MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of Salamah College, I would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to all students, families and friends on the approach of the Holy Month of Ramadan. It is a great opportunity for us all to do our best in obeying Allah ta'ala in every aspect of our lives. We ask Allah ta'ala to accept all of our good deeds, and to gather us in Paradise with our beloved Prophet Muhammad, may peace be upon him.

Friday 19 June 2015 marks the end of Term 2. Semester One has been a very busy one for teachers, students and of course parents and carers and I thank you all for your hard work.

Currently in the Secondary school, students are completing mid-year exams and teachers have commenced working on student reports. Teachers have provided revision for the exams in class and have assisted students in areas where they identified a weakness. I know some parents may be anxious about their child’s result in a particular mid-year exam and may like to receive immediate feedback from the teacher. I ask parents, unless absolutely necessary, to kindly wait until the parent teacher interviews when we return at the start of Term 3. Student reports will be issued during the interviews, you will be informed about your child’s progress and you will have the opportunity to address any concerns you may have with your child’s teachers.

Primary Parent Teachers interviews will be held during Week 10 of Term 2 where parents will receive their child’s portfolio and mid-year report. If you have not yet made an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Next term we will continue to update our school calendar on the school website. We will be using the school’s website and Facebook page with greater frequency as a way to communicate with parents about what is happening at our school. It would also be of great benefit to receive any feedback or suggestions from our school community about what you would like to see on the website.

I truly wish you all a wonderful, safe and relaxing holiday. Please note that we return to school next term on Tuesday 21 July. May your Ramadan be a blessed month full of happiness and many rewards, Ramadan Mubarak!

Regards,

Wissam Saad
Principal
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten
The first semester of Kindergarten was a roller coaster of emotions. We have learnt how to settle into school routines, our sight words and making some new friends along the way. Last term, we learnt about foods from the farm and we loved going on our very first excursion to Calmsley Farm. Term Two has seen our Kindy students come back with confidence. The students have taken part in a range of different whole school events such as our K-2 fun run and Harmony Day. It is safe to say that our time at school so far has been an enjoyable one! We are grateful for all the parents continuous support in our kindy’s learning journey.

Year 1
Year 1 have had an extremely exciting year so far. In science we enjoyed exploring and caring for different types of mini beasts. The students thoroughly enjoyed going on a ‘Schoolyard Safari’ where we discovered the amazing creepy crawlly creatures that are in our school. We visited many different types of the species that we have been learning about. This hands-on incursion developed our knowledge and understanding of how to care for mini beasts.
We are now moving on to learning more about the people in our community who help us and we are really looking forward to our dress up day near the end of the term where we are sure to see lots of students dressed as firefighters, doctors and police officers.

Year 2
Year 2 have had an exciting term looking at life cycles in Literacy and in Science. We had the opportunity to care for and observe 12 fertilized eggs hatch in our classroom. Year 2 watched them grow during the term. As a part of the Science program, ‘Watch it Grow’ Year 2 investigated the growth of their classroom mealworms. It was fantastic to see everyone inquire and participate in these hands-on activities and be a part of our life cycle exploration.

Year 3
What a fantastic semester it has been for Year 3. Students have worked hard to display responsibility, good behavior and excellent mannerism. During the Unit of Work for HSIE, students have explored significant places in Australia such as The Sydney Opera House, Uluru and The Great Barrier Reef. An exciting excursion is coming up where students will have the opportunity to go to Featherdale Wildlife Park to actively engage in their Science learning unit of ‘Feather Fur or Leaves’. Whilst it’s all been fun, students also worked diligently preparing for and completing NAPLAN tests. We are looking forward to a sensational time ahead, filled with an array of quality learning experiences.

Year 4
This term, Year 4 have worked extremely well and have been engaged in class discussions and investigations while learning about Plants in Science and Communities in HSIE. Students have learnt about Bankstown community and how it has changed over the years by researching information to complete a project. In class students have been engaged in hands-on activities during Maths lessons. In Term 2, Year 4 attended Bankstown City Council and the Library in Bankstown. On this excursion they were able to see and gain knowledge on the council’s recycling and sustainable project.

We also welcome Mrs Kbayli on 4R replacing Mrs Robinson.
**Year 5**

Year 5 has been an exciting and challenging year thus far. The Year 5 teachers are convinced that each and every student will achieve great results and be very proud. At the end of the Term 1, we visited the Power House Museum for our excursion. Students experienced life on the Australian Goldfields and enjoyed cooling off after feeling the heat of the Australian desert!

**Anti Bullying Awareness Event**

The Anti-Bullying event, ‘Salamah Says Bullying, No Way!’ was a huge success! On the day, K-6 students participated in a variety of Anti-Bullying focused activities that required them to explore and reflect upon the roles of the bully, the victim and the bystander. We promoted a universal positive environment. Students also received a wristband encouraging Anti-Bullying awareness, worn across all participating schools in Australia.

We were very excited to promote positive relationships and student wellbeing through class activities. Lastly, our guest speaker, Mr Ahmad El Hage, encouraged students to reflect on their choices through an interactive speech. All the students were ecstatic to say ‘Bullying, No way!’.

**Clean Up Australia Day 2015**

On Friday 27 March, Salamah College took part in ‘Clean Up School Day’ in support of the nationwide event which occurred on Sunday 1 March 2015. In the lead up to the event students were reminded why we were cleaning up the school on this particular day and why it is important to always keep our environment clean, both inside and outside of the classroom.

**Year 6**

What a great semester Year 6 have had! We have settled into our role as the school leaders with ease and positivity, and really savour our position as peer support conductors. Our world knowledge has increased this semester as we explored the continents of Antarctica and Asia in HSIE. Students really enjoyed learning about Ernest Shackleton and his tale of survival in Antarctica, as well as completing research projects on chosen Asian countries. We have also conducted exciting experiments in Science using a range of materials, such as yeast, balloons, ice blocks, and candles to deepen our knowledge of micro-organisms and changes to matter. We continue to surprise our teachers each day with our growing maturity and understanding of topics.

**Harmony Day 2015**

On Monday 23 March, Salamah College celebrated Harmony Day. The theme for 2015 Harmony Day was ‘Everyone Belongs’. Harmony Day is about community participation to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. The HSIE committee organised set activities for all the classes. Students enjoyed their first class party of the year.
EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

PD/H/PE

The PDHPE committee have organised many exciting activities for students to partake in this year. Our aim is to develop each student’s competence and confidence in a broad range of games, sports and physical activities. Our annual 3-6 sports carnival will be held at The Crest in Bass Hill on 16 September and our K-2 Mini Olympics was held on our school’s sport field on Friday 2 April. We are also very excited to announce our first Adidas School Fun Run at Salamah College, which was a great success. The School Fun-Run took place on the Friday 2 April. K-6 students participated in a variety of physical activities to raise money for the school. The Committee is also promoting healthy eating and encouraging children to eat more fruit and vegetables through the Crunch & Sip program. Crunch & Sip is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. This is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day.

SRC

At Salamah College the Student Representative Council is run as a student-based civic body designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. This year the Student Representative Council and their parents shared a memorable occasion, where staff organised a delicious gourmet buffet, celebrating the achievement and success of all SRC representatives for 2015. Thus far, the SRC Committee organised a spider drink fundraiser event, which raised much needed funds for our school. The SRC also organised a charity fundraiser, ‘Salamah’s Big Breakfast’ where students enjoyed a delicious breakfast and raised funds. The funds raised from this event went directly to a family who is battling with cancer in a special assembly presentation. We would like to thank the families within our school community who gave generously to this cause to contribute to the fight against cancer.

2015 Primary School Parliamentary Body:

Captains- Ibrahim Abdul-Ghani & Celine Mohtadi
Vice Captains- Ahmad Khaoula & Aliyah Ismail
Prefects- Syed Hussain & Layanne Kara Ali
مناسبات إسلامية: (الأسراء والمعراج)
قال الله تعالى: " سبحان الذي أسرى ليلاً من المسجد الحرام إلى المسجد الأقصى الذي باركته حوراً شبيهة بهبنتنا إن هو السميع البصير" أقسم كلية السلامة احتفالاً بمناسبة ذكرى الأسراء والمعراج وذلك تخريج مدير المدرسة الأساتذة وسام سعد والأساتذة والأطلاع الآخرين.
افتحت الطالبة مريم نعمة الاحتفال بزيارة عطرة من الفرحة وازدادت الطالبات تحتفلن بالتوجه المميز للطلاب في الفرحة.
وقد عقدت الفرحة في المدرسةسسدة أثناء تعليم الفرحة في المدرسة، وختمت الفرحة بنعمة الاحتفال.
وعلموا أن أساتذتنا في تعليم اللغة العربية أن تكون بداية المحور الدراسي من خلال محاضرة تعريفي حول موضوع الدروس حيث يحاول الطلاب الفهم على بعض الأضعاف والمفردات المهمة.
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وفي تعليم مادتي الدين والقرآن الكريم نذكر بحديث نبينا الكريم: "طلبت العلم فريضة على كل مسلم" رواه البيهقي. وروى ابن ماجه عن جندب بن عبد الله أنكنا مع النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ونحن فتيان حازوا القرآن قبل أن نتعلم القرآن ثم تعلم القرآن فردنا بها.
وقابلة النفس والأهل من نار حينهم يكون بتعلم العلم الذي فرض الله عليهم العلم. وعلى كل مكلف يعلمهم أن يكون تعليمهم على كل مكلف، ولكن الأمل إلى ذلك يكون معرفة الواجبات والأ reprehامات والمفاهيم وفقاً للفين مما يتناسب مع طبيعة الطالب في السنة السابعة وقد أكسب كثير من علم الدين الشروط، وتتضمن المسلسلة أجزاء تعليمية العقيد والأعمال والأخلاق الإسلامية. كما أضافنا على حساب تعليم قراءة القرآن الكريم وأحكام التجويد ليتناول الطلاب إلى المرحلة الثانية وقد تلقى وحيد داً عزم كاملاً. وقد أفهما في كلية السلامة اعتماداً في تعليم كيفية الوضوء والصلاة بالطريقة الصحيحة التي تتحلى بها القران والحديث في تعليم كل عام.

ARABIC & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه، أما بعد:

مع بداية هذا العام الجديد، نود أن نرحب بجميع طلابنا وأسرهم ونثمن لهم رحلة تعليمية شقيقة ومشتركة معنا في كلية السلامة.

لا ترمِ هذه الورقة في القاذورات لأنها تحتوي على كلمات معشرة شرعاً.
SECONDARY SCHOOL

TAS
So far it has been a fantastic year for the TAS Department. Our students have developed skills through complex theoretical tasks and intricate practical activities. We have been particularly pleased with Food Technology classes showcasing their skills at the SRC Induction breakfast. They prepared all the food that was present on the day as part of the Cake buffet for the parents and students. As part of the TAS Department for 2015, we are continually pleased to see students utilizing their skills in the wider community. The excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Arts (MCA) saw our Design and Technology students participate in a light workshop and as a result, this further developed their practical skills vital for their assessment. Our partnership with the MCA was extended with the IST students participating in an online video-conference with educators teaching them how to program software. We look forward to the rest of 2015 because we have exciting and innovative things to come. Students will be creating exercise videos to promote healthy lifestyles, designing houses and program and experiment with robots. They will also have the opportunity to develop their computer and literacy skills through the project portfolios they complete. We have a fantastic TAS team and students that are dedicated to make the most of their learning.

SRC
The Student Representative Council (SRC) has had many fruitful meetings this term. The students involved were able to attend a leadership excursion to help them help the school community to the best of their ability. At this excursion they learnt many new skills and reinforced many Islamic values that they have been able to put to immediate good use. The students involved in the SRC have many good qualities that we, as a school draw upon to help them to help their classes and school succeed. They show good academic results, maturity beyond their age and a desire to help other people. Their responsibilities are many such as: hosting student assemblies and attending weekly meetings. We look forward to their continued assistance and valuable contribution to our school.

Science
Stage 4 and 5 Science provides a logical view about our world. It has led to a developing body of knowledge organized as an interrelated set of models, theories, laws, systems, structures and interactions. It is this body of knowledge that provides explanations for a variety of phenomena and enables sense to be made of the biological, physical and technological world. An understanding of science and its social and cultural contexts provides a basis for future choices and ethical decisions about local and global applications and implications of science. Hence, it is important for students to construct models that explain phenomena, show how their models are consistent with their evidence, and explain the science limitations of those models. With this in mind, Year 7 students were set an assignment where students discussed the “Particle Theory of Matter” and some outstanding work was presented by the students.

In Year 8, students were taught about “body systems” and were given opportunities to dissect animal organs, namely sheep kidneys. They were able to relate the structure of the sheep kidney to its function and enhance their learning through “hands-on” experience.

At Salamah College, we aim to provide a scientific experience that encourages pupils to ask the important questions and helps them to develop the skills to find the answers. We believe it is important to help nurture students’ appreciation and passion for how awe-inspiring, relevant and far reaching science is as a subject. Science is not just important for our future doctors, engineers and scientists. It is vital for all pupils to understand themselves and the world around them.
**English**

2015 has brought about some very exciting changes to the English department. We welcomed two very passionate and devoted teachers, Mrs Daou and Mr. Monteiro to our team. We also had the pleasure of welcoming an enthusiastic and vibrant year 7 cohort.

Year 7 have started their English high school journey with the study of a variety of text types including film, short stories and poetry. The students have displayed exceptional dedication and discipline towards their studies and we cannot wait to see them develop their abilities and become skilled and imaginative writers.

Our year 8 students have grown and developed into mature and responsible students. It is a pleasure to watch them grow and apply their skills beyond the classroom. They have undergone a study of poetry, close textual study and a genre study. As a result, they have attained vital literacy and language skills that will be able to help them throughout their schooling and beyond.

Year 9 have delved into a cloze study that they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have also focused on significant personalities that have impact on and changed the world. This has prepared them to analyse worldly texts.

Year 10 have become the heart of the school community through their strong leadership skills and their determination to succeed. They have contributed to the school culture and they look forward to partaking in the wider community through their work experience.

This year has been a very exciting year for the English department as we have started our own debating club. Students are given the opportunity to participate in the Salamah showcase through the debating competition. In term 3, we look forward to hosting book week. This will allow students to take part in a variety of activities that coincide with a variety of books that they have read over the years and have come to enjoy.

Together we are very proud of the progress that our students have made and look forward to the upcoming events that will take place at Salamah College.

**LEARNING SUPPORT**

2015 has been a fantastic year yet for High School Learning Support. We have been able to work with students from all backgrounds and with a range of skills and abilities. Year 7 students are enjoying a specialised reading program where they can choose novels that interest them and learn to understand texts at a higher level. For the first time, Year 7 have also had the wonderful opportunity of having two teachers simultaneously for BTB Numeracy, as part of our new Team Teaching Program. As well as reading programs and Team Teaching, High School Learning Support has implemented a specialised literacy program, where small groups of students can work to build their literacy skills.

Most excitingly, the partnership between The Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) and Salamah College remains strong. As a result, many students in year 7 will be experiencing the BELLA Art program at the museum this year. As part of this program, students are given a tour of the museum by an art specialist and are given the opportunity to reproduce the artworks they have viewed in the creative art room. Our students enjoy the program greatly and Salamah College has consistently received fantastic feedback from MCA:

“We both found that the students were very attentive and added interesting and engaging input to our discussion regarding the artworks we viewed.” - Athena and Liam (MCA)
ARABIC & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This year's theme is the Arabic language and the religion. The theme is designed to educate students about the importance of language and religion. As the language of the Prophet, Arabic is a respected subject at Salamah College and the Arabic Department is working to make learning Arabic enjoyable and engaging for students. In the second term of this year, the College will be hosting a Sugar and Candy Festival to celebrate the end of Term 2. The festival will include a range of activities and competitions for students to participate in.

EXTENDED LEAVE
Parents need to advise the school of any type of travel. Whether this be for medical or other purposes. Parents are to complete an Application for Extended Leave - Vacation/Travel before going away.

UNIFORM SHOP
School uniform can now be purchased every Tuesday from the Uniform Shop between 10am – 2pm, located at the Hector St entrance. Students are required to be in full school uniform every day. It is essential for all high school students to wear their blazers in Terms 2&3.

Sports uniform is required to be worn on sports days ONLY. No other type of sports clothes will be accepted.

LATE ARRIVALS
Students that arrive late to school are required to obtain a late pass from the School Administration Office before going to class, to avoid being marked as absent.

SCHOOL FEES
All outstanding accounts need to be paid before the end of term. Payments can be made in person at the School Administration Office or via Electronic Funds Transfer through your financial institution.

COMING UP IN TERM 3
* Secondary School Parent Teacher Interviews
* Eid Fete
* Excursions

2015 ENROLMENTS
We are currently accepting enrolments for 2016 across all grades from Kindergarten to Year 10. If you or any of your friends or family are interested in enrolling a child at Salamah College next year, please contact the School Administration Office immediately.

END OF TERM HOLIDAYS
We would like to advise all parents that the last day of Term 2 is Friday 19 June 2015. This year, for almost the entire month of Ramadan, the School will be closed. School resumes on Tuesday 21 July 2015.