



Assalamu Alaykum (wrb)

Dear Parents,

The half-yearly reports that were sent home this week, gave you a detailed account of your child's progress thus far. Due to the serious strain of influenza we are experiencing this winter, a lot of our teaching staff was absent for the past two weeks, which made it impossible for us to have the parent-teacher interviews. Therefore, I expect all parents to attend the parent-teacher interviews on the first day of Term 3, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please do not bring any children to the parent-teacher interview.**

I wish all parents, teachers and students a safe and happy holiday, insha'Allah.

### Special Visitor

On June 5<sup>th</sup> we had Prince Turki Al Faysal from Saudi Arabia visit our school. The students of Rissalah College gave him a spectacular welcome. The Prince visited some classrooms and was very impressed with the children's academic standards both in the mainstream education and Arabic/Islamic studies curriculum.

He concluded the visit with a sensational twenty-minute presentation by the students. The whole performance was student-owned with Musbah Fayed as the M.C. It commenced with the Qura'nic recital, followed with a welcoming speech by Mariam Issa and Yahya Guerfi. It continued with a number of anasheed by the school choir, a short play, various items and ended with a short dua/prayer by a Year 1 student, Walid Afioni.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The big 'Jump Off' was cancelled due to wet weather. It has been re-scheduled for next term.

### Swine Flu Update

Please read the information on the back of this newsletter which was sent to all schools by the NSW Department of Health.

### School Poster Competition

Canterbury City Council conducted the Schools Poster Competition this year. The theme was 'Collecting Our Rubbish is Not Child's Play'. The students designed many creative posters of a very high calibre. Congratulations to the following students:

Saud Sattar 1F-Received 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

The following students received consolation prizes, which included a \$25 Dymocks gift voucher:

Elmaz Elchami 1S  
Chaymaa Guerfi 1S  
Nada Assad 1S  
Mariam Abdul-Razzak 1F  
Rayan Faytrouni 1F  
Ridwan Mohsin 1F  
Duaa Anwar 3M  
Sami Zoobi 3M  
Reda Al Hassan 3M  
Isphahan Irfan 6W

### HEALTHY HAROLD

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, our students participated in Healthy Harold Day to raise money for the Life Education program. The students had fun making Healthy Harold's neck long. 6M won the "Long Neck" challenge and the school raised \$463.55.

### DIARY OF EVENTS

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of Term 2

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July-Parent-Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July-First day of Term 3 for students

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August-First day of the holy month of Ramadan (TBC)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September-Eid-UI-Fitr (TBC)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October- School Athletics Carnival

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October-Last day of Term 3

Mrs. H. Toefy  
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## **Human Swine Flu update - PROTECT phase**

The Australian Government has declared a new phase in the response to the H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) influenza response, known as **PROTECT**. The change in approach has occurred because the virus strain is not as virulent as first thought and the focus is now on minimising the transmission of the virus among those at greater risk of complications.

The key points of this phase for schools are:

- any student or staff member who has been excluded from school because of travel, and is currently well, can return to school immediately
- any student or staff member who has been placed in quarantine by public health authorities because of ill health should maintain their quarantine until they are well
- any student or staff member who is unwell with flu-like symptoms should remain at home and seek medical advice from their doctor, and
- Boarding schools and schools catering mainly for children with special needs remain at greater risk with respect to an outbreak of influenza (of all strains) and additional hygiene precautions should still be taken in such environments.

For more information about Human Swine Flu and other influenza viruses, including daily advice and updates, go to [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Swine Flu Hotline on 180 2007.