

Bellbird Newsletter



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LETTER
OF THE
WEEK



From the Principal

Saalamu Alaykum

Individual Learning Plans

Students are bringing home their Individual Learning Plans for term 2 today. These plans will explain the personal goals that have been set for your child this term. If you have any questions about your child's ILP, please contact their teacher.

Education week

As part of Education Week this week, the students participated in Mathematics competitions and have taken part in the Chick's R Us program. Students will be bringing home special awards today for their efforts in the Mathematics competitions.

Student of the week

This week's student of the week award goes to Fatima Al Aidany in Kindergarten. Congratulations Fatima!

Year 1 and 2

Next week, Year One and Year Two will be learning about measurement, reading and writing observations, practicing their comprehension skills and participating in gymnastics activities.

From the Teacher

Dear Parents,

Everyone at school had a most exciting week as we watched for our babies to hatch. We didn't have some very cute little chickens though, but we still kept a "Chicken Diary". We observed our eggs, made notes and acted like scientists all week. We think that they gave us the wrong eggs as they must be next week's eggs.

We are just hearing some chirping now. The Chicks R Us people sent us some chicks today. They were born on the farm and are the same age as ours would have been. Next week, we shall get to play with our chickens, hold them and have our photos taken. In 2 weeks time, when the cycle starts again, they will send us new eggs and we shall start again if the ones we have do not hatch. It has never happened before in 5 years that I have been having them, but sometimes things go wrong.

If you would like to buy a chicken that lays eggs within about 6 weeks, you may do so. They cost **\$10.00 each**. You must have a proper Hen House. Chicks R Us, now build chicken coops and they come with 4 chickens ready to lay eggs. Children have been reminded that these are not pets and cannot be treated like pets, or they will die.

Arabic/Quran

For all classes, please to practice Arabic homework set using your Arabic reading book and the CD provided. For Quranic recitation Kindergarten is practicing Suratal Humaza which is track number 18.

Year 1 and 2, please practice Suratal Asr which is track 17 on the CD provided.

I have included a few useful chicken fact pages for you to discuss with your children.

Next week, we shall study the letter "u". It has three sounds . "u" as in "hut", "u" as in "blue" and "oo" as in " .

Our next number will be 12. Again, we shall discuss that it is a 2 digit number and that it means 10 plus 2. Off course, we continue counting by tens, fives and ones both forwards and backwards to and from 100.

Once again this week there are great family fun activities to do. Please practice some of the games together and remember to enjoy each other's company.

Ms Raes
Kindergarten Teacher.



ILLUMINATIONS

Illuminations:

With the grace of Allah (swt) the children have been progressing steadily and the Parental input and effort can be seen through their fast progress and is commended. The past two weeks have had a strong focus on Islamic manners and etiquettes (Akhlāq), in particular on how to be thankful to Allah (swt) and others. Last week the children were introduced to the Arabic pronunciation of each manner and then taught the meaning. This week they were taught when, where and how to apply each manner in their day to day situations.

Please refer to their illuminations folders for the manners and their meanings. The children now need to generalise the application of these manners across of range of environments and social settings. Please try and create opportunities at home and beyond, where the children can appropriately apply these manners. Make sure that their experiences are positive, by praising their application. Make sure your praise is specific to the manner that they have used. If they mispronounce the words, try and correct them in a positive way so as to avoid any negative associations with their application.

Imam Sadiq (a) said: "Surely, a little action (of worshipping) with piety is better than many deeds with no virtue."

Al-Kafi, vol. 2, p. 76



Imam Hassan 'Askari, the eleventh Imam, (a) said: "There are no qualities above these two: Faith in Allah and being beneficial to Muslims."

Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol. 17, p.218

VERY USEFUL INFO. HEALTHY JUICES



**Carrot + Ginger +
Apple - Boost and
cleanse our system**



**Apple + Cucumber +
Celery - Prevent
cancer, reduce
cholesterol, and
improve stomach
upset and headache.**



**Tomato + Carrot +
Apple - Improve skin
complexion and bad
breath.**



**Bitter gourd + Apple
+ Milk - Avoid bad
breath and reduce
internal body heat.**

General News

Thank you to all the families who attended and participated in the PIE on Friday evening. Your presence is an indication of your love and commitment toward your family and is the foundation of the College's philosophy in supporting parents in the education and development of their children and family. Please find below an email that we received from one of the presenters Mala Henderson on Monday.

Dear Bellfield College,
Jenny & I very much enjoyed the information evening. As we were driving back to Penrith I remembered that we may not have answered a question that one of the men posed -

"How would you know if your relationship with your child was good?" - so I thought I'd ask some of my colleagues and these are the answers they had; you'd know your relationship with your child/children is good if:

- they can come to you at times of need
- they know you respect their need (though sometimes they may not get what they want)
- you (as parent) are aware of their different developmental needs
- you can offer them security
- they know you are interested and responsive they will open up to you when they are able to
- you are able to have fun together as a family
- If, as parents, you are able to play with them in what interests them
- Acknowledge them as individuals
- Have realistic expectations of them (and them of you)
- They have reasonable self-esteem and confidence (facing fears and being ok is part of the process of developing confidence)

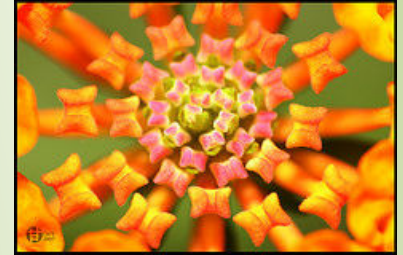
All the best to all the families:
Mala Henderson Relationships Education
Program Co-ordinator Relationships Aust. Penrith

Reminders

- Children must wear a hat when playing in the playground.
- Bellfield College has a strict healthy eating policy. Junk food is not permitted. Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit, sandwiches, rice crackers, cheese sticks etc to eat at school. Chocolate bars, chips, cookies etc are not allowed.
- Bus fees are due each Friday.
- Please write your child's names on their belongings.
- **PE clothes are to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays.**

The Holy Prophet [s] said:
"Say each of your prayer
as if it were your last
prayer."

Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol. 69, p. 408



Upcoming Events

- Chicks r Us program (Watching baby chicks hatch and grow): May 26th – June 6th.
- Queen's Birthday public holiday – June 9th.
- Term 2 Reports - June 27th.
- End of term 2 – July 4th.