

AL NOORI NEWS

Al Noori Muslim School

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

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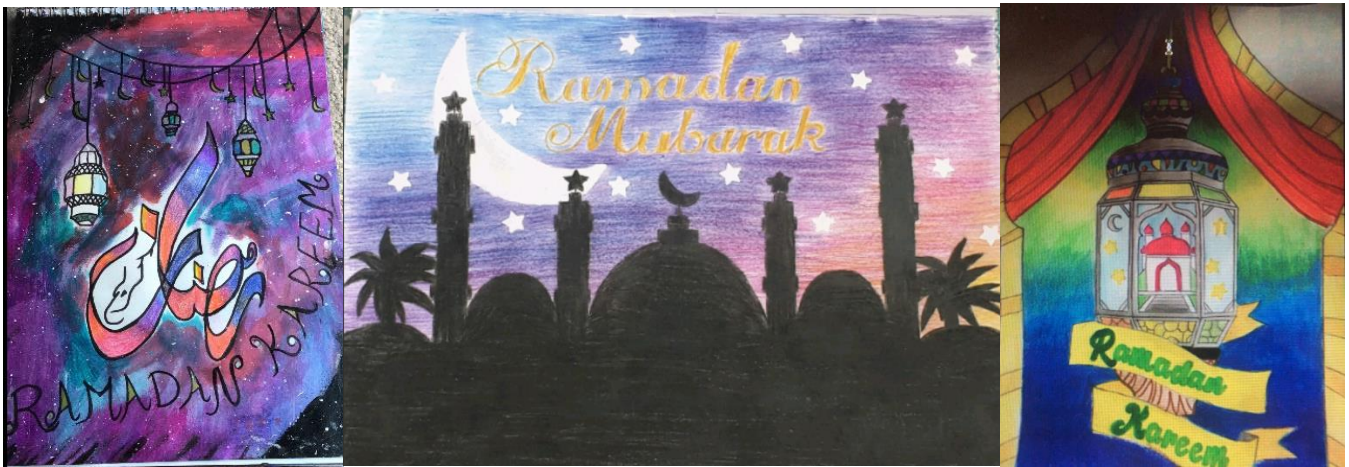
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Welcome to Term 2. As we continue to plan across both school campuses, we will continue to focus on providing for the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff. The school continues to receive advice from Government and Health Departments and is committed to identifying and implementing measures so that our students and staff can continue to learn in a safe environment. We appreciate your support and patience whilst we implement these measures at our school.

We are grateful for all of the incredible work of our parents and staff who are making changes to the way they work to ensure the continuity of learning for our students. This united effort is so crucial. We must ensure we can continue to support our students and as a school, we are putting in the extra protections we can to keep our staff and students safe while we do so.

READ ALONG FOR RAMADAN REWARDS

Our very own Islamic Studies Coordinator, Khaled Zraykah, has launched his 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 the image.



WHOLE SCHOOL SECTION

COVID 19 UPDATE

The school continues to receive advice and recommendations on implementing a staggered return to school. At this stage, we are planning the return-to-school with the priority being the wellbeing and safety of the school community. Years 10, 11 and 12 will commence the gradual return from Monday, 11th May 2020 (Week 3). The plan is for the gradual return of all students after Eid-Al-Fitr. Parents will be informed of the exact date and arrangements for specific year groups in upcoming newsletters.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

The 2021 Application for Enrolments is currently available on the School Website.

Applications strictly due by:

- Kindergarten applications close at the end of Term 2
- Years 1 to 6 applications close at the end of Term 3
- Year 7 applications close at the end of Term 2
- High School applications (other than Year 7) close at the end of Term 3

To access the online application, follow one of the two options below:

Option 1:

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



Option 2:

1. Visit Al Noori Muslim School website: <http://alnoori.nsw.edu.au>
2. Go to the tab 'School Information' and click on 'General Information'
3. Click on the tab 'Enrolments'.
4. Click on the button 'Online Enrolment Application Form'



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ADVICE

Whilst our school community has demonstrated an amazing capacity to navigate this transition to online learning, parents may be feeling overwhelmed trying to support their children with online learning whilst also juggling working from home and maintaining in-house routines. Based on my conversations with parents, some issues identified include: children struggling to complete set tasks; not grasping concepts; unusual emotional outbursts; lack of motivation; missing friends and teachers. Some strategies to assist parents include:

Managing your own expectations as a parent. As parents, we may find ourselves wanting to ensure our child grasps every concept, every time. Learning is a journey and think positive as you are doing your best to help your children learn from home during a worldwide pandemic. Your role will be to facilitate an environment which is conducive to your child's learning and to monitor work submissions. If at any time you feel that your child is struggling to cope, reach out!

Please email counsellor@alnoori.nsw.edu.au to set up a phone appointment where necessary.

Understanding your child's emotional outbursts may be a result of other underlying factors. If your child is struggling to focus on assigned tasks or experiencing emotional outbursts, it is likely that they are having some trouble meeting an expectation whilst under stress. Always be empathetic with your child and validate what they are going through. Ensure your child is calm before finding the teachable moment in the outburst. Children may naturally become frustrated as a result of being at home for too long, missing their friends and teachers, reduced play with same-age peers etc. Therefore, as parents focus on being solution-focused to help them manage such 'big' feelings under stress and help promote their social-emotional skill development.

Keeping to a schedule is paramount in ensuring predictability in your child's day. A routine and knowing what to expect can be particularly calming for a child who is presenting anxiety. If your child is resisting a schedule you have set at home, this is not the time to control every minute of your child's day. Work together with your child to find a routine that works for the whole family. Even if your schedule doesn't go to plan every day, use this as an opportunity to refine what is and isn't working.

Stay positive and hopeful. For you to be able to best support your children it is important that you as parents look after yourselves too. Try to engage in self-care and find time for adequate rest. Even young children are sensitive to distress in adults. Utilise this precious Ramadan to spend quality time together as a family making dua, engaging in prayers and reading Quran. This is a Ramadan that has the potential to be the best we have yet experienced so let us make the most of it inshaAllah.

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 SECTION

K-6 ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING

Kindergarten to Year 6 students and teachers will continue with the current online teaching and learning practice through ClassDojo. A variety of videos developed by class teachers will be uploaded to help introduce the Term 2 units of work as well as a wide range of other resources including PowerPoints, fact sheets, scaffolds, web links and games.

MS Teams for Grades 5 and 6 will be launched soon, students will be provided with email addresses and instructions this week.

Parents have been doing an outstanding job communicating with the teachers and supporting their children with the daily tasks. Research shows that parents/carers who are engaged in their children's learning facilitate positive change in their children's wellbeing and academic achievement. Congratulations to all our parents for the excellent job in supporting their children's learning.

At times, online teaching and learning can be challenging, our teachers are available throughout the school day to assist and support students and parents. Parents can message teachers on ClassDojo and teachers will respond at their earliest convenience.

RAMADAN QURAN COMPETITION

All Years 1-6 students are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Ramadan Quran Competition. K-6 students can begin to upload their Quran recordings on **ClassDojo** from Monday the 4th of May until the end of Ramadan. Remember, each letter you read in the Quran earns you 10 Hasanat. May Allah (SWT) reward you greatly for your participation in this competition.

K-6 RAMADAN ART COMPETITION

The 2020 Ramadan Art Competition entries were spectacular! K-6 students submitted a wide range of art forms including models, paintings, 3D art, collages and drawings in celebration of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Congratulations to all the participants, we are so proud of you! The 2020 Ramadan Art Competition WINNERS are:

K Green: Zena Al Khatib
K Blue: Muhammad Yahya Bin Rakib
K Yellow: Rumaysa Sheikh
K Red: Anabia Adeel
K Purple: Maimuna Faiza Siddique
K Orange: Sana Khodor

1 Green: Ishmael Cet
1 Blue: Musa Awwad
1 Yellow: Mariam Masri
1 Red: Noah El Zahab
1 Purple: Jacob Dannawi
1 Orange: Jayda Prachakstham



2 Green: Zayna Ahmad
2 Blue: Abdurahman Traljesic
2 Yellow: Nafez Zakzouk
2 Red: Zunaira Zameer
2 Purple: Eva Zreika
2 Orange: Abdullah Dabboussi

3 Green: Muhamad Owais Haviez
3 Blue: Aisha Saleh
3 Yellow: Rohail Zaki
3 Red: Manha Siddiqui
3 Purple: Sabah Kammoun
3 Orange: Somaya Rahman

4 Green: Muhammad Karaman
4 Blue: Aalia Mansuri
4 Yellow: Mariam Zakzouk
4 Red: Maryam Zameer
4 Purple: Zunayna Rahman
4 Orange: Mahmoud Katta

5 Green: Ahmad Awick
5 Blue: Marium Khan
5 Yellow: Amar Danawe
5 Red: Momina Ahmed
5 Purple: Nusayeba Nasha
5 Orange: Zaynah Fatema

6 Green: Manha Ahmed
6 Blue: Sameeha Farooqi
6 Yellow: Asmaa Traljesic
6 Red: Sulfah Hassan
6 Orange: Fatimah Patel & Shahnaz Merheb

Congratulations, keep being creative!



HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

TERM 2 LEARNING

Years 7 - 9

Years 7 – 9 students will continue with online learning through MS Teams.

A reminder of the Ramadan bell times can be found below:

Period	Monday - Friday
1	8.30 – 9.20
2	9.20 - 10.10
Recess Break	10.10 - 10.40
3	10.40 - 11.30
4	11.30-12.20
Lunch/Prayer Break	12.20 – 12.50
5	12.50 -1.40
6	1.40 - 2.30

Years 10 - 12

Years 10 – 12 students will commence the school's gradual return to face-to-face teaching and learning. Students will be returning five days a week from Monday, 11th May 2020. Ramadan bell times will apply. Last week, all parents were contacted to inform them of the plan and reassure them that their child's wellbeing and safety is a priority for the school. We thank you for the tremendous support and feedback. Any concerns that were raised have been addressed.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE (COVID-19)

The school is implementing a number of risk minimisation measures to keep everyone safe whilst at school. The school has increased cleaning, installed hand sanitisers around the school, increased soap dispenser facilities in the bathrooms. Further measures as outlined below will also be implemented.

Students who display cold and flu like symptoms are not to attend school. Any student who becomes unwell at school will be isolated in an appropriate space and collected by a parent or carer as soon as possible.

Preventing the spread

Students attending school are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitisers, wipes and tissues as an extra precautionary measure. Students will be regularly reminded to continue effective hygiene practices, including:

- Washing hands for 20 seconds
- Using hand sanitisers
- Avoid close contact with others
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow or a tissue.

Physical distancing

The advice to schools does not require students to comply with strict physical distancing guidelines, however, the school will:

- ensure social distancing during prayers, in bathrooms, in the playground and at the school gates.
- Re-arranging classroom furniture to leave as much space as possible between students.
- Making use of outdoor learning spaces.
- Staggering the school day, including recess and lunch times, to enable staff and students to maintain appropriate distancing.
- Ensuring parents keep a distance from school wherever possible, using kiss and drop approaches and contacting the school by phone or email as required.
- Limiting additional visitors to the school
- Eliminating non-essential gatherings in the school including assemblies.

Encouraging hygiene practices

The school will continue to implement effective hygiene practices for both students and staff, including:

- Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water
- Immediate exclusion from the classroom of any students who are displaying symptoms.
- Placing used tissues straight into a bin.
- Avoiding touching one's eyes, nose and mouth.
- Not sharing food or drink (after Eid-Al-Fitr)
- Not sharing personal items such as pens and pencils etc.
- Bathrooms and high touch services will be wiped down during the day in addition to the enhanced schools cleaning program.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available to clean high touch areas such as desks, chairs, photocopiers and computers.

Managing possible cases

Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, students and parents are to notify the Principal immediately. The school will follow NSW Health's advice and take any action required to manage a confirmed case of COVID-19.

SCHOOL HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

The HSC school trials have been postponed to Monday, 17th August 2020 until Monday, 31st August 2020 (Term 3, Week 5). This will allow students to best prepare for their upcoming assessments. The Trial timetable and further information will be disseminated upon students return to school.

We pray that you complete Ramadan in good health.

Wassalaam



Mr Ali Kak

School Principal