



# AL NOORI NEWS

## Al Noori Muslim School

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

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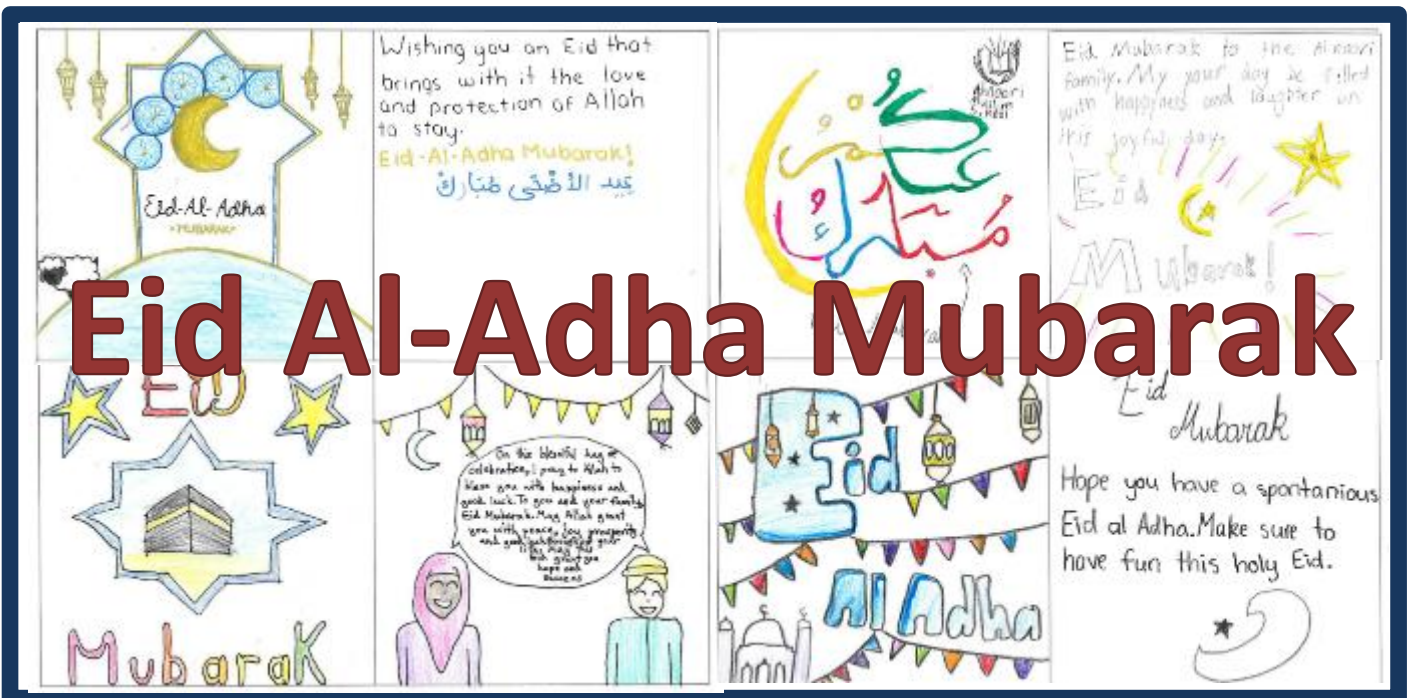
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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K-6 Eid Al-Adha Card Competition

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

The half-way point of the academic year is a good time to reflect on our journey as a school community. Term 2 has certainly been full of action. Behind every accomplishment in Semester 1, there has been a team of staff and students who have exerted effort, commitment, and passion. Early mornings, late nights, goal setting, collaboration, teamwork, respect, responsibility, and faith. The many successes accomplished this semester reflect our school's educational philosophy of valuing a culture of optimism, excellence, and celebration within an Islamic context. This newsletter highlights the many activities and accomplishments over the course of the term, and we recognise the environment and culture found at our school is conducive to fostering passion and a sense of belonging.

Thank you to our community for an incredible Term 2. We wish all families a safe and happy break. This holiday will be extra special as the Eid Al-Adha will be on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. The Prophet (PBUH) recommended for those who are not pilgrims to fast on the day of Arafah, as he said: "It expiates the sins of the past year and the coming year." (Muslim).

We look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed and energised for Term 3. Staff look forward to welcoming **students back on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### ENTRY EXAMINATION FOR 2023

The Kindergarten and Year 7 to 11 entry examinations are scheduled for **Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2022**. Parents & caregivers must finalise the application by Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Emails will be sent to inform applicants of the details for the examination.

Enrolment applications for new students to the school, wishing to apply for Years 1-6 will open next term. **This is only for new enrolments.**

### RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS



Our neighbours are an important part of our school community, and we need to show care and respect towards them. Parent & caregivers must not obstruct their driveways or enter their property.

Being polite, courteous, and respectful towards our neighbours ensures we reflect the positive image of Al Noori Muslim School and Islam.

Thank you for your support and for respecting our neighbours by not blocking their driveways.

### ATTENDANCE- PLEASE REPLY TO THE SMS

Please respond to the school SMS to explain your child's absence. Simply reply sick/ family reasons/ or another reason, to explain the absence. Replying to the SMS will mean teachers will not be required to retrieve a signed note from parents or caregivers.

### LONG LEAVE REQUESTS

Parents and caregivers are reminded that all leave requests must be submitted to the school Administration Office and require the principal's approval.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to plan all trips during the school holidays as this minimises interruptions to the students' education.

### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

The Semester 2 reports will be released to parents & caregivers early next term. The reports will be issued digitally through Sentral. The reports will provide parents with information about their child's academic, social, and behavioural progress.

Parents who wish to enquire about their child's progress may contact the school to speak with the relevant teacher/coordinator.

### 2022 QURAN MEMORISATION COMPETITION



Thank you to all the students who participated in the Annual Quran Memorisation Competition. This year, over five hundred students from across K-12 participated in the competition. In the primary campus, ninety-three first place achievements were awarded, and in the high school campus, forty-eight first place achievements. These students memorised the entire prescribed surah perfectly mashallah. This is an outstanding achievement.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising this event. May your amazing efforts be rewarded greatly.





**“YOU HAVE BRAINS IN YOUR HEAD. YOU HAVE FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF IN ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE”**



**“YOU’LL NEVER BE BORED WHEN YOU TRY SOMETHING NEW”**





**“WHY FIT IN, WHEN YOU WERE BORN TO STAND OUT?”**



**“TODAY IS YOUR DAY! YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING. SO .. GET ON YOUR WAY”**





**“TODAY YOU ARE YOU, THAT IS TRUER THAN TRUE”**



## TERM 2 BOTTLE RECYCLING PROGRAM

A huge thank you to all the students who donated recycled bottles this term. The money raised from the 10-cent refund will be used for orphan sponsorships.

The students received gift packs to acknowledge their contribution and efforts. Some of the gifts were donated by a very generous parent. May Allah SWT grant her and every student the best of health and success in this world and the hereafter.





## VERTICAL STUDENT COLLABORATION – STAGE 3 DEBATING

The Stage 3 debating team participated in a debating workshop facilitated by two members of our Stage 5 debating team: Anhaar Kareem and Nesrin Khalifa.

During this workshop, students explored the purpose, benefits and rules of debating, and learnt about different roles within a debating team. In addition, students participated in a debate after being guided through the preparation stage and received live feedback from their Stage 5 mentors alongside the Stage 3 debating coaches: Ms Mehrotra and Ms Iqbal.



**“DON’T GIVE UP!  
I BELIEVE IN YOU ALL!”**



**YEAR 4 BUILT STRUCTURES**

As part of the unit Built Environments, our Year 4 students have been busy in their classrooms building outstanding structures from recyclable materials. The students worked collaboratively to design and build their structures. Their structures were inspired by famous structures from around the world including Malaysia's Twin Towers.



Well done on building your effective communication skills, creativity, and teamwork.

**SEMESTER 2 PREFECTS**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the class prefect for Semester 2.

These students have shown outstanding respect for the school rules, great leadership skills and an elevated level of responsibility. This opportunity will allow them to build on their current skills and make a positive difference to the school environment. The students will receive their badges at a special assembly next term.

<b>K Red</b> Yousuf EL Azaly Aisha Jabakanji	
<b>K Blue</b> Aafiq Rahman Huma Bhide	<b>1 Orange</b> Mahmoud Akra Sophia Feghali
<b>K Yellow</b> Tarek Sabra Liyana Hamdoun	<b>1 Purple</b> Taaraz Nur Aisha Fakhreddine
<b>K Orange</b> Laiyth Kairua Shanzay Hussnan	<b>1 Green</b> Omar Kareem Mahnaz Rashid
<b>K Purple</b> Sumera Khan Maaz Ahmed Syed	<b>2 Red</b> Abdullah Ahmad El Sayed Aleeyah Chami
<b>K White</b> Yahya El azaly Souaad Shoushary	<b>2 Blue</b> Zayan Rahman Mimuna Alam
<b>K Green</b> Jacob Semawy Madinah Chaar	<b>2 Yellow</b> Farhan Zaman Zaraa Yuniar
<b>1 Red</b> Rayan Alam Seline Iskandar	<b>2 Orange</b> Affan Hasan Marzuqah Mohe
<b>1 Blue</b> Mehmet Ahyan Maryam Awadallah	<b>2 Purple</b> Amaal Barake Habil Karaman
<b>1 Yellow</b> Yassin Karaali Alaa Alameddine	<b>2 Green</b> Mohammed Zaki Malik Ameena Anwar





## FRIDAY WEEKLY SERMONS

**“Plant a seed that  
will sprout into  
beautiful things”**



From Year 3, students are taught about the importance of Friday prayer and the Friday sermon. Students from the Senior Campus prepare and present the weekly sermons under the guidance of the school's Islamic Studies Coordinator.

The Friday sermon is written for the younger students to ensure they comprehend the key messages and connect messages to their own lives. Year 3 and Year 4 students show outstanding behaviour and engagement during the weekly sermons.

A huge thank you to the talented High School students who continue to participate in the Friday sermon program. May Allah SWT protect our ummah.

This is another great example of the DDL inspired vertical learning!



## BATHROOM ETIQUETTE

Parents & caregivers are kindly requested to speak to their children about the etiquettes of using the bathroom. Please remind children to put used toilet paper in the toilet bowl and to flush the toilet.

Please encourage the boys to follow the sunnah and sit on the toilet rather than stand. Washing hands after using the restroom is necessary.

Encourage students to report dirty facilities to the administration staff and a cleaner will be sent to immediately attend to the facility.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP – YOU INSPIRE US!



Our young leaders have had a remarkably busy term, they have been involved in planning & implementing school events such as the Eid Fete and fundraisers. The Year 5 and 6 SRC attended a workshop presented by Sheikh Hassan El Setohy. The workshop inspired students to be the best leaders they can be, by reflecting on great leaders from our Islamic history.





Baraa Krayem from class 6 Orange requested a meeting with school executives to present two separate student-led proposals and he did a brilliant job representing his peers. The proposals are now with the principal for consideration. Well done, Baraa!

Ahmad Achouh from 3 Blue rallied support to have the game '**Around the World**' introduced to the Year 3 and Year 4 students. A basketball area and ground markings have been set for this game. Thank you, Ahmad for paving the way!



Congratulations to our future human justice lawyer, Lisa Adlan from 5 Yellow. Lisa voluntarily wrote an extensive piece on juvenile justice and possible solutions. You have a bright future ahead of you Lisa!



Yusuf Redha from class 3 Purple made his own 'FEELO METER' to help students understand their emotions and develop great strategies in being able to identify their emotions and cope with different life challenges. Thank you, Yusuf, for such a wonderful invention.



**“IT’S NOT ABOUT WHAT IT IS,  
IT’S ABOUT WHAT IT CAN BECOME”**

## EID AL-ADHA CARD COMPETITION



Congratulations to the following students who achieved first place in the Eid Al-Adha Greeting Card Competition. It was very difficult to choose as all the entries were outstanding.

### Congratulations

**Abdul Hadi** in Kindergarten



### Congratulations

**Zakiya Kabir** in Year 1



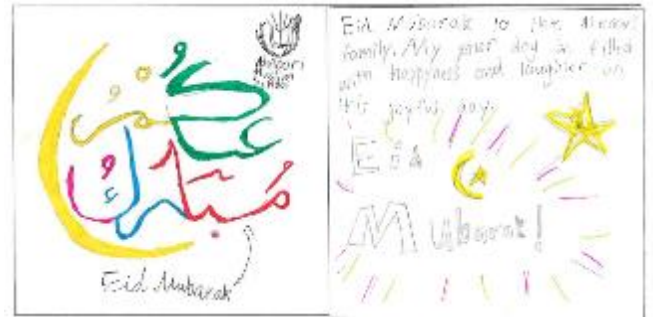
### Congratulations

**Rumaysa Sheikh** in Year 2



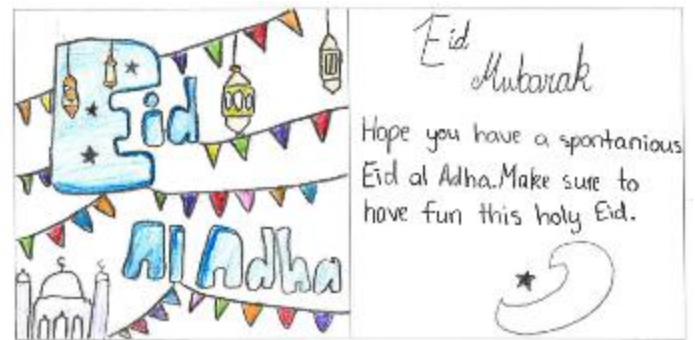
### Congratulations

**Saif Ur Rehman Muhammad** in Year 3



### Congratulations

**Abdulrahman Traljesic** in Year 4



### Congratulations

**Alaayna Mansuri** in Year 5



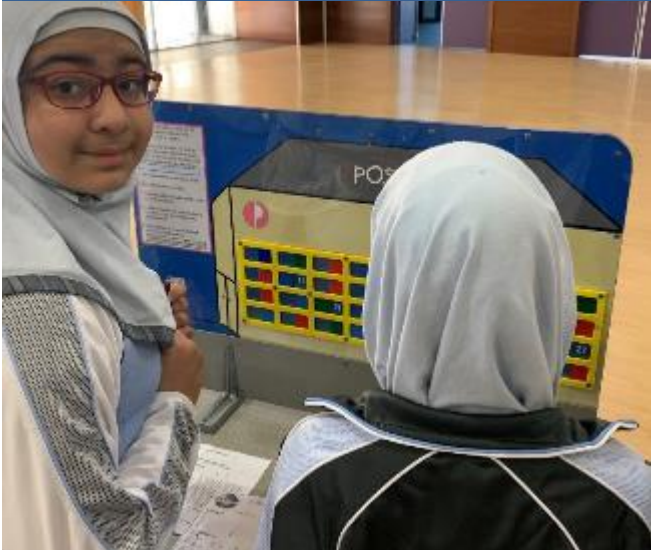
### Congratulations

**Parisa Jabin** in Year 6





**“THINK LEFT AND THINK RIGHT  
AND THINK LOW AND THINK  
HIGH. OH. THE THINGS YOU CAN  
THINK UP IF YOU TRY”**



**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Parents are reminded that students are not permitted to leave the school grounds once they have been dropped off in the morning. Students who are found to leave the school premises to go to the corner store will face disciplinary action.

Supervision is provided at the school from 8:05am and in the afternoon until 3:45pm. Please ensure your child is dropped off or picked up within the supervision timeframes.

**LATENESS AND EARLY LEAVE**

Students who arrive to school after 8:40am must collect a late note from the front office. Students who are repeatedly late will be addressed by the Welfare Coordinators and may require a meeting to discuss management of their attendance. Please assist your child to arrive to school on time to allow them time to attend the assembly and gather their school equipment.

Medical and other appointments are encouraged to be booked outside of school hours. Early Leave must also be avoided during Friday prayers as we cannot guarantee your child to leave early during the prayers. Please arrange appointments outside of school and prayer times.

**UNIFORM REMINDERS**

During the winter months students must ensure that they are wearing school uniform items only. Non-school items will be confiscated.

**Boys**

- Boys need to ensure they are always wearing a black belt.
- No jewellery or accessories
- Crew length navy blue socks
- Standard haircuts, not unkempt, multi-levelled or long
- Shoes must be closed, leather shoes for safety purposes

**Girls**

- The stitched white scarf or a pinned scarf to be always worn. Students who are seen with unpinned scarves will be issued a warning letter.
- Crew length navy blue socks
- No jewellery or accessories, make-up/artificial nails/nail polish



**“AND WILL YOU SUCCEED? YES YOU WILL INDEED! (98 AND ¾ PERCENT GUARANTEED)”**



## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On 29th April 2022, some students elected to participate in the Leadership Workshop run by Sh Hassan El Setohy and the Wellbeing Coordinators. Students were engaged in a presentation on aspects of leadership from an Islamic Perspective, where they drew a link between Ramadan fasting and leadership skills. They also participated in team building activities before completing a reflection exercise.

The follow-up session and luncheon was held on Friday, 1st July 2022.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Our Year 12 school captains, Emad Merhi and Fatima Harb were invited to attend the Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program at NSW Parliament House on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. This full day in Parliament House included a visit to Government House to meet the Governor and further gain leadership insights.



## STUDY SKILLS SESSIONS

We would like to thank the students who attended the four-part study skills workshops in Weeks 5 and 6. Student feedback following the sessions was positive and students especially enjoyed the student perspective session presented by Nesrin Khalifa of Year 10. Thank you Nesrin for your efforts.

## PUBERTY AND HEALTH INFORMATION SESSIONS

On Thursday 30th June, the Welfare Committee conducted segregated information sessions for males and females, which aim to address many of the key issues surrounding adolescence namely hygiene, age of accountability, anxiety, and depression. The sessions gave our students an opportunity to discuss and seek answers from an entirely Islamic perspective.

## WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students attended the Western Sydney Careers Expo on Thursday, 23rd June 2022. Students were able to speak to representatives from different universities and professions to gain insight into potential career pathways.



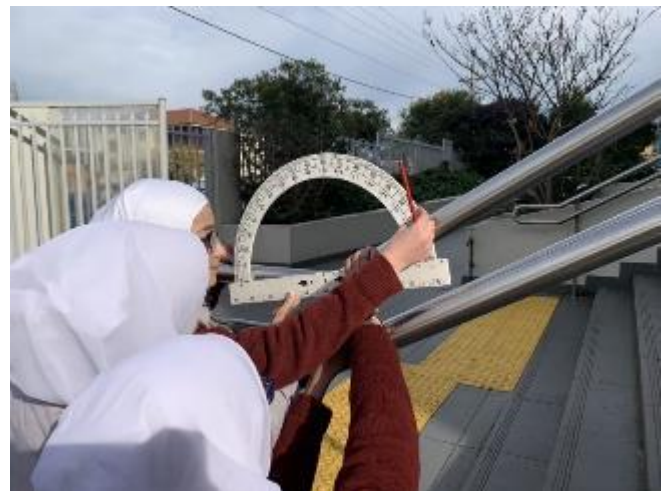


## PISA 2022

In 2022, Australia will be one of about 85 countries participating in PISA. PISA is the Programme for International Student Assessment. Internationally it is the world's largest student assessment with around half a million participating students. Through Australia's participation in PISA, students help demonstrate areas in which the Australian education system is doing well and areas which need to improve. In most schools, around 25 students, predominantly from Years 10 and 11, will be randomly selected to participate in PISA.

Our school has been selected to participate; each participating student has an important role in representing Australian students. The PISA assessment will be held on Thursday 18 August.

For more information about PISA, please visit: [www.acer.org/ozpisa](http://www.acer.org/ozpisa).



Have a restful and enjoyable holiday. May Allah SWT keep you safe and in good health.

Wassalaam

*Ali Kak*

Mr Ali Kak  
Principal

## COOKING SESSIONS

Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed their Food Technology lessons this term and cooked up some gourmet meals to share and enjoy during their lunch breaks.

