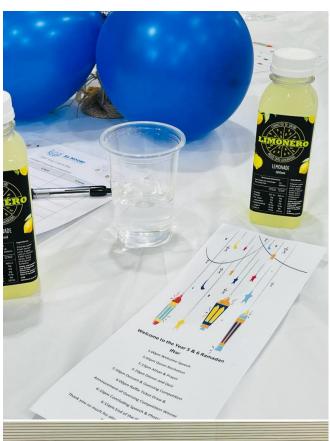
5B, 5P, 5R

# KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

In the lead up to the Half Yearly examinations, we encourage parents to help their children prepare by:

- ✓ organising an at-home study timetable
- ✓ making sure they are sleeping well, i.e., 8 hours uninterrupted sleep
- eating healthy and well, i.e., good breakfast and healthy habits
- √ having a quiet space to study at home
- preparing revision notes and questions for their teachers
- ✓ minimising distractions from devices, games etc.

Arabic and Islamic Half- Yearly Examinations will be in Weeks 7 & 8. All other examinations will begin in Week 9 and conclude in Week 10. The Half-Yearly Examination timetables will be distributed to all students in the upcoming weeks.











2021 Year 5 & 6 Ramadan Iftar





"Good food shared with good friends"



# YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

# **SRC CIRCLES OF LIGHT**

Our SRC students have been actively leading and presenting the annual 'Circles of Light' Ramadan program. Students have been building their communication skills through knowledge circles at break times. Topics have included Tafseer, Hadith and Seerah. Both students and teachers have dedicated their time to researching and sharing their knowledge with others.



Students have also been engaging in Quran readings, including the weekly Friday Surat Al Kahf recitation. We encourage everyone to read along for Ramadan rewards with our very own Islamic Studies Coordinator, Khaled Zraykah, who has his own YouTube channel with the compilation of every Juz of the Quran. Students can read along and practice in preparation for the Ramadan Competition.

For quick access, use your phone or tablet camera to access the YouTube channel using the QR Code on



# **SRC ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP**

The student body has also been busy encouraging their peers to donate towards their class sponsored orphans. Engaging competitive strategies are being implemented by the SRC body to promote the program and raise money for the orphans.

In Week 6, the SRC body will be running an in-school Eid Fete for their peers to further supplement the orphan sponsorship program.

# INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

As part of the Ramadan program, over 40 students from Years 9 to 11 voluntarily participated in the Inspirational Leadership Workshop. Students learnt about inspirational leaders from Islamic history and lessons of their impact on future generations. Students also participated in skill-based development and character building activities.





# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Al Noori Muslim School will be participating in NAPLAN Online in 2021. The assessment runs from Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May until Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The school has a 10-day window to complete NAPLAN online.

NAPLAN Coordinators have organised for students to complete their assessments before and after the Eid break. Please see the timetable below for Years 7 and 9:

Term 2- Week 4

TUESDAY - 11/5/21
Year 9 Reading (65 min)
Online Assessment

WEDNESDAY - 12/5/21
Year 7 & 9 Writing (42 min)
Online Assessment

Term 2- Week 5

MONDAY - 17/5/21	
Year 7 Reading (65 min)	
Online Assessment	

TUESDAY - 18/5/21
Year 9 Conventions of Language (45 min)
Online Assessment

WEDNESDAY - 19/5/21
Year 7 Conventions of Language (45 min)
Online Assessment

# THURSDAY - 20/5/21

Year 9 Numeracy (65 min)
Online Assessment

FRIDAY - 21/5/21 Year 7 Numeracy (65 min) Online Assessment

# YEARS 7 TO YEAR 11 PROGRESS REPORTS

The Year 7 to Year 11 Progress Reports will be distributed to students on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. The Progress Report provides a snapshot of your child's academic progress over Term 1. It also identifies areas for further improvement. Parents are welcome to contact their child's relevant teacher if they wish to discuss a particular subject area.

# YEARS 7 TO YEAR 10 HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

The Half Yearly examinations for Years 7 to 10 will commence from Week 8 and conclude in Week 10 of Term 2. A timetable will be released in Week 6. Teachers will be conducting content-rich revision lessons in the lead up to the examinations.

Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's teachers if they require any content-related information.

### **TERM 2 2021 EVENTS**

Week	Event
3	<ul> <li>Inspirational Leadership Workshop for</li> </ul>
	Years 9-12
	Student Iftars
4	<ul><li>NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9</li></ul>
	■ Eid Al-Fitr Holiday (School will be
	closed on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021)
5	<ul> <li>NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9</li> </ul>
6	Eid Fete

We wish the school community a successful last ten days of Ramadan.

Wassalaam

AKak

Mr Ali Kak Principal