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Principal's Message

Assalamu 'alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

Term 4 is well underway and we have had a very positive start, with Stage 3 students returning from an exciting and rewarding camping experience.

Students are reminded to remain committed and steadfast in their efforts; both academic and spiritual, with salaah the main focus for Islamic Studies throughout Term 4.

The Yearly examinations will commence soon and I encourage students to begin a gradual revision process in order to ensure that they are well-prepared and confident in their approach to the exams.

Last week I reminded parents and caregivers of our responsibilities in regards to road safety and parking. I hope to see a greater improvement in this area, insha'Allah.

Swimming

Next week, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will attend a 5-day intensive swimming program at Roselands Aquatic Centre. The program constitutes a key component of the mandatory PDHPE curriculum, with students learning vital water safety skills.

Please read the following reminders carefully:

- Students must wear their swimming clothes **UNDERNEATH** their sport uniform every day next week.
- Students must **BRING** with them (in a separate plastic bag): thongs or crocs to wear to the pool, a towel and clean underwear to change into after their lesson.
- Goggles are optional, but recommended if your child is sensitive to chlorine.
- All students will be given a swimming cap by the Aquatics Centre which they **MUST** bring every day.
- **PLEASE LABEL EVERY SINGLE ITEM.** Every year, we are left with an incredible amount of lost property during swimming week because items are not labelled.



Uniform

We are pleased to announce that the uniform shop has received a shipment of new sports polo shirts. If you were awaiting stock, all sizes are now available.

We would like to encourage parents to begin planning for the new year by purchasing uniform items which may need replacing **BEFORE** the kindergarten rush starts! Remember to ensure children are always neatly presented in their uniforms, including ties, correct navy socks or stockings and the compulsory school bag.

The uniform shop is open every **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** from 8:00 until 9:30a.m. **ONLY.**

Term 4 Islamic Studies Program



Learning at Rissalah College is a shared partnership between the school and the home. We certainly hope that you have seen some of the information being brought home by students this term in regards to salaah.

The Term 4 Islamic Studies program focuses on the virtues of salaah. Depending on their year group, students look at different aspects of salaah. We would like you to spend time with your children reading the material they have been provided with and encourage them to

manifest their learning at home through regular prayer.

Students' knowledge of salaah will form the basis of their Yearly examination for Islamic Studies.



Stage 3 Camp

Last week, students in Year 5 and Year 6 attended a 3-day camp at Wisemans Ferry. Accompanied by Mrs. Allazze, Sheikh Nabeel, Miss Ismail, Mr. El-Hallak, Mrs. Naboush and Miss Trinh, the students had a wonderful time engaged in activities such as archery, canoeing, abseiling and bushwalking.

Despite their lack of sleep, the students managed to hold morning soccer matches after waking for fajr prayer! They returned to school extremely exhausted but very eager to share their tales with teachers, parents and their friends.

Events such as the Stage 3 camp help to strengthen the overall character of our students by allowing them to experience time away from the luxury of their homes, whilst learning new responsibilities and building their social skills and independence. The five daily prayers were a key feature of the camp, with students waking for fajr each morning and listening to sermons conducted by Sheikh Nabeel, focusing on the importance of salaah.

Thank you to Mrs. Allazze for her efforts in coordinating this year's camp and to the teachers who accompanied the students, ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times.



IMPORTANT DATES

Yearly Examinations



The Yearly examinations are fast-approaching. Please ensure that you take the time to review the year's key concepts with your children, using the revision booklets issued by teachers as a guide.

The Yearly examinations for Arabic and Islamic Studies will commence on **Monday, 14th November** and conclude by **Friday, 25th November**.

The Yearly examinations for all other Key Learning Areas will commence on **Monday, 28th November** and conclude on **Wednesday, 7th December**.

Any absences during the examination period must be accompanied by a medical certificate. NO leave will be granted during this time.

End-of-Year Presentations

The end-of-year presentations will be held on the dates outlined below. Invitations with further details will be released closer to the day.

Kindergarten – Friday, 9th December

Year 1 and 2 – Monday, 12th December

Years 3, 4 & 5 – Tuesday, 13th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Awards Ceremony – Monday, 12th December (evening)

Last Day of Term

The last day of 2016 for ALL students will be **Tuesday, 13th December**.

Wassalaam,

Mr. Khalil
Principal