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Message from Ms Leyla Mohamoud



Dear Parents/Guardians
Assalamu Alaykum Wr. Wb.

Welcome to the start of the 2018 school year. I am eager to begin a new year of learning and leading. Like many of you, my summer was spent catching up on things I enjoy, but don't necessarily have as much time to commit to during the school year. One of these is reading. I love to read...books, articles, anything! One book that I reread is *Mindset* by Carol Dweck. I strongly encourage all parents and educators to read and reread this book. It is powerful in supporting the belief that with determination and effort anything is possible. Read it! Each new school year brings with it the promise of what is before us.

The staff and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

I believe this New Year will present opportunities for our school community to grow closer together and for our school to continue our quest for excellence for every learner. If you are new to AIA, welcome to a wonderful learning community.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers

3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

1. Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
2. Reading with children who need extra help
3. School-wide events

Attached is a copy of our school wellbeing/discipline document so that you and your child can review them together. If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behaviour for a safe and productive school year. Please feel free to review the AIA Curriculum Parent Handbook which can be accessed on our website. The wonderful AIA staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

See you soon!
Respectfully,
Leyla Mohamoud
Head of Primary Campus

AFFIRMATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES and PRACTICES



The Australian International Academy of Education declares and affirms that school programmes and leading practices embrace the following important principles:

1. The promotion of peace, harmony and understanding through intercultural interactions.
2. All Australians have equal rights before the law. We reject any form(s) of discrimination based on race, religion or gender.
3. The rule of law and respect for the rights of others.
4. The values of fairness, openness, sharing and giving a hand, looking after neighbours, tolerance, understanding and acceptance.
5. People are free to choose and practice their religions. But we reject those who preach violence and hatred in the name of any religion.
6. The right of individuals to enjoy freedom of speech, expression and association. But we reject verbal and written abuses and transgressions against others under the cover of freedom of speech and expression.
7. The Australian system of democratically elected governments and councils is the best that serves the interest of all Australians.

Mr. Salah Salman
Academy Head

Discipline & Wellbeing



Restorative Language at Home

The Australian International Academy has recently adopted the Restorative Practices approach. It is a non-punitive approach which focusses on restoring relationships when they become strained or severed. We would like to encourage all parents to use the consistent questioning and language at

home so that children can learn to reconcile and resolve their problems with you together.

Questions to ask your child:

1. What happened?
2. How were you feeling?
3. Who was affected by this?
4. What do you need to do to repair the harm?

Restorative Practices is a whole school approach to promoting resilience and aims to contribute to the building of positive relationships in our community.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Hassan Ellhabi
Assistant Head of School

Welcome To Our New Staff

Amanda Dessman: PB

Hi Families of AIA,

My name is Amanda Dessmann and I am so excited to be teaching PrepB this year! I have been teaching for almost 19 years and I have taught many year levels during that time. I am a mum to my 2 beautiful children! Esther is 13 and Stefan is 9. I enjoy spending time with my family, going for long walks, cooking and being creative! I look forward to meeting you all, so come and say HI when you see me!

Kyleen Popovic: 5D

My name is Kyleen Popovic and I have been teaching since 2013 and I can teach all year levels, right up to Year 12. I have 1 daughter, who is 11years old and a lot of animals in my home.

Teaching has always been a passion and dream of mine and I am so happy and excited to be teaching Grade 5D this year, I hope that they can see my excitement for teaching in the lessons that we have together.

Sara Chaarani: 3C

My name is Ms. Sara Chaarani and I am a graduate of RMIT University. I am honoured and super excited to begin teaching at Australian International Academy in 2018. This year I will be teaching grade 3C and look forward to embark on the learning journey with my students.

I am passionate about nurturing students in order to provide them with open opportunity to reach their full potential and thrive in the learning environment.

Zouhour Abou-Eid: 3D

My name is Ms Zouhour Abou-Eid and I am this year's 3D classroom teacher. I completed my Bachelor of Education (Primary) at RMIT University last year. It is a privilege to be given the opportunity to begin my teaching career at the Australian International Academy as I was a student there from prep- year 12. I am passionate about teaching students and guiding them to reach their highest potential. I look forward to a great year with my students and I cannot wait to see them achieve and do the best they can for their parents, the school and most importantly, for themselves.

Dima Kashif: 4D

My name is Dima Kashif and I am very excited to be teaching Grade 4D at AIA this year and continuously learning, growing, and tackling challenges. Aside from my primary teaching, I am a qualified EAL teacher, trainer/assessor, and disability worker. I hope to consolidate my education and help make a difference in the lives of my students. Lovely to be part of such an amazing

team. I look forward to getting to know staff, students, and parents!

Mohamed Ibrahim: Religion & Arabic

Assalamu Alaykum Parents, Guardians and Staff,

My name is Mohamed Ibrahim and I'm humbled to be joining the excellent teaching staff at KKPC this year. I'll be teaching Religion and Arabic in Years 1 - 5, and InshaAllah, together with you, I look forward to guiding the students in their development of these fundamental aspects of their lives as young Muslim learners and future ambassadors of our Deen in Australia. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year InshaAllah.

Compass Parent Portal

In 2018 we will continue to use the Compass Parent Portal to track attendance and roll marking, to inform parents of any events or important dates, semester reports and parent/staff communication. It will be our primary means of communicating with parents so it is essential that you have access through a username and password which you should have been given last year when it was first introduced. If you do not have access as yet feel free to come by the office and we will generate a new password for you.

New families to the school including Prep students will be given new usernames and passwords to access the portal at the start of the new school year.

Parent Volunteers

We know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child's education. When you are positively engaged in your child's education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school. AIA encourages parents to take part in their child's learning and invites you to join our volunteer program.

Please ensure that you hold a current working with children card and police check if you decide to join the volunteer program. As we start the new school year, AIA parents are reminded to please keep the Academy up to date on changes to your personal and medical details via the office.



Sun Smart

With the warmer weather, students are reminded they must wear a hat during recess and lunch as well as for PE. Any student not wearing a hat will have to play undercover.

Your child's hat should be clearly labelled. Parents are advised to apply sunscreen on your child at home prior to the start of the school day. If further applications are required, sunscreen is available in your child's classroom.

Sunshine Online

Dear Parents,

Your child will soon begin to use Sunshine Online as part of their Literacy learning. The following code is to be used both as a Username and Password:



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Back to School Stationery

Please ensure that your child has the required stationery. All stationery items are to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Each child will be given a diary at the start of the year. This is to provide your child organisational skills as well as being a tool of communication between parents and teachers.

Library News

A cordial welcome back to all of you and here's hoping for a successful year of learning and self-growth not only for the students but staff and parents alike! I take this opportunity to remind you all that children need to have a library bag to borrow books from the library. As part of our orientation to the library, we spend some weeks talking about library citizenship which includes looking after the borrowed books so hence the need for the library bags in order to protect school property. These are available from the Uniform Shop for around \$20 or so. Without a library bag students will not be able to borrow and we certainly don't want to disappoint any of them with a refusal but our school policy is: NO BAG, NO BORROWING!! So please parents do your utmost to support your child's experiences at school being positive ones by availing them of a library bag. These must be clearly labelled with their name. There is no need to write the class as they need the bag from Year Prep to Year 5 so you don't want to be dating the bags by adding the class or year. Many thanks for your support as usual. We look forward to sharing our story journey together with your children. Best wishes from the Primary Library staff.

Ms. Rawia, Ms. Iman and Ms. Evelina.

Buzzy Bee

The **Buzzy Bee Writing Club** has been running since 2011 and welcomes all students from Prep to Year 5 to join.

It gives an opportunity for all those budding writers at our school to expand their creativity, and to freely express their learning.

Every term the members are given a brochure (that they keep) and are asked to write (type) and submit their writing pieces

which are then commented on and displayed either in the library foyer or on a noticeboard in the quadrangle.

Members pay an annual fee of \$20 for membership at the beginning of each year, which is used to purchase some items given out to the members as tokens of appreciation for their work.

Everyone who is a member really enjoys writing their articles and the many illustrations and photos that accompany the written piece are fabulous.

Buzzy Bee notices will be given out in the first couple of weeks of the new school year, we look forward to seeing the children's work and hope they enjoy being in the club.



Ms Iman Habboucheh
Buzzy Bee Writing Club Coordinator

Literacy Department

Concepts about Print

In order to learn to read, children must learn how books work. They must develop what teachers call "concepts about print." Some of these concepts will seem pretty simple to you, but children only learn them if they have been read to a great deal and have had many opportunities to handle books. Concepts about print include knowing where the front of a book is and where the back of a book is, knowing how a book opens, knowing right side up from upside down and the top of a page from the bottom.

Simply reading to a child on your lap will help him or her learn basic concepts about print. As your child sees you turn the page, or better, participates in page turning, he or she gains a sense of how books work. Your child will see where a book begins and where it ends. Your child will see how you read from front to back. It is important that your child be close to you while you read. Children lying in their beds across the room from a reading parent will observe far less than children who are snuggled in a parent's arms. Here are some other Instructional Strategies for supporting your child's developing understanding of how books and print work:

1. Read books to your child on a daily basis making it a pleasurable experience.
2. Sit beside your child or hold him/her on your lap. Hold the book yourself or ask your child to hold the book so he/she can learn how to properly handle a book. Occasionally, you may want to preview the book by holding it closed and discussing the front cover. Refer to it as "the front cover." Ask your child to discuss the picture and make predictions about the story. Turn the book to the back cover and discuss it. Refer to it as the "back cover." Turn back to the front cover and read the title. Refer to it as "the title" and move your finger under each word as you read the title.
3. When you see your child looking through a book occasionally you may want to ask him/her to show

you the cover, point to the title, talk about the book as he/she pages through it, and finally to show you the back cover.

4. Point to words when reading with your child to show that print carries a message.
5. Point to words when reading with your child to show left to right movement.
6. Periodically ask your child to show you where to begin reading on a page.
7. Have your child follow along with his/her finger as you read a story.
8. Point to words on a sign at a store as you read the sign.
9. On occasion, have your child point to first/last word or letters in a story you are reading.
10. When your child has learned to recognize words such as "dog," "the," "friend," the name of your city, etc., make a game out of looking for that word in a newspaper or magazine.
11. Read alphabet books to your child.
12. Make alphabet cookies and refer to them by name as they get eaten.
13. When eating alphabet shaped cereal or soup, point out the letters you eat, particularly the letters in the child's name.
14. Make or purchase alphabet letters and encourage children to play with them.
15. Occasionally have your child find examples of specific punctuation marks in a newspaper, magazine, or story.
16. Model using punctuation marks in your writing. For instance, when you are writing a note to leave for someone, say something like, "I should put a question mark at the end of that word." Read your note to your child and point to the words and punctuation.

Ms Enza
Literacy & Special Needs Coordinator

Nut Free Policy

We are aware that many students in our school have a nut allergy. These students if they come in contact with a nut product can suffer life threatening consequences. It can easily be contracted from a simple handshake or touching of a student's table who may have had some nuts in their food.



We ask that you do not provide the following food in your child's lunchbox:

- Peanut Butter
- Nutella
- Chocolates

- Muesli Bars
- Any Nuts
- Biscuits which may contain nuts
- Egg

Some nut free alternatives are:

- Vegemite or Cheese Sandwiches
- Dried Fruit
- Yoghurt
- Cheese Sticks
- Chopped or tinned fruit

Healthy Eating Policy 2018

Dear Parents,

Please ensure that your child has sufficient healthy snacks and lunch packed everyday as we are finding that children are frequently coming to school without their lunches. If a child is without lunch we will ring parents to obtain permission for their child to buy lunch from the canteen. In this instance, the canteen will need to be paid promptly for any items purchased by your child.

It is the Australian International Academy's aim to make healthy eating an easy and informed choice for the entire school community. We believe a healthy eating plan is fundamental not only to add life to years but also to add years to life. The Australian International Academy is committed to setting a good example by promoting and offering healthy eating options.

We will always endeavor to:

- Ensure the school curriculum is rich with learning opportunities that encourage and aid students in making wise choices when selecting food and drink.
- Make healthy food a very easy option for students and staff to purchase, via the school canteen.
- Promote the drinking of water as first and best choice.
- Promote healthy eating.
- Model healthy choices when eating in public.

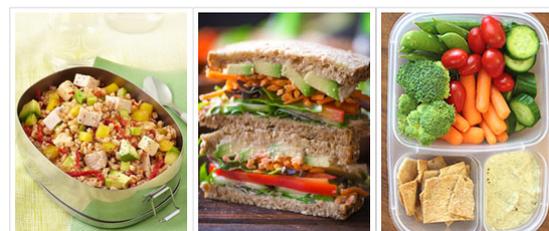
Lunch Policy:

- Children bring their own lunches
- Teachers expect that children eat the lunch that parents send
- There is healthy food in the canteen
- Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds to buy their lunches
- Students are requested to take home all uneaten food so that parents know if the quantity they are sending is too large or if the child does not like a particular food
- All food wrappers need to be taken home.

- Water is the recommended drink. There are drinking taps available for the students.
- Water may be taken into the classroom during extremely hot weather.

We ask that you help us be more environmentally friendly by providing your child with their snacks and lunch packed neatly in a lunch box with minimal packaging.

Some examples of healthy lunch options:



Sick Bay News

Severe Nut and Egg Allergies

Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that we have students at our school that have severe allergies to nuts and eggs. We are asking for your cooperation in helping to provide a safe school environment. An allergic reaction can happen from eating, touching or smelling the allergens. Please consider other children with allergies when packing your child's food at school. No food containing ***NUTS and EGGS*** will be allowed in our school premises to prevent life threatening allergic reaction. We also ask you to help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with other children and washing their hands before and after eating. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this matter.



Thank you.
Maria Orogo
School Nurse

Video Recordings and Uploading on Social Media

Dear Parents,

Please refrain from video recording your child at any school concerts/performances or assemblies as your recordings may capture other children who are not happy to be in your recording. The school will take no responsibility for any unauthorised recordings.

Parents and Staff Carpark

Dear Parents,

Please use the parent's car park to drop off your children and only in designated car parking areas for the drop off and pick up of your children. As well as it being illegal and may incur a fine it is also unsafe for all drivers and pedestrians trying to access the school. Please be mindful of the rights of our neighbors and refrain from obstructing/parking in private driveways or properties.

Also, the carpark on Rogers St will be now closed from 8.25am - 9.00am and 2.30 - 4.00pm. Under no circumstances should parents be parking in the staff carpark. Please do not park in the staff car park as if you are parked in there and wish to leave once it is locked you will need to wait until we re-open the carpark at the designated times. It is a safety issue for the children and we appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Picking Up Your Child

Dear Parents,

If you would like to pick up your child early please do so before 3pm as any pickups after 3pm is discouraged as this may disrupt your child's classroom and learning. Please keep this in mind when organising your child's appointments with the doctor, dentist etc.

Due to parents being unable to enter classrooms during teaching time the office staff will kindly arrange for your child to be released from class.

Sports Uniform 2018

Please ensure that your child is in full sports uniform including appropriate runners on days where they have PE or any other sporting activities. If your child is not wearing full sports uniform they will not be allowed to participate in any of the PE activities for that day.

Uniform Reminder 2018

Australian International Academy students are expected to be in uniform every day, both at school and when travelling to and from school. This includes wearing our compulsory blazer as well as conforming to the dress code for other items. All hair must be neat and tidy when students return to school and must abide by our school policy.

Sunhats are compulsory 'NO HAT NO PLAY' policy in Term 1 & 4 will be implemented.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and surname.

For those girls who are praying they will need to bring a clean white scarf with a safety pin.

AIA Uniform Shop Trading Hours:

Wednesday	9.30am – 11.30am
Friday	2.00pm – 4.00pm

The shop is also open on:

First Saturday of every month: 12.00pm – 2.00pm
First day of every month: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Before and After School Supervision 2018

Parents please be aware that for the safety and wellbeing of your child the school grounds will be supervised from 8.00am. If you choose to bring your child earlier please be aware that there will be no supervision until 8.00am.

After school all children will only be supervised until 4.00pm within the quadrangle. Any children not collected by 4pm will be taken to after school care where they will be supervised until 5.30pm. If you know you are going to be late you can call the school office during the day to let us know you would like your child to go to after school care.

School Crossing 2018

Parents please ensure that you and your children use the school crossing at all times when coming into and leaving the school grounds. Talk to your children about the importance of using the school crossing and the correct and safe way to cross the road in order to prevent any accidents.

Important Dates to Remember

14th February 2018	Prep – Year 2 Parent Information Night 6.00 – 8.30pm
15th February	Year 3 – 5 Parent Information Night 6.00 – 8.30pm
21st February	Uppers Athletics Day
26th February - 28th February	Year 5 Girls camp
28th February - 2nd March	Year 5 Boys Camp
12th March 2018	Labour Day
21st March	Harmony Day
28th March	Last day for students.
29th March 2018	Parent Teacher Student Conference
30th March 2018	Good Friday Public Holiday
31st March – 15th April 2018	Term 1 Holiday Period