As the end of another successful year draws to an end, I look forward to the End of Year Presentation Days, which will take place next week. I am very proud of the efforts and achievements of the Salamah College students, and we will acknowledge this during these events. I hope that you will all join us in celebrating the achievements of your children.

This year, our second year, saw a rapid growth in our student enrolments. We faced many challenges that came with this growth. Extra staff, extra classrooms and resources, patience and support of the parents have helped us to make this year the success that it was.

Our team of dedicated staff are also to be commended for their hard work throughout the year. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that all students were provided with quality programs and enjoyable learning experiences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

I would also like to thank the families of our students, who have supported the School throughout the year. It is through this partnership between the School, its students and their families, that we will continue to grow and succeed in the future.

Finally, I wish all of our students, their families and the staff of Salamah College, a safe and enjoyable holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Mr Wissam Saad

PRESENTATION DAYS:

The final days of the School Year are a time to celebrate the achievements of our students. This year, the following days have been allocated:

- **Monday 16 December:**
  High School Presentation Day
  Time: 9:00am to 11:00pm
  Venue: School Hall

- **Tuesday 17 December:**
  Year 6 Graduation
  Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
  Venue: School Hall

- **Wednesday 18 December:**
  Kindergarten to Year 5 Presentation
  Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm
  Venue: School Hall

All parents are very welcome to join us as we celebrate the end of another successful year for the Salamah College Community.
School Activities & Excursions!

As part of National Literacy Week 2013, Salamah College students were participating in a variety of exciting activities and events to help promote their love for literacy. A whole school class excursion was organised to Bankstown City Library for all students from years K-6 as a way of exposing students to the importance of literacy. Students were involved in motivating and engaging activities to allow for a meaningful learning experience for all. Such activities included familiarity with a variety of texts, and demonstration of their comprehension abilities through dramatisation and oral discussions. The library visit was a great opportunity for students to be exposed to all types of texts in an effort to improve their overall literacy standards.

Education Week

Education Week was celebrated by Salamah College in Week 2 of Term 3, with ‘Salamah’s 6 Thinking Hats’ as the 2013 theme. Students from K-6 were asked to don a variety of different hats across the week to guide their thinking whilst they participated in subject specific activities. The thinking hats used, asked students to focus their attention on feelings, processes, facts, creativity, as well as the positives and negatives of various scenarios. Kindergarten had a ball during their Science activity as they learnt about and made bubbles using their red feeling hats, the boys and girls reflected on their emotions during the activity. Year One were challenged as they wore their white fact hats to create a map of the local Chester Hill area. Year Two students were wearing their black negative hats to tackle the issue of bullying at school. The boys and girls were required to take on a variety of roles including the bully, the witness and the victim. As the week progressed, all teachers noted the high enthusiasm from students to try out the remaining thinking hats. The green creativity hat was worn by Year Three as they developed their very own menu, whilst Year Four students were allowed to take control of the classroom teaching and learning for an hour as they wore their blue process thinking hats. Year Five and Six were lucky enough to watch an IWB story book whilst they used their yellow positive hat thinking to reflect upon and share ridiculous storyline adjustments. Overall Education Week 2013 was a huge success at Salamah College.

Salamah’s Got Talent

Salamah College held its first annual primary talent quest show. Auditions and semi finals were held over two weeks with some fantastic acts unfortunately missing out on the grand final. The grand final included a wide variety of acts including: gymnastics, karate, beat boxing, poetry and a table bouncing activity. After plenty of deliberation between the judges, Esra Akinci’s gymnastic routine took out the top award. Well done Esra! We look forward to yet another fantastic Talent Quest in 2014.

The Book Week theme for 2013 was “Reading Across the Universe.” Salamah College celebrated our love of reading by dressing up as characters from popular children’s books and spending quality time completing fabulous book tasks. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated parents that went to great lengths to create fabulous student costumes. Everyone looked and felt amazing and our day was filled with laughter and fun. The whole school story “Salamah Goes to Space” was enjoyed by all and will continue to be loved for many years to come at Salamah. While our school is large, the Book Week celebrations united us all and made our day one to remember.
Science week at Salamah College was on the 13th and 14th August. The CSIRO provided our students with curriculum linked workshops which enhanced teaching and learning experiences for all of our K-6 students.

Kindergarten students loved exploring the wonderful creatures in the Mini Beast encounter show while for year one student’s science became a real life encounter with the Science in Action Workshop. Years Two and Four had a mind-blowing learning adventure discovering the many facets of Force and Movement. Year Three students had an explosive time taking part in the Solids, Liquids and Gases workshops where they were emulsified in chemical reactions. Year Five students participated in the Light, Mirrors and Colour workshop where every student came away with sheer astonishment at the many purposes and properties these very simple elements play within the world of science. Sparks were felt throughout our school when our Year Six students participated in the Electrical Circuits workshop.

Staff and students at Salamah had an incredible time during Science Week festivities. Students were eager to take part in the learning experiences provided by the CSIRO and the same could be said for the teachers, as some would say that they secretly enjoyed it more than the students!

In Term 3, Years K-6 had a visit from the wacky Professor Maths who had a range of challenging and engaging hand-on activities for the students to play with. Some of the activities included number fishing, ordering rocket ships and a favourite was solving the tessellating rubix cube.

Students who were able to complete the ‘super challenges’ were able to dress up in the maths genius costume as modelled below by one of our Math wizzes.

Students solved puzzles by using Green Hat creative thinking and were able to work in small groups for some extra help. All the students had an enjoyable experience and it helped students see the different ways Maths can be used to solve problems.

“SALAMAH SAYS NO TO BULLYING!”

Salamah College held an Anti-Bullying event on the on the 17th of September. The Anti-Bullying Awareness Day included a Mufti Day where students and teachers dressed in the Anti-Bullying colour ‘blue’.

Students across the stages engaged in hands on activities to raise awareness of the prevalence of the bullying in Australian schools. Early stage one completed an Anti-Bullying quilt; individual students decorated fabric squares with Anti-Bullying messages which was sewn together and displayed in the classrooms. Stage one completed ‘Wrinkle Wanda’ where students wrote unkind and disrespectful statements on a full body outline. The students crumpled the outline and un-crumpled it back again. Stage two completed ‘It’s Hard to Fix a Wrinkled Heart’ where students wrinkled then smoothed the heart back again. These activities demonstrated the hurt caused by bullying behaviours. Stage three completed an ‘I phone’ activity. Students were given an app template to write Anti-Bullying messages. Students across the stages wrote amazing meaningful message to pass the message across that ‘Salamah Says No To Bullying’.
PICTURE GALLERY
Congratulations to the new members of the Primary SRC for 2014. They are:

Grade 3: Zain Aboucham, Hassam Ardai, Rami Hussein, Amina Najem, Shayma Abdel Qader, Nadia Obeid

Grade 4: Salam Hawat, Aïgbéh Fofana, Mariam El Yassir, Ali Yousaf, Abdullah Al Katrani, Fadi Arabi

Grade 5: Mahmoud Kok, Ibrahim El-Youssef, Ayah Awad, Adyan Al Helfi

Prefects- Ayman Kassem, Eman Najem
Vice Captains- Hussein Dbouk, Asrah Sobh
Captains- Omar Hazouri, Deema Jalloul

Secondary SRC Members will be announced next year.

We wish them all success in 2014!