**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3! It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. As with all Terms, Term 3 is another busy one. We have welcomed a number of staff members to the Mt Hira family, Ms Julia Hicks (English), Ms Melissa Cherry (Art), Ms Mersa Kesic (Integration Aide), Mr Harry Nyakudya (Maths) and Ms Josephine Gorman (English/Humanities).

The Grade 6 students will be bringing home a letter to find out their intentions for 2016. Please ensure that you read it carefully and return it by the due date. Forms being returned on time are important to the school and teachers planning.

On the last day of Term 2, the mid semester reports were handed out to students. If your child has not shown you their report then please contact the office to get another copy. A child’s report is full of vital information and shows you how your child has progressed to date. It is only by working together that we can ensure that your child reaches his/her potential.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Happy Eid. May your fasts, worships, charities and prayers be accepted. Enjoy the long weekend.

Sareh Salarzadeh
PRINCIPAL
VCE NEWS

Notices will be going out to students in Years 7-10 about the upcoming Australian Mathematics Competition. All students 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 by Thursday the 23rd of July. Participation is optional for students in Year 11 and Year 12 - VCE students who would like to enter the competition should express their interest to Ms. Nazreen, the Mathematics Coordinator.

Mr. Tim Campbell
 SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to congratulate Mersim Memeti (9W) on being selected to represent Australia in the U16 Australian soccer squad. Mersim will represent Australia from July 27th to August 9th in the AFF U16 Youth Championships in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The team will begin the Championship by competing in Pot B against Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and Cambodia. It will be a vital lead-up tournament ahead of the AFC Under-16 Championship qualifiers which will be held in September.

“The AFF U16 Youth Championships will be a perfect tournament to prepare the players for the AFC U16 Qualifiers in September, because it will give the players their first experience of playing international football in Asia and give them a good idea of what they’ll be up against in the qualifiers.” - Technical director Peter de Roo (www.joeyes.footballaustralia.com.au)

This is a fantastic achievement for Mersim and I wish him the best of luck on behalf of the Mt. Hira College community.

Andrew Stock
 Middle School Coordinator

Maths Competition

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PRIMARY NEWS

I would like to welcome everyone back and I hope that you all had a relaxing and wonderful holiday. It was very good to see many students excited to be back at school on Monday and very enthusiastic to begin learning again.

May this Ramadan bring joy, health and wealth to you. I hope everyone has a very safe and enjoyable Eid this weekend.

We had two new staff begin in the primary school this term. Firstly we have Ms Cherry who is replacing Ms McGee as the art teacher for grades 3 to 6. Then we have Ms Mersa who is an integration aid who will be assisting the teachers.

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 next Thursday 22nd July at Westall 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.

Notices will be going out to students in grades 3 to 6 about the Australian Mathematics Competition. I encourage as many students from these grades to have a go at this competition. Please return the forms to school as soon as possible.

It’s back! Woolworths Earn & Learn starts on Wednesday 15th July.

Starting on Wednesday 15th July, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, and friends shop at 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

EID MUBARAK
RAMAZAN BAYRAMINIZ MUBARAK OLSUN

On behalf of the Religious Education staff we would like to wish everyone and their families a very happy and peaceful Eid. May Allah accept your good deeds.

Thank you to all the families who donated money on such a short notice to go towards Eid gifts to the needy. The amount raised as of 11am this morning was $680.70 and these funds will be distributed via Muslim Aid Australia.

Mrs A Erenli
R/E Co-ordinator
It’s back!

Woolworths earn & learn

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.