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Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu

*“It takes a village to raise a child.”
African proverb*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term Two

Welcome to Term 2. We hope all families had a peaceful holiday, Insha'Allah. Our Term 2 planner is packed with numerous exciting activities. A variety of excursions have been organised for this term, before the holy month of Ramadan. We appreciate the prompt response when parents return permission notes the next day.

We are in the sacred month of Sha'baan. May Allah (SWT) guide and protect us and forgive us for our shortcomings. May we all reach the month of Ramadan, Insha'Allah.

Isra' and Mi'raj

It was wonderful to have so many families and friends join us yesterday of our Isra' and Mi'raj event. We were honoured to have the renowned Munshid Sheikh Abdullah Al Zoabi from Lebanon and Sheikh Musto and the Ahbab Al-Mustafa group. Our students performed very well on stage, Tabarak'Allah. We say a huge **Thank You** to the Head of Arabic and Islamic Studies Department, Ms. Nada Roude, the Arabic and Islamic Studies teachers, teacher assistants and parents for their hard work. All staff were involved in the preparation of this auspicious occasion – may Allah (SWT) bless you for your wonderful efforts, Masha'Allah. Students, with the help and support of their parents and caregivers, completed creative projects and they are on display throughout our school.

Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to our wonderful parents and friends who purchased tickets and donated towards the Cancer Council. A special **Thank You** to Mrs. Hamouda and Miss S. Lozi, Miss Ismail and all staff members for their assistance and contributions towards this fundraiser. Please assist in our fight against this dreadful disease by always ensuring that students are applying sunscreen every morning and always wearing the school hat during recess, lunch and sport time.

Food for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Following the suggestion made by our Vice-Captain, Caleb Serougi, to donate food to the needy, we shall be collecting and donating canned foods and dry goods to refugees and asylum seekers living in the community who are experiencing financial difficulties. The campaign is organised by *Life Without Barriers*, a not for profit organisation. We request that each student bring at least one tinned / dry product to school. All products are to be handed to the class teacher. The food products will be collected before the start of Ramadan. Please start donating the food products from Monday, 7th May. Items needed include rice, pasta, noodles, tomato paste, long life milk, cereal, lentils and tinned cans of tuna, salmon and beans. Please ensure the items have not reached the expiry date.

Dental Medical Mobile Services

From the 15th May to the 19th May, we shall have the *Dental Medical Mobile Services* Group visiting our school. They will complete a general checkup and clean, scale and polish the students' teeth free of charge under the government scheme. If you wish to use this service, please complete the DMMS form and return as soon as possible. The service is only eligible for families under the Medicare Family Tax Benefit. Please refer to DMMS pamphlet for more information.

NAPLAN: Year 3 and Year 5

The students will complete their NAPLAN next week in the morning sessions. Please ensure that students are well rested, have a nutritional breakfast and arrive at school by 8:25am.

Tuesday, 9 th May	Wednesday, 10 th May	Thursday, 11 th May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

Half-Yearly Examinations

Please be reminded that the Half-Yearly Examinations will commence on Monday, 22nd May (Week 5) for Arabic and Islamic Studies. All other examinations will commence on Thursday, 1st June (Week 6), as per the timetable which will be distributed next week. Please encourage your children to read over their previous weeks' homework and complete the revision tasks that will be assigned to them. This will ensure that they are well-prepared for their examinations and will enhance their overall performance, insha'Allah.

School Uniform

Blazers are compulsory and **MUST** be worn everyday when students enter and leave the school. Students are not allowed to enter the school hall for morning assembly without their blazer. Likewise, students who are wearing their sports uniform need to be wearing their sports jacket. Boys must be in long pants every day during Terms 2 and 3 and have short and standard haircuts, with no lines or steps. All students must wear navy socks (boys) or stockings (girls). Students **MUST** only use the Rissalah school bag. Please be reminded that all items of uniform must be purchased from the school's uniform range only.

Walk Safely to School Day

Our school will be participating in *National Walk Safely to School Day* on Friday, 19th May. A healthy breakfast will be provided for students who walk to school between 8:10a.m. and 8:30a.m. We encourage all students to try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

School Programs

The following programs will continue until Week 5, Insha'Allah. We shall not be conducting before and after school programs during Ramadan.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Quran Tahfiz (3:30 – 5:00pm) Homework Centre (3:30 – 5:00pm)	Out of School Hours Sport K-2 (7:20 – 8:20am)	Out of School Hours Sport 3-6 (7:20 – 8:20am) Quran Tahfiz (3:30 – 5:00pm) Homework Centre (3:30 – 5:00 pm)	Out of School Hours Sport K-2 (3:30 – 4:30am) Arabic Homework Centre (3:30 – 5:00pm)	Out of School Hours Sport Years 3-6 (3:30 – 4:30pm)	Super Skills for Excellence: Years 3 and 5 (9:00 – 1:00am) Literacy Numeracy Quran Reading Sport

Important Dates

Anti-Bullying Program by NSW Police: Monday, 1st May
 Isra' and Mi'raj Event: Wednesday, 3rd May
 Year 4 Excursion-Australian Maritime Museum: Thursday, 4th May
 NAPLAN: 9th, 10th and 11th May
 Year 6 Excursion- Canberra Parliament House: Friday, 19th May
 Walk Safely to School Day: Friday, 19th May
 Start of Arabic and Islamic Studies Exams: Monday 22nd May
 Reptile Incursion: Tuesday, 23rd May
 National Simultaneous Story Time: Wednesday, 24th May
 Approximate start of Ramadan: Saturday, 27th May
 Start of Key Learning Areas Exams: Thursday, 1st June
 Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday): Monday, 12th June
 Islamic Book Fair: Wednesday, 14th June to Friday 23rd June
End of Term 2: Friday, 30th June

JazakaAllahu Khairan

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