

# 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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RAMADAN  
MUBARAK

The month of Ramadan is a month of reflection and self-assessment, the main aim is to attain taqwa (piety/righteousness)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ

O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous -



The month of Ramadan is also known as the month of the Quran. Use this month, once again, as an opportunity to revisit your relationship with the book of Allah SWT

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ

The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an

### Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

With the conclusion of Term 1, we would like to thank all the parents, students and staff for their continued commitment to learning. Teachers and students have embraced the online learning forums and continue to show resilience and the ability to adapt to change in such a short timeframe. This phase of learning further enriches the creativity and diversity of our teaching and learning practices and ensures that students are not disadvantaged during these uncertain times. We remind parents of the importance of maintaining routines where their children are not sitting for extended periods of time in front of devices, are participating in daily physical activity and eating a healthy and balanced diet. With the onset of Ramadan during the school holidays, we wish all members of the Al Noori Muslim School community a blessed and prosperous month.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND RAMADAN TIMES

We wish all students and their families a joyous holiday. Term 1 concludes today, Thursday 9th April 2020. Term 2 online learning will resume from Tuesday, 28th April 2020. Any changes to existing learning arrangements will be communicated to parents.

Changed Ramadan times will be implemented from Tuesday, 28th April to Friday, 22nd May 2020 for both primary and high school campuses. Please note, the hours for online teaching and learning will be between 8:30am and 2:30pm daily during the month of Ramadan.



We asked our Kindergarten students to send through a photo or drawing of how they feel and what they do to take a break and relax. The samples were uplifting and our children reminded us to remain steadfast and positive during these challenging times. We miss our students!

## WHOLE SCHOOL SECTION

### COVID 19 UPDATE

The School continues to respond to government and health department advice and will update parents accordingly. We pray for everyone's safe return to school in the near future.

### 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

Access the online application here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kZdMHDfCOEGvOt6zYhVFO\\_EYRRB1VpZOp8wFM\\_yeFMh5UQ0ZBUzI2SFFWSFU1Vk9HMldDT1kwUFFaMi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kZdMHDfCOEGvOt6zYhVFO_EYRRB1VpZOp8wFM_yeFMh5UQ0ZBUzI2SFFWSFU1Vk9HMldDT1kwUFFaMi4u)

### RAMADAN STUDENT COMPETITION

Ramadan Mubarak!

The Islamic Studies Department would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Ramadan, may Allah (SWT) protect our students, teachers and their families. The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ said 'Whatever is prayed for at the time of breaking fast is granted and never refused' Tirmidhi.

Together, let us remember all the people around the globe who are sick and suffering and make dua for them each day especially, in Ramadan.

The Islamic Studies Department is planning a Ramadan competition for students in Kindergarten to Year 12. Further details will be posted on Microsoft Teams or the ClassDojo school story.

### SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

All existing counselling students will still have an opportunity to access this service remotely, should the need arise.

Please email [counsellor@alnoori.nsw.edu.au](mailto:counsellor@alnoori.nsw.edu.au) to set up a phone appointment where necessary.

### HELPDESK

If students encounter any issues with their school-issued email accounts or their access to Microsoft Teams or Meetings, they can email

[helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@alnoori.nsw.edu.au).

## KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 SECTION

### TERM 2 ONLINE LEARNING

Term 1 has been an extraordinary term, a real learning journey for the entire school community. It's time for a break, switch off ClassDojo and enjoy some family time. Thank you for the overwhelming positive feedback!

The K-6 students have been doing exceptionally well with their online learning. We have reached 100% online participation on ClassDojo! Thank you to our wonderful parents, students and teachers for making this happen.

In addition to ClassDojo, the primary school will be introducing the use of MS Teams in Term 2. Students will participate in live-streamed Literacy and Numeracy lessons. The lessons will be scheduled by the class teacher and included in the daily timetable posted in the class story.

Students will be issued with an email address and will use this to connect with their teacher and classmates through MS Teams.

Live streaming of lessons will help establish a collaborative online environment that will be used by the teacher to deliver program content efficiently and effectively.

### PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS

K-6 parents are invited to collect their child/ren's textbooks from the primary campus in preparation for the Term 2 online teaching and learning schedule.

Students' textbooks are available inside each child's classroom. Class teachers have left the required books in labelled piles on each child's table. Parents are invited to collect the books during the following times:

#### Monday 27 April 2020

9:00am – 10:30am – Year 1  
10:30 am – 12:00pm - Year 2

#### Tuesday 28 April 2020

9:00am – 11:00am – Kindergarten and Year 6

#### Wednesday 29 April 2020

9:00am – 11:00am – Year 4

#### Thursday 30 April 2020

9:00am – 11:00am – Year 3 and Year 5

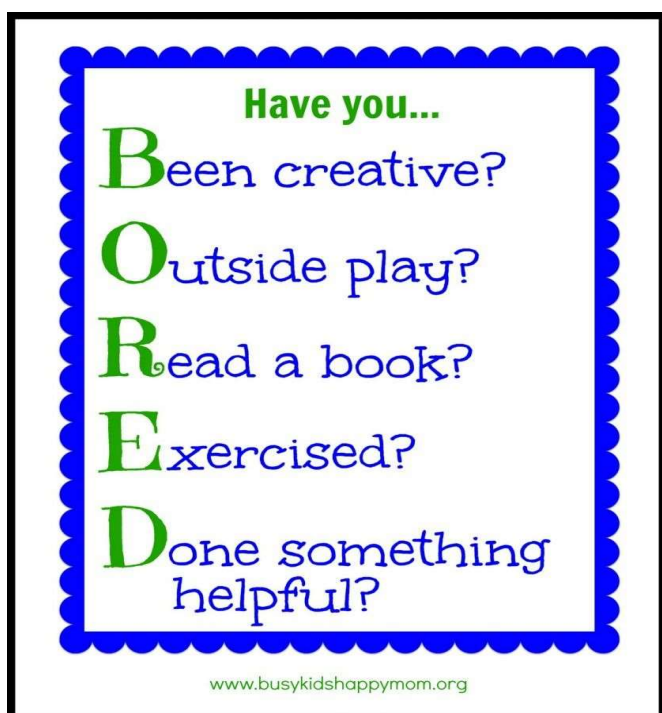
If the above times do not suit you, please phone the Admin office on Tuesday 28 April to organise a suitable time.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There are so many online resources that provide parents with endless ideas on how to keep your child/ren entertained and engaged whilst at home. Here are a few ideas we are sharing to start you off!

- Plant some seeds and do some gardening.

- Write a letter to your teacher or friend.
- Make playdoh or slime and experiment with matter.
- Invent a board game and play it.
- Bake with an adult- try a new recipe.
- See what you can create with a cardboard box!
- Draw comics.
- Complete chalk art outside.
- Create a daily exercise routine.
- Write a book.
- Create a tea bag painting.
- Make a nature collage using things from your garden.
- Make a Ramadan card.
- Make a Ramadan calendar with small daily goals.
- Take part in the AMS Ramadan competition!



## HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

### TERM 2 ONLINE LEARNING

High school online learning will continue as per the Term 1 timetable. Students will join their MS Teams meetings for each period at the times allocated below. The calendar will remain the same as meetings can be joined at any time.

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 11 AND 12 ASSESSMENTS

In line with NESAs guidelines, students in Years 11 and 12 are expected to have completed at least one assessment per Key Learning Area by the conclusion of Term 1. Most of our Stage 6 students have completed their assessments whilst maintaining social distancing rules. Amendments to the nature of assessments were made, where possible, and supplementary examinations will be made available to those students who were absent, due to the COVID-19 crisis, upon returning to school.

## HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 2020

The NSW government and the NESA Advisory board have decided that the 2020 NSW Higher School Certificate will continue as planned and have advised schools to continue teaching HSC content and assessing students in line with their school's policies.

NESA's advice to students

- Keep learning, do your assessments, make progress on your major projects.
- Look after yourself, whether you are at school or at home.
- Reach out to family, friends and your teachers if you need to.
- Go to UAC COVID-19 updates for information about entering university in 2021

Further information for students and their parents can be found on the NESA website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/novel-coronavirus>



An important reminder to all our students, these times are challenging, however with a Growth Mindset, we will all get through this challenging time together. What is important at this time is to keep persisting, be disciplined, work hard and turn failure into a learning experience. Measure the outcomes achieved and your success with the effort that has been put in behind the scenes of that success. The outcomes are only the tip of the iceberg, look at what is below the surface to see what truly makes a successful outcome.

We pray you have a safe and healthy break!

**Wassalaam**

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