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## TERM 1 NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 1

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### Hadith

1. How strange and foolish is man. He loses his health in gaining wealth. Then to regain health he wastes his wealth. He ruins is present while worrying about his future - but weeps in the future by recalling his past. He lives as though death shall never come to him - but dies in a way as if he were never born.

*Ali ibn Abi Talib RA*

Hadith on upbringing the children: What our beloved prophet said:

2. "Play with them for the first seven years (of their life); then teach them for the next seven years; then advise them for the next seven years (and after that)." Reported by *Ali ibn Abi Talib RA*



### WELCOME TO 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

On behalf of our Al Hikma College, I would like to officially welcome you all to the 2023 academic year and hope that this year is enjoyable, engaging, and fruitful for all of us.

I pray that you and your families are well, in good health and have enjoyed a safe and enjoyable break. I also hope that you now feel refreshed and recuperated.

### COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 1 2023

- **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of January: Years 1 to 6 students** start their classes.
- **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of January from 9:30 – 2:30pm: Kindergarten** students start their classes. These times will continue for the kindergarten students for the **first 2 weeks**.

### BUS SERVICE

Parents who are interested in using the bus service should give their names to the office receptionists. Routes, fares and other logistics will be worked out by observing the expressions of interest for this service. More details will be provided after two weeks.

## UPDATE ON IMPORTANT EVENTS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	30/1 • YEARS 1-6 FIRST DAY	31/1 • KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY	1/2	2/2	3/2
2	6/2	7/2 • K-2 SPORT • LIBRARY COMMENCES • NAPLAN CLASSES	8/2	9/2 • NAPLAN CLASSES	10/2
3	13/2 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • K-2 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT	14/2 • K-2 SPORT • 3-6 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT • NAPLAN CLASSES	15/2 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	16/2 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	17/2 • SRC INAUGURATION (K-4 CLASS CAPTAINS AND VICE INCLUDED)
4	20/2 • 3-6 ASSEMBLY	21/2 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	22/2 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	23/2 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	24/2 • NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1
5	27/2 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • ASSESSMENT WEEK	28/2 • K-2 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK • NAPLAN CLASSES	1/3 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS • ASSESSMENT WEEK	2/3 • 3-6 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK • NAPLAN CLASSES	3/3 • CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY • ASSESSMENT WEEK
6	6/3 • 3-6 ASSEMBLY	7/3 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	8/3 • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	9/3 • 3-6 SPORT • NAPLAN CLASSES	10/3
7	13/3 • K-2 ASSEMBLY • HEALTHY HAROLD	14/3 • K-2 SPORT • HEALTHY HAROLD	15/3 • NAPLAN • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS • HEALTHY HAROLD	16/3 • NAPLAN • 3-6 SPORT • HEALTHY HAROLD	17/3 • NAPLAN • HEALTHY HAROLD
8	20/3 • NAPLAN • 3-6 ASSEMBLY	21/3 • K-2 SPORT • NAPLAN • HARMONY DAY	22/3 • NAPLAN • QURAN HAFIZ CLASS	23/3 • NAPLAN • RAMADAN (TBC) • 3-6 SPORT	24/3 • NAPLAN • NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 • EARTH HOUR
9	27/3 • NAPLAN • K-2 ASSEMBLY	28/3 • K-2 SPORT	29/3	30/3 • 3-6 SPORT • ASSESSMENT WEEK	31/3 • ASSESSMENT WEEK
10	3/4 • K-6 ASSEMBLY • ASSESSMENT WEEK	4/4 • ASSESSMENT WEEK	5/4 • ASSESSMENT WEEK • K-6 LAST DAY OF TERM	6/4 • PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	7/4 * GOOD FRIDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

## ATTENDANCE & UNIFORM

All students are expected to be at school no earlier than 8:10 am and no later than 8:30am. Students need to be present for the morning Halaqa. Students who arrive after 8:45am are deemed as late arrivals. They must get their late note from the office prior to going to their classes. Students who are late regularly or have excessive unjustified absences may jeopardise their enrolment at the college.

Extended leave will only be granted for exceptional circumstances, as it causes major distractions to a student's learning routine. Leave forms must be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to leave date.

Students are expected to always be in full school uniform. All students are required to be wearing black leather shoes except on sport days or if instructed otherwise. Hats must always be worn during sport, recess and lunch times.

Students are not allowed to have step cuts or very long hair. Students will be given a warning if their haircut is unacceptable. If the haircut is not rectified by parents, students will be sent home until changes have been applied.

## STUDENT PICK UP & DROP OFF TIMES

Drop off times will be unchanged; however, we urge all parents to not get out of the car when dropping off their children and refrain from congregating on school grounds. Parents need to leave immediately after dropping off their child.

Pick up times, however, have changed slightly:

3:00pm – 3:10pm: Kindy and year one students with no siblings in older grades.

3:10 – 3:20pm: Year 2 and year 3 students with no siblings in older grades.

3:20pm – 3:30pm: Years 4 to 6 students with younger siblings.

It is vital that parents strictly pick up their children in the allocated times to avoid unnecessary congestion.

NOTE:

**An important reminder to all our families during drop offs and pickups: Please ensure that you always remain in your car (do not park your car and leave it unattended), be aware of the children who are also using the driveway and abide by the 5km/hr speed limit. Safety is a priority.**

All three gates will open at 3:00pm, if your child is in K-4 and you prefer to pick them up from the back gate (Quigg Street), please inform the class teacher in advance. This will help avoid unnecessary gatherings and potential exposure.

## NAPLAN

### NAPLAN NEWS

Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN online this year from March 15 - 27 March. Year 3 complete Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics online. Year 3 complete writing with pen and paper. Year 5 complete Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics online. All students are required to use headphones during the test so they can hear verbal instructions without disrupting other students. All students in Year 3 and 5 will need to send a pair of headphones to the school before Term 1, Week 6, 2023 to ensure all students are ready to participate in the NAPLAN test window. The following frequently asked questions answer some important information regarding NAPLAN.

More information can be found at the NAPLAN Parent support page - <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

Students can access the demonstration site via the link below. This site gives them an opportunity to engage in the types of questions that will be used during NAPLAN.

<https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-3-demos> <https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-5-demos>

[NB](#)

[We will start extra classes for NAPLAN from week 2. It will run for approximately 6 weeks. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 to 5:00 pm.](#)

## REFLECTION of 2022.....Great memories

I would like to show my appreciation and thank the School Board, parents, teachers, students, and our local community for helping in making 2022 a very successful and productive Year at Al Hikma College. Some of the highlights of the 2022 include:

- Establishing and attending a 6-day camp at Ulladulla which is owned by the school. Al Hikma College is the first Muslim school in Australia to have its own massive, luxurious, self-contained camp site which can cater for over 60 students. The site also has decent self-contained cottages for teachers.
- Producing an excellent result in NAPLAN. Al Hikma College is again proud of the achievement of all our students who performed exceptionally well in most aspects. The College is particularly pleased with the significant improvement in our students' writing abilities & numeracy.
- Running Quran Hafiz classes which has close to 40 members who intend to memorise the Quran by heart. The online lessons will continue in the holidays
- Run a successful after school long tennis program
- Fundraised for the flood victims in Pakistan.
- Coming first in Islamic Inter-School Public Speaking Competition
- Undefeated in Oz-Tag in a friendly Interschool Competition
- Successfully taking part in Swimming and Athletics Carnival and the winners participated in Zone Athletics Carnival

The school also had amazing accomplishments in Science Fair, Literacy Week and Numeracy Week. Time flies when we are having fun and this year was no exception. Congratulations to everyone for their effort, teamwork and dedication. I wish all you a restful and enjoyable break.

I pray to Allah ST for your health and prosperity and make dua that Allah ST always keep us within the norms of our religion.

## CAMP

**Objective of the Camp:** The primary purpose of the camp is to teach life skills, mannerism, discipline, deen, sports, and recreation in a safe, serene and nurturing environment.

About 40 students for Years' 5 and 6 grades took part in a 6-day camp which was held at 66B Old Princess Highway, Ulladullah. The children had a great time, and some did not want to leave the place. The food was halal, delicious and in abundance. Special thanks to sisters Zena, Mariam and all those who were involved in cooking and preparing the meals. Activities in the camp were inclined to promote discipline, self-reliance, confidence, communication and collaboration which enhanced their social skills. The camp taught them organisational skills and encouraged friendships allowing even those students to connect who otherwise tend to be introverts.

Activities involved were Islamic lectures, salat, fishing, swimming, rope climbing, archery, swimming in the pools, table tennis, soccer, badminton, long tennis, basketball, Creative and Practical Arts, and modified sports. It was a very enjoyable and successful camp, and we are all looking forward to doing it again this Year.



I wish you all a very successful year, InshaAllah

