



AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

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

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ

14:7 'If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more.'



ALHAMDULILAH FOR EVERYTHING

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

Living under lockdown has become a new norm for us as we approach the 10-week mark. Although restrictions in our area have tightened during this time, our students have shown us their resilience and strength of character in their daily communication with teachers. Our teachers are also working tirelessly to ensure that your children are not disadvantaged by the remote learning period and with the parents support we are seeing exceptional work being completed. **Learning has not stopped at Al Noori Muslim School, it has simply moved to another domain.** We have included a snapshot of student work samples in this newsletter that wonderfully exemplify the work that is being completed every day.

It is important that the school community continue to ensure the safety of their loved ones, students, and colleagues. Not only do we encourage everyone to remain safe and do the right thing by physically distancing, but we also encourage families to keep wellbeing strategies in place as young children require the regular reminders to be positive and grateful for everything they have.

Our faith in all that is decreed - Qadar- which is the Sixth Pillar of Imaan, keeps us happy in the knowledge that we can certainly trust all of Allah's (SWT) plans as He is the best of planners. We want to thank everyone for their community-focussed perseverance and hope that we are at school again very soon.

WHOLE SCHOOL

CHANGES TO TERM 4 DATES

The NSW Government in collaboration with NESA are setting the scene for a return to school sometime in Term 4. As a result of this roadmap, the school has amended its dates for Term 4.

Students will be granted a **two-week break** from Saturday 18 September 2021- Monday 4 October 2021, extending Term 4 by one week in December 2021.

Term 4 online lessons will resume on Tuesday, 5 October 2021. Please note that Monday, 4 October 2021 is a public holiday (Labour Day).

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Fee notices were emailed to all parents at the start of the term. Due to the COVID situation, late payment fees have been waived, however, it is essential that all outstanding fees for Term 3 are settled prior to the commencement of Term 4.

We are aware that this is a difficult time for parents, students, and staff, however, schools are not commercial operations, and the school is still required to pay staff during lockdowns and cover all other ongoing expenses. The newsletters highlight the outstanding teaching and learning that is happening remotely every day with your children. The school is providing all the educational services that it can in the circumstances.

Payment plans are available for families affected financially by the COVID situation, however parents must understand that the payment of the fees in full will still be required. Please contact the school to organise a payment plan if needed.



COVID AFFECTED FAMILIES

We want to wish all the families affected by COVID the very best in health and make dua for your speedy recovery. May Allah (SWT) keep our community safe from all harm.

If you are afflicted by the virus, please contact the school admin office in order to inform your child's teacher and arrange support as needed.

FAMILY WELLBEING – SPRING IS IN THE AIR

We welcome the start of Spring as it brings the excellent weather for us to enjoy outdoors.

Being outdoors allows us to breath fresh air and get the much-required Vitamin D from the natural sunlight. Spending time in the natural environment helps to nourish our mind, body, and spirit. Whether it's a walk you go on or a vegetable patch you create, being outdoors has many benefits.



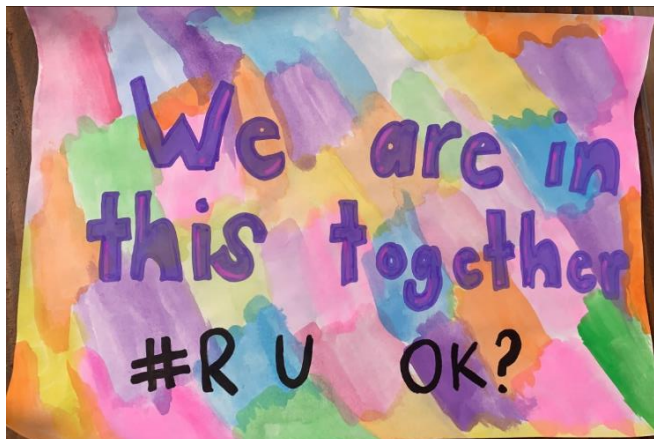
Below is a list of some activities, students, and their families, can safely enjoy while being in lockdown:

- Gardening, plant some flowers, fruits, or vegetables
- Have a picnic in your yard
- Go for a walk
- Go for a bike ride
- Play a ball game
- Fly a kite
- Draw a picture on some concrete using chalk
- Feel the sun on your face
- Listen to the birds singing
- Leave your windows open and allow the spring breeze to come in

R U OK DAY – THURSDAY THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

In Week 9, the student wellbeing focus will be linked to the national event: **R U OK? Day**.

R U OK? Day is an annual event for people to be in contact with others and ask the simple question: Are you ok? There is no better time to touch base with others than during a pandemic and lockdown.



Students, teachers, parents, and friends- take a few minutes to ask someone you love if they are really ok. Savour the time to listen to their response and offer a solution if you can.



Primary school students: further information will be made available on ClassDojo.

High school students: Further information will be made available through the weekly Wellbeing Check-In.



WRITE4FUN



Write4fun is an annual writing competition which encourages young writers to get creative and write a short story, poem or develop an artwork. Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2021 Schools Poetry & Short Story Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories and battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer.

There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten/Preparatory to Year 12. ***This competition closes on the 19th of September 2021.*** This is an optional writing competition. For more information visit:

[Student Poetry and Short Story Writing Competition 2021 | Write4Fun](#)

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

BOOK WEEK 2021

Throughout Week 7, our students, teachers, and families celebrated Book Week by taking part in a range of activities such as baking, art making and bringing characters to life through costume. The costumes and creations were very impressive. Even while in lockdown, under the strictest restrictions, we were able to bring books to life.

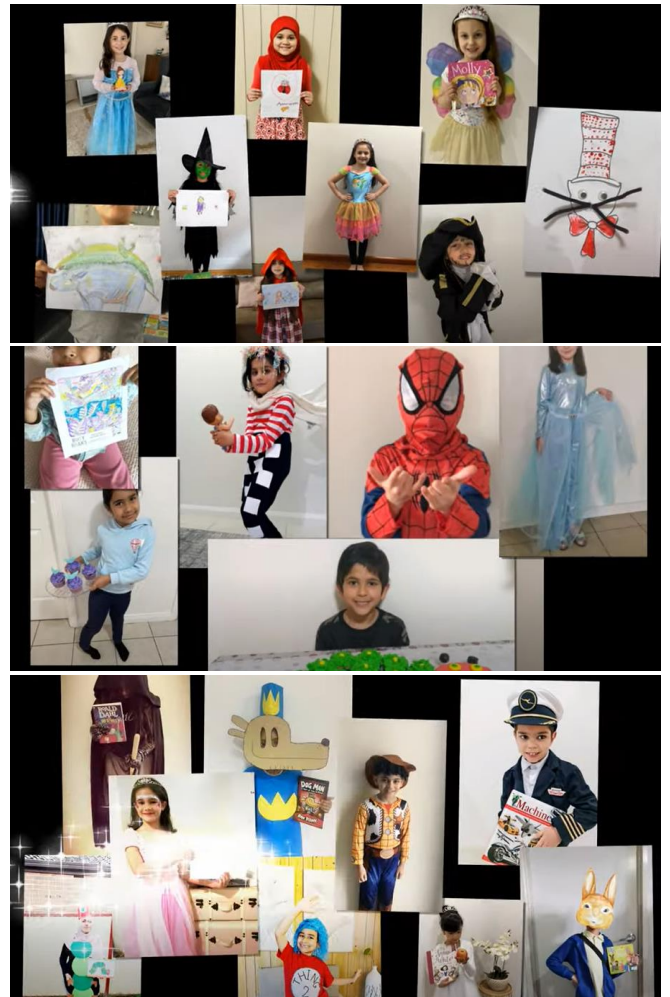
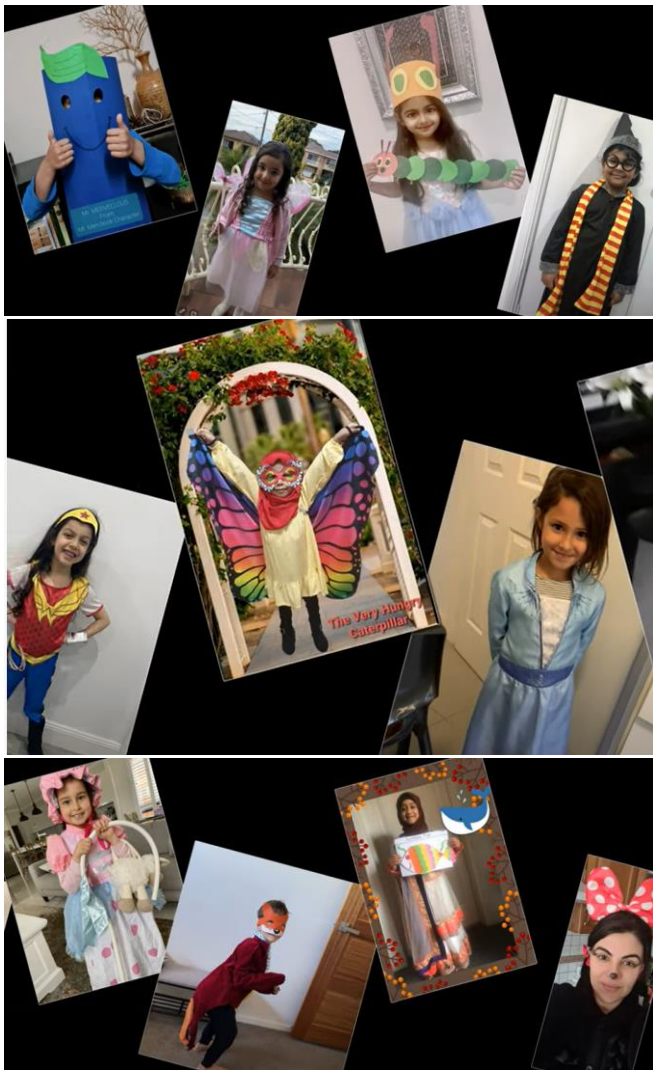
The AMS students never cease to amaze us. Thank you for making Book Week 2021 a memorable event.

The links to the 2021 AMS Virtual Character Parade are below:

[K 2 VIRTUAL BOOK WEEK PARADE - YouTube](#)

[YR 3 & 4 VIRTUAL BOOK WEEK VIDEO - YouTube](#)

[YEAR 5 & 6 VIRTUAL BOOK WEEK PARADE - YouTube](#)

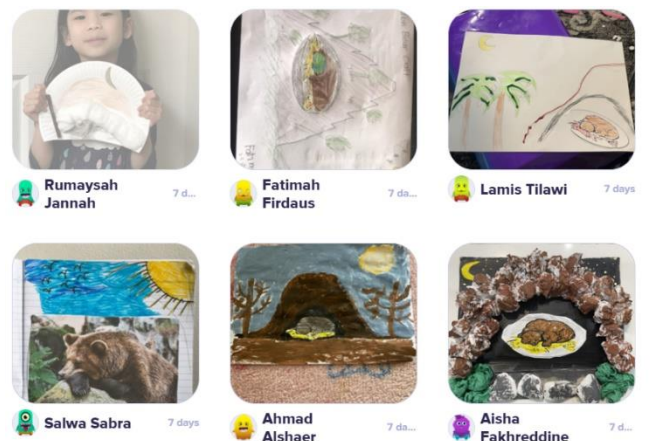


THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents for their ongoing support. The inspiration, drive and support that you are giving your children on a daily basis is making all the difference to their remote learning experiences. Together, we can make the best of an unfortunate situation.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

We loved the **Bear Caves** students designed whilst learning about **Hibernation**. Thank you to all the family members who helped our wonderful Kindergarten students.



YEAR 1 FAMILIES

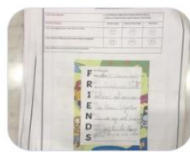
Thank you for helping your children devise such beautiful **Acrostic Poems** about friendship. They helped our student encompass everything a good friend should be.



Aisha Suarez 13 hours



Mardhiyah Husna 13 ho...



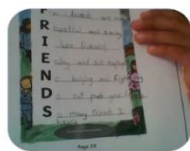
Maryam Bahmed 13 ho...



Aliya Arsedian 13 ho...



Habil Karaman 13 ho...



Rayan Ahmed Mohammed 13 ...

YEAR 2 FAMILIES

Thank you for helping your children complete the **Flora and Fauna Jungle Collages**. It was great to see students use a range of craft materials and natural materials straight from the garden.



Noah El Zahab 8 ho...



Zayn Rachid 8 hours



Aaliyah Fathallah 8 ho...



Serene Ghannoum 8 ho...



Abdirahman Ahmed 8 h...



Zahin Mohammad 8 ho...

YEAR 3 FAMILIES

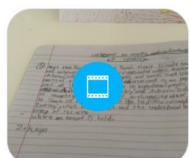
Thank you for helping your child understand the importance of **Dreamtime Stories** to the **Aboriginal People**. The work submitted by Year 3 was fantastic.



Sabriya H 14 days



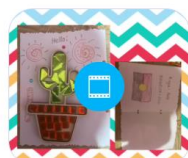
Murad C 14 days



Dawud E 14 days



Jazmin El 14 days



Dalal M 14 days



Eva Zr 14 days

YEAR 4 FAMILIES

Thank you for allowing your child to complete the **Science Experiment**, we apologise for the mess. It was a great way for our students to witness how **Gravity** works as a **Force**.



Aisha El-Bikai 3 days



Atike Ates 3 days



Malas Mohammad 3 d...



Aiza Malik 3 days



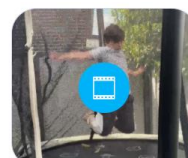
Maryam Shuaib 3 da...



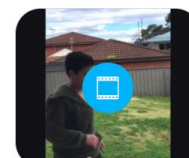
Jaydah Alameddine 3 d...

YEAR 5 FAMILIES

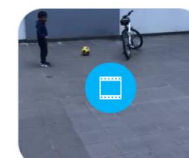
Thank you for helping us ensure our students are **being active**. It is great to see them utilising outdoor spaces to complete their **PE Activities**.



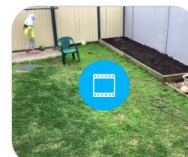
Zakariya Sukari 3 da...



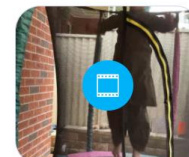
Baraa Krayem 3 days



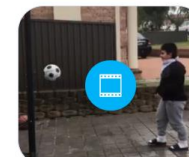
Mudassir ABDUL ALEEM 3 ...



Alanah Alemeddine 3 d...



Shahir Noor 3 days



Ameer Allam 3 days

YEAR 6 FAMILIES

Thank you for making sure your children have everything they need to complete their **STEM** activities. Have a look at the great **Wind Vanes** made by our wonderful Year 6 students.



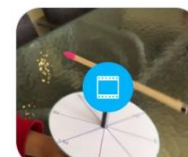
Areej MUHAMMAD 3 d...



Shaimaa Katta 3 days



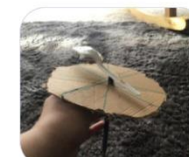
Zachariah El-Cheikh 3 d...



Hasan Ali 3 days



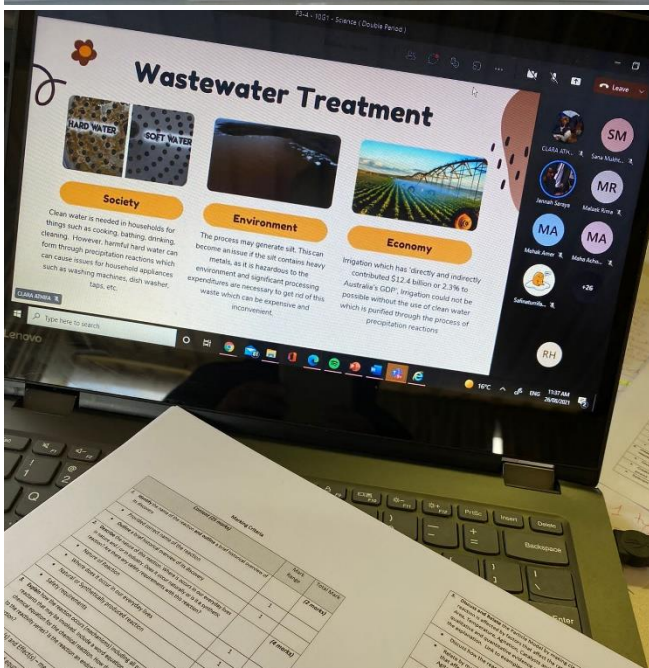
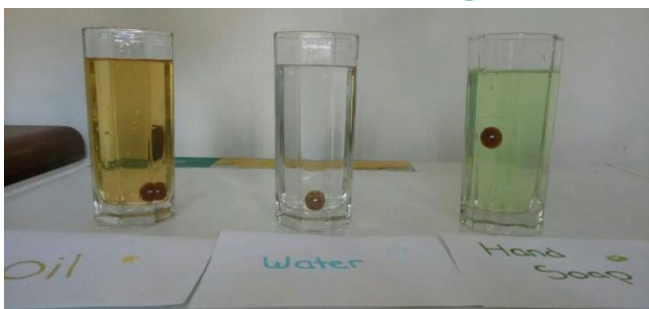
Sofia Al Aukidy 3 da...



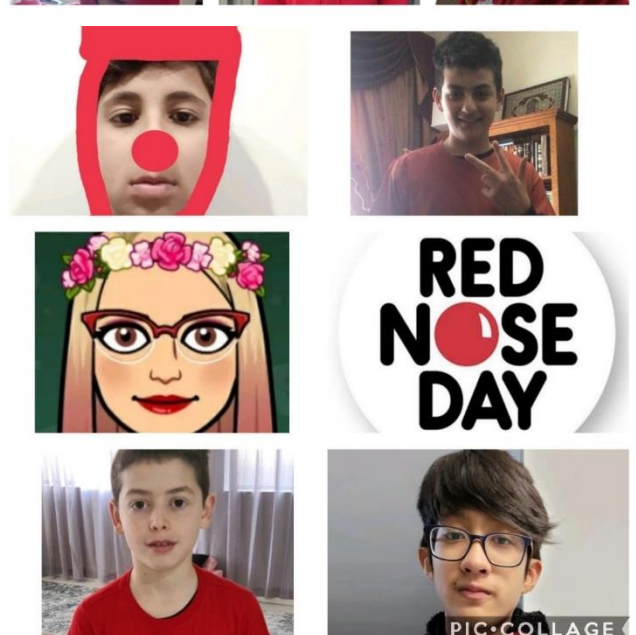
Israa Moussa Hawchar 3 ...

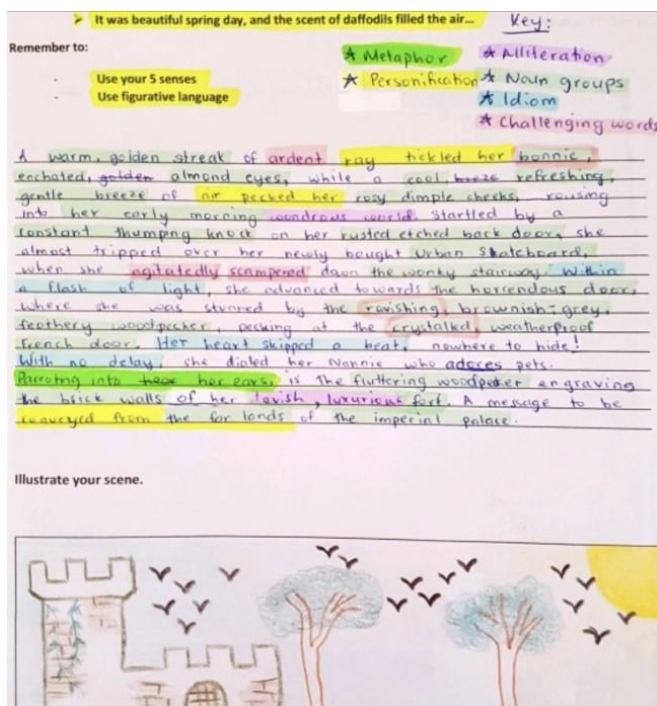


Our students never stop learning and our teachers LOVE teaching.



Our students learn something new every day.





YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12

WELLBEING MONDAYS

Our students have been working tremendously hard and communicating their concerns to staff regularly. The Wellbeing Committee this week focussed their message on gratitude and shared various tips with the students on how to deal with wellbeing concerns. We remind students and parents that the Welfare Coordinators and School Psychologist are available should they need individual assistance.

STUDENT VOICE- ANHAAR KAREEM

We congratulate and commend our student Anhaar Kareem of Year 9 on having her opinion piece featured in The Guardian last week. She was also subsequently invited to have her say on the ABC's QandA.



Should there be more urgency around the task of vaccinating young adults?

#QandA



Youth advocacy has an important place in all societies. It is especially a proud moment when young Muslims can have a positive say in public affairs especially in issues that affect them personally.

We will continue to encourage student voice and look ahead to further celebrate our forward-thinking student contributions to society.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that students are required to be online for live lessons from 8:30am-3:30pm. If your child is unable to attend a class, please email the teacher or the relevant welfare coordinator. Class absence will be reflected in their overall attendance record on their Semester Two report.

STUDENT WORK SAMPLES

Learning is not all books and laptops. Our students and teachers have been very creative and embracing remote learning despite the challenges.





HSC UPDATE AND YEAR 12 BREAK

Regular and, at times, conflicting updates, about the HSC examinations are being received from various government bodies. The school will no doubt communicate the relevant information to our Year 12 students and their parents as soon as practicable.

We want to commend our HSC cohort on their resilience thus far and will be allocating Week 9 as a well-earned break for Year 12 before they return to their feedback sessions in Week 10.

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY- HSC TRIALS AND PRELIMINARY YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

Our senior students have been successfully undergoing their online open-book examinations. There is always an opportunity to learn, and this extended remote learning period has allowed us to trial new ways of learning and assessing.

Leveraging technology has made a regular appearance in our teachers' professional development over the last two years and the result has seen the smooth transition to online teaching and learning, assessing, and communicating.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents for their ongoing work and support of our students' education.

We pray for everyone's safe return to school soon.

Wassalaam

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