



Assalamu Alaykum (wrb)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009 school year. For all the new parents and students, a special welcome to our school. I trust that it will be a very successful year for teachers, students and parents. Please ensure you read every section in both pages of this newsletter.

The class teachers for this year are:

KN – Miss Najdi

KS – Miss Small

KH – Miss Habbouche

1S – Miss Stelco

1F – Miss Furner

1P – Miss Papadopoulos

2S – Mrs Samman

2M – Mr. Malla

2C – Miss Sanders

3R – Miss Rotondo

3F – Miss Mancuso

4J – Miss Jouni

4S – Miss Shannessy

5R – Mr Reddy

5V – Mr Vitukawalu

6M – Mr McCormack

6A – Miss Ayouby

## SCHOOL TIMES

School times are from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm. Students must be dropped outside the front or back gate **no later than 8:40 am**.

**No parents will be allowed inside the school when dropping off and picking up students.**

Staff will be on duty at the front and back gates. Kindergarten children are settling down to the school routine and having a parent there can upset a child and make it difficult for teachers to settle that student as well as the other students in the class and in the other grades.

## KINDERGARTEN DISMISSAL TIME

Starting Monday next week (2<sup>nd</sup> February), the dismissal time for Kindergarten students will be **3:30 pm**. in line with the rest of the school. Teachers will hand students over to parents at the front gate promptly. Parents must not come to the school before 3:30 pm.

## ACCESSING TEACHERS

Parents must not approach teachers to talk to them about their child before and after school unless they have made an appointment. Teachers are either on duty or preparing for their lessons during these times and must not be disturbed. Please contact the office and make an appointment if you wish to speak to your child's teacher.

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our parent information night will be held next week.

Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Venue: Classrooms

The purpose of the evening is to share information about the units of work that will be covered, homework, school requirements, etc. Please note that this is not a one-to-one parent/teacher interview to discuss your child's performance/needs, etc. Parent/teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of Term 2.

I encourage all parents to attend the Information Night. It is crucial to your child's academic and social progress in his or her schooling.

## SCHOOL CAR PARK

This car park is for teachers only. There are only enough spaces for teachers and office staff. All staff have assigned car spaces and it makes it very difficult for teachers if other people park in their spot. Teacher's cars have also been damaged by parents' cars who drop their children off in the car park. Children should not be dropped off in the car park because it is very dangerous for children.

**Please turn over**

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### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The school has a uniform policy which is very strict and must be adhered to. All students are required to wear all items of the uniform, which can be purchased from the office.

All socks must be white. Girls must wear the navy blue tights if they wear the shorter school dress. Otherwise they must purchase the longer dress.

All girls from Years 1 to 6 must purchase the school hijab as it is compulsory for Salah. Kindergarten girls who wear a hijab must wear the school hijab.

Please note that it is a mandatory requirement for all students in Years 4 to 6 to wear a hijab during school hours – whole day.

School shoes must be polished regularly.

The school jacket must be worn to and from school everyday. Children will be sent home if they do not wear their jackets consistently.

Starting Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a school uniform check will be done each morning.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees were due the end of last week. All fees must be fully paid for the term or your child will not receive a progress report for the term.

### **ILLEGAL PARKING**

Please do not park across the driveway of people's houses when dropping off and picking up your child. It is illegal to park across a driveway and to double park.

### **SPORTS UNIFORM**

The school sports uniform must only be worn on the following days:

**Years 3 to 6: Fridays**

**Kindergarten to Year 2: Thursdays**

### **SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2009**

Term 1: 28<sup>th</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 28<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: 27<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Term 4: 19<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **DIARY OF EVENTS**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Information Night

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Progress reports and Portfolios sent home

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Portfolios returned

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

Mrs. H. Toefy  
Deputy Principal