**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

Being involved in your child’s education is of utmost importance. It is only by working together that we can ensure that we are doing the best for your child. Coordinators have been meeting with parents to discuss student progress. The onus is not just on the teacher or the student but also on parents. Please ensure that you attend the meetings and discuss how best to help your child. If you have recently changed your contact details, please contact the school and inform them of any changes.

Forms have been given out to Grade 6 students this week in regards to their intentions to stay or leave in 2016. Please ensure that these forms are returned by the due date which is Friday 24th July.

Sareh Salarzadeh
PRINCIPAL

**VCE NEWS**

Term 3 is an incredibly busy time for our senior school students. It is busy for many reasons but mainly because of the need for Year 11 and 12 students to perform effectively on their VCE School Assessed Coursework (SAC) Tasks, complete the majority of the Unit 4 course content and also start to significantly increase the amount of examination preparation they are completing.

As a college we are trying to put structures in place to ensure students are focused and motivated to work hard throughout the term knowing that in some cases the end of their secondary education is approaching quickly (and it is easy to lose focus or be distracted by how much of a ‘big deal’ this is).

On Wednesday the 22nd of July we had Mr. Bachar Houli of the Richmond Football Club attend the college to speak to our Year 11 and 12 students about life, youth
challenges, being a multicultural ambassador for the AFL, family, achieving VCE success and Islam.
We greatly appreciated Bachar taking the time to visit the school and his presentation was very insightful, motivating and engaging for our students. He sent a strong message about the importance of education and how VCE should be challenging but also enjoyable.

On Friday of this week our Year 12 students will be having a seminar with Elevate Education with the aim of further developing their examination, study and revision techniques and becoming better prepared for the examinations that they will face in October/November of this year. This presentation will also look at student motivation and what students can do to better control how engaged they are in their learning.
We hope that this seminar will be a success and if so we will look at further opportunities to continue to develop the Year 12 students in this area, but also provide the Year 11 students with the same opportunities.

There will also be individual meetings with all Year 12 students to analyse their performance over 2015 thus far. Key discussion points will be their aims for the remainder of the year, examination preparation, workload, 2016 options and university applications. In a number of cases to increase support parents have also been included in these meetings.

At this stage of the year students who are completing a Unit 4 subject (Year 12 subject) should be completing a minimum of 5-6 hours of additional revision for each subject per week (averaged out this is about 3 hours of additional school-work per day). If they are only doing 3 subjects then this time commitment should be even greater. This should be complemented by the homework that students are completing and the class tasks they are set.

By completing this amount of revision it will obviously provide a better understanding of the content being covered and will better allow the student to achieve their academic potential. On top of this students should be attending school whenever they are physically able to.

The attendance of our Year 12 class is a concern in some cases and student absences have a direct impact on student performance.

Mr. Tim Campbell
Senior School Coordinator

SECONDARY NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition
Notices regarding the upcoming Australian Mathematics Competition were sent out last week. All students in Grades 3-10 are required to participate in this competition as it is an invaluable experience to test their skills against other students in their age group across Australia. Please pay the entry fee of $7.00 to the school office no later than Friday the 24th of July.

Student Uniform and Personal Presentation
Secondary students within the college have generally been quite well presented in regards to uniform throughout the 1st two weeks of Term Three. The majority of students from Years 7-11 consistently wear their College Blazers to and from school as expected. Those students who are yet to purchase a blazer, please note that it is a school requirement and you need to organise this as soon as possible. Only students who adhere to uniform expectations will be permitted to attend excursions and interschool sports over the course of Term Three.
There are a few other areas where students need to demonstrate a greater level of attention to the school uniform policy. Please note the following and remember that if a student continually breaches the college uniform policy that discipline action will be taken;
• Students are not permitted to wear ankle socks.
• Socks must be plain and navy blue for male students.
• Socks for females should be plain white or navy blue. Navy or black plain opaque tights.
• Males must be clean shaven.
• Females are permitted to wear one plain pair of earrings.
• Students’ hair should be kept tidy. It must be even on both sides and haircuts must not be shaved shorter than a number 3 shave. The sides must blend into the top and there should not be overly noticeable discrepancies.
• Winter scarves must be navy blue, black or burgundy.
• Head bands must be plain and either navy blue, black or burgundy.

Well done to the majority of the students who consistently abide by the uniform policy and expectations.

Mr. Tim Campbell and Andrew Stock
Senior and Junior School Coordinators
I would like to thank all of the primary students who returned their money very promptly for the Australian Maths Competition. Congratulations to Grade 3T on returning all money first and in a very close second Grade 5S. The students will be sitting the Australian Maths Competition on Thursday 20th July. I wish the students good luck and insallah they will do well.

It is really good to hear about students who are improving. I would like to congratulate Dilhan Eker and Claire Mutie for making a big improvement with their weekly homework. Keep it up!

I would like to congratulate Tahir Syed from grade 6N who set a goal of learning to recite the Ezan before the end of Ramadan. He achieved this and recited the Ezan last Tuesday and Wednesday. This was a fantastic achievement for Tahir.

During semester 2 the weather is still very cold. The children are allowed to wear extra clothing on these days as long as it is either a plain burgundy or navy in colour. They can wear jackets, beanies, scarves, gloves and skivvies. If they are not plain navy or burgundy the students will be asked to remove them.

The Grade 5 and 6 soccer students made it to the finals and will be playing against Silverton which has been postponed until tomorrow, Friday 24th July at Silverton Primary School. I wish them the best of luck and hope that they are successful.

There are still some students who have not bought the Mt Hira Scarfs. Please ensure that you do this before the end of term. They cost $10 and are white with embroidery and can be purchased from the office. There are also still some students who have not purchased a prayer mat. Please ensure that you do this as soon as possible.

The students will be attending The NED Show on Wednesday 29th July which is about building and promoting self esteem and resilience. The students need to just return their form by Monday 27th July. Thank you for your support with this.

Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets that have been provided. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend*. Once you complete the sticker sheets you can place them in a collection box, at either the school office.

Coryn Bretag
Primary Coordinator

YEAR 7 IFTAR DINNER

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Primary Coordinator
We are very appreciative for Bachar Houli to come down to Mt Hira to visit and give us a speech regarding motivation. Motivation is key to getting things done and is definitely important in our lives. We seek motivation to do our homework, we seek motivation to go about and we definitely seek motivation to study. Bachar Houli delivered this to us and we are very thankful for what we received.

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The Australian Mathematics Competition

All students in Grades 3 to Year 10 are required to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Letters were sent to parents and students last week with further information about this event. The Australian Mathematics Competition is an internationally recognised competition for students which will be conducted on the 30th of July. The competition aims to be accessible to all students, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem-solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. Every student is also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem.

Please ensure the entry fee of $7.00 is paid to the School Office by Friday the 24th of July.

Ms. Nazreen Amirudin
Mathematics Coordinator
TURKISH AWARDS - PRIMARY

- ZEYNEP ARSLAN 1C 
  AWARD FOR BEST EFFORT
- MERT KARAKAŞ 2S 
  AWARD FOR BEST BEHAVIOUR
- SARA ZEYBEK 3T 
  AWARD FOR BEST PARTICIPATION

TURKISH AWARDS SECONDARY

- HASAN EREN FAT 8L 
  EXCELLENT HOMEWORK AND CLASS ACTIVITIES
- MUHAMMED EFE ERGEÇ 8L 
  EXCELLENT HOMEWORK AND CLASS ACTIVITIES
- İREM ÜÇLER 8L 
  EXCELLENT HOMEWORK AND CLASS ACTIVITIES

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Abu Ayyub (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:
The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who observes As-Saum (the fasts) in the month of Ramadan, and also observes As-Saum for six days in the month of Shawwal, it is as if he has observed As-Saum for the whole year."

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R/E CO-ORDINATOR