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**Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu**

***‘Character is doing the right thing when nobody is looking.’***

by J.C. Wells

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

Welcome to Term 3, 2017. We hope all families had many opportunities to enjoy a few activities together. We hope our students have read many library books and visited the library during their little two-week break. The holidays should also be used to revise those concepts and areas that need consolidation. Our Year Six 2017 students have reached their final semester with our college and we encourage them to make it the best and most memorable time before they finally depart in December, 2017. We thank the students from the Student Representative Council (SRC) who attended the Leadership Workshop on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. They were inspired by the talks and activities completed by Tim Dansie, from TDP Psychology. We hope, Insha’Allah, that these students will put their training into good use in the future. Please see the variety of activities that have been planned for this term.

## Term 3

This term is 10 weeks in duration and will conclude on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please do not schedule holidays during term dates as this kind of leave cannot be approved. Extended periods of absence from school affect students' performance and may compromise their enrolment at the College.

## ICAS 2017

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program run by the University of New South Wales. From next week, students in Years 2, 4 and 6 at Rissalah College will sit the English and Mathematics ICAS papers. The English competition will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August and the Mathematics competition will be held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August.



## Extra-Curricular Programs

All additional programs offered by the College will continue this term. Permission notes for participation in the Out of School Hours Sport Program, Homework Centre, Qur'an Tahfiz and the Saturday Super Skills for Excellence (SSE) program were released last week. Please return notes promptly with any relevant payments.

## Gymnastics

'Got Game' is a group of NSW Accredited teachers who will deliver an innovative gymnastics program for our students throughout Term 3. The specialist coaches will bring a variety of equipment to deliver Gymnastics lessons every Wednesday and Thursday as part of the students' PE lessons. Please ensure your child returns their permission note, as it is required for participation.



## Sport Uniform Days

This term, students are reminded to wear their full sports uniform on the following days only:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Wednesdays

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2): Thursdays

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4): Wednesdays

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6): Wednesdays and Thursdays



## Earn and Learn

Rissalah will be participating in the Earn & Learn promotion run by Woolworths this year. When you shop at Woolworths, collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them onto the sticker sheet distributed last week. Once complete, the sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at school for collation. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school insha'Allah!



## NDIS



From 1 July 2017, the National Disability Insurance Scheme became available state-wide for people receiving supports through NSW Government specialist disability services. This is a significant movement for people with disabilities, their families and carers. A NDIS Community forum will be held on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August between 1 and 2pm at the Greencare Citizens Hall. The forum is open to the parents, staff and caregivers of individuals with a disability.

## Portfolios

Student portfolios were released last term. These portfolios should now have been returned to school.

## School Fees

School fees must be paid by each family enrolled at Rissalah College within the first week of each term. Outstanding fees must be paid immediately.

## Important Dates

Qur'an Tahfiz program commences: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Arabic Homework Centre commences: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Homework Centre commences: Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July  
ICAS English test for Years 2, 4 and 6: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August  
ICAS Mathematics test for Years 2, 4 and 6: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August  
**Sports Carnival and Last day of Term 3: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

JazakaAllahu Khairan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Styer'.

Mrs. Naslie Styer  
Principal