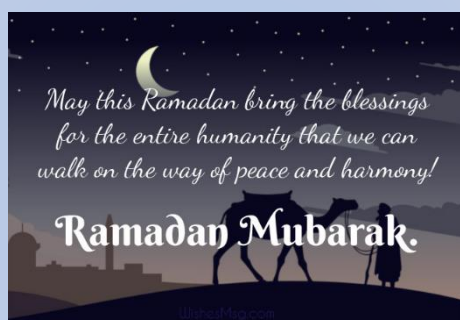


Things to come



Term 2, 2020 Week 2



School Closure

Monday 18th May to
Tuesday 26th May,
2020



JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY

A Message from our Head of Junior School
Ms Harold

Assalamu Alaykum, Ramadan Mubarak

Dear Parents and carers

Thank you to all our families for their ongoing support amidst the current uncertainty. We have had a smooth transition back to school this term with students learning from home and at school. The first 2 weeks of term 2 has seen a continuation of the remote learning from home model. From Week 3 (Monday 11th of May), our managed return to school will commence. For your reference we have attached the letter that was communicated earlier this week.

This approach to return has been organised with consideration for what is best for our children. All students are expected to attend school on their allocated day. As communicated today by our CEO, any students absent on their allocated day will be marked as absent and parents will need to notify us to explain the absence.

We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. Don't forget you are welcome to advertise on our Bulletin Community Notice Board. Please contact me should you wish to do so.

Stay Safe and have a great weekend.

Ms Harold



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Asalaamu Alaykum.

As we reach the end of our second week of Term 2, I would like to express my admiration and gratitude to all Bellfield College students and their families for their support with the educational changes that have taken place so rapidly over the last few weeks. We know that this has been challenging, particularly for our students, and that parents have provided great support to students learning at home.

Our priorities as a school are to provide a continuity of education and to maintain the health and vitality of everyone within our community. It is our great hope to have all students returned to the classroom across all campuses swiftly as it is safe to do so.

We are encouraged by recent positive indications and the relaxation of certain restrictions and will continue to plan for coming weeks in full view of strong guidance from the AIS, the NSW Health Department, the Premier of NSW, NSW Minister for Education and Federal Government.

Return to Campus Week 3

Bellfield College is, however, pleasingly ahead of the curve in planning its return to campus. We have prioritised the return of Year 11 & 12 students to campus full time from Monday 11th May and the other Junior School cohorts will begin a staggered return timetable from Week 3.

Additional Days for Year Levels

I am pleased to now advise that we are able to safely support the return of additional groups of students to campus.

Kindergarten to Year 6

Students in Kindergarten can return to school for four days a week, Monday- Thursday, from Week 3.

Students in Year 1 – Year 6 will have designated days on campus during Week 3. They will return to full time face-to-face teaching from Wednesday 27th May 2020.

On their non-designated days, students who are not on campus can continue with online learning at home.

Years 7-10:

Students in Year 7 – Year 10 will continue online learning during Week 3 and can return to school on a full time basis from Wednesday 27th May 2020.

Online learning will not be available from that date.

Year 11 & 12

Students return to full time face-to-face classroom teaching from Monday 11th May 2020.

Attendance

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 situation, students who have been learning at home have been classified as having a 'Flexible Learning Arrangement' and as such, have not been marked as absent from school. However, please note, from that 27th May 2020, students who are not physically present at school will be marked as 'Absent'.

WHAT YOU MUST DO ON YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO CAMPUS

As a school, we are taking every safety precaution possible to ensure the safe return of students to campus and the maintained health of the cohort and staff. Please see below for information on the steps you need to follow to ensure the ongoing safety of your child and the Bellfield College community.

HEALTH INSTRUCTIONS

Please make sure that you and your children understand and comply with these instructions.

1. Under no circumstances are students to attend campus if they feel unwell. If they have any symptoms of illness whatsoever they should remain home.
2. If they have symptoms of any illness whatsoever while at school, students must notify their teacher and go to the college administration office immediately, directly and without detour.
3. Parents cannot come onsite except to visit the Uniform Shop. See information below regarding the Uniform Shop.
4. Students should not touch other students or their belongings.
5. Students must sanitise or wash their hands thoroughly and regularly throughout the day.

All of our plans for the return to campus have been made so that we are able to return to normal.

Until then, we ask you to encourage your children to set a good example and help them to understand the seriousness and importance of hygiene practices when returning to campus.

Bus Transport

All of our school bus transport services will resume back to normal from Wednesday 27th May 2020. If your child uses a private bus, you will need to contact your private bus driver to see if they are resuming normal operations.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop at our Senior School campus is open. We encourage you to order, where possible, over the phone.

The Uniform Shop are still taking appointments for fittings. Please contact them (02) 9606 2666. On the day of your appointment, please wait outside the shop until a member of staff calls you in. If you have a child in the Senior School, we do encourage you to ask them to collect any uniform items rather than visiting the campus yourself.

We hope the above information has been useful.

The senior executive team along with all teaching and support staff very much look forward to welcoming all students upon their return to on-campus learning and I reiterate my continued thanks to all of the Bellfield community for your support as we continue to deal with complex and rapidly changing circumstances.

With warmest wishes

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sam Jebeile
College CEO/Principal

Building on Creativity

One who considers creativity to be a part of their core strengths can utilise this strength by finding new ways of solving problems that are harming their wellbeing, such as finding a creative and positive way to respond to the stress of assignments, isolation, or dealing with a difficult person. Most creative expressions in the arts (painting, poetry, acting, or even graphic design) have therapeutic potential. When one delves into the arts he uses attentional, cognitive, and emotional resources that would have been squandered elsewhere.

The Golden Mean

The golden mean is an Aristotelian concept that posits moral behaviour is the middle path between two extremes. It basically refers to an imbalance of character strengths. The golden mean for a person with the character strength of creativity would be that he is not content with doing most things in the usual way or with conforming to social norms. But, at the same time, he is not considered to be weird by his close friends and also seeks to be innovative. In relationship to wellbeing, this would mean trying new solutions to old problems that cause ongoing stress.

The overuse of the strength of creativity can lead to oddity, weirdness, and eccentricity; while the underuse of this strength can lead to dullness, banality, and conformity.

Integration

Some character strengths work well with others to achieve wellbeing and a state of flourishing. Creativity works well with the following character strengths: curiosity, persistence, enthusiasm, and bravery. In the workplace or in group assignments, it can be used well with social intelligence, teamwork, and open-mindedness. Creative expression, from conception to fruition needs support from

persistence and self-regulation as persistence helps one finish what they start and self-regulation helps one stay on task.

The movie "Gravity" (2013), starring Sandra Bullock, George Clooney, and Ed Harris, displays the strength of creativity well. In this movie two astronauts find creative and innovative ways to survive after being stranded in outer-space. I would definitely recommend watching this movie as it won 7 Oscars. Disclaimer: the movie does not have any nudity or drugs, but has moderate violence and gore, moderate profanity, and moderate intensity according to IMDb parent's guide.

Character Strength Life Hack: use creativity to tackle boring tasks. Look for creative and innovative ways to accomplish the tasks that you have on your shoulders. Find ways to make these tasks enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Hamid Waqar





4A Classroom Newsletter

Greetings

Assalam wa alaikum parents and teachers of Bellfield college!

Ramadhan Kareem!

Welcome back Bellfield Family. While we say goodbye to week one of this term, I would like to share with you some of the things 4A have been learning in Google classroom. As we all have been going through this challenging time and miss our normal classroom setting, 4A students have managed very well with completing and submitting their work on time.



This week in English we have been studying persuasive writing. Children will be required to have an in-depth understanding of the language use and the structure of a persuasive text by the end of this week. Students have been given annotated PowerPoints, videos and worksheets to assist in their learning.

For Mathematics, we are working on Fractions and Decimal problems.

In Science, we will be designing a greenhouse and looking at the best materials when designing for home use.

Meanwhile in Geography we are learning all about Australia's neighbors.

In PDHPE students have been learning about Identity; identifying and appreciating who they are and things that make them unique.

In Visual Arts students are learning about the significance of Aboriginal stone and cave art and its meaning.



Thank You Students!

Mrs Nazmun Ali

Kindergarten Quran and Illuminations

Week 2

In Quran, Kindergarten have been learning Arabic letters and Arabic numbers online. They have been working well online with me and nothing has stopped them from getting up each day to do their work. Every day they display their learning by reading, writing, reciting of Quran, working on different activities through colouring, tracing, matching and colour coding. A brilliant effort by Kindergarten welcoming the new school term.



In Illuminations, Kindergarten welcomed the Holy Month of Ramadan through creating and making the Ramadan mobile and the Good Deeds calendar. They are reciting Quran and learning Duaa everyday by listening and watching Sheikh Mohammad's videos.



Amazing effort in kindergarten, I'm very proud of their hard work, and I appreciate the tremendous effort all our parents are putting in to help us and their children during the COVID-19 online learning. Congratulations Kindergarten.

Mrs Bahsoun

Kindergarten Quran and Illuminations
Teacher



Arabic News

Week 2

Assalamu Alaykum dear parents,

يطلع علينا شهر رمضان المبارك في كل عام، ننتظره لنبتهل الى الله تعالى بالدعاء، نتقرب إليه بالتودد إلى بعضنا البعض نستذكر الفقراء والجوعى بالصيام.

هذه الأيام، وهذه الساعات، هي أيام وساعات لا تقدر بثمن، فإن قمة الجوائز تُعطى في شهر رمضان، ولتكن محطتنا الجميلة في ليلة النصف منه مع ولادة الإمام الحسن المجتبي عليه السلام الذي جسّد الكرم والسخاء والعطاء وروي أنّه قيل ذات مرّة للإمام عليه السلام: لأيّ شيء لا نراك تردُّ سائلاً؟ فقال (عليه السلام): إني لله سائل، وفيه راغب، وأنا أستحي أن أكون سائلاً، وأردُّ سائلاً، وإنّ الله عودني عادة، أن يفيض نعمه عليّ، وعودته أن أفيض نعمه على الناس، فأخشى إن قطعت العادة أن يمنعي العادة.

فالسalam عليك يا شهر الله والسلام على كريم آل محمد عليه السلام الذي به فاض الله علينا من بركاته ونسأل الله تعالى أن لا نرد سائلاً وأن لا يردنا عن بابه خائبين.



Ramadan Kareem and a blessed month for all. Prophet Muhammad (sawas) said, "Everything has a springtime and the springtime of the Quran is the month of Ramadan."

This term we have integrated the Holy Month of Ramadan into our Arabic lessons. We have done this through a range of different activities. In upper primary, we assigned a quiz for the students to complete. This quiz has asked the students to find at least 15 names of Surahs from the Holy Quran. We

also studied about the family unit creating a family tree.

In lower primary, we discussed the merits of this month as full of mercy and forgiveness. We have also been studying about the school environment in the Arabic language.

More news to come :)

Hiam Ajami
Arabic Teacher



Things to Remember



Tuesday 5 May, 2020

Asalamu Alaykum

Dear parents,

Junior School will be open for a staggered return to school from Monday the 11th of May 2020.

Each year group will attend face to face classes on their designated school day/s.

- Please see the below table regarding your child/ren's designated school day/s.
- Your child's teacher will be at school on their designated school day teaching your child.
- Online learning will not be offered on your child's designated school day.

If you decide to send your child/ren to school on a non- designated school day, your child will continue to learn remotely via google classroom. Supervision will be provided.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 Students return on designated day/s	11 th May Kindergarten Year 1	12 th May Kindergarten Year 2	13 th May Kindergarten Year 3	14 th May Kindergarten Year 4	15 th May Year 5 Year 6
Week 4 School Closed	18 th May Ramadan Break	19 th May Ramadan Break	20 th May Ramadan Break	21 st May Ramadan Break	22 nd May Ramadan Break

Please note the following:

- The canteen will be closed, so please ensure you provide adequate snacks and lunch for your child/ren.
- Ramadan bell times apply. Junior school will commence at 8.30am and finish at 2.40pm.
- The school is closed for the Ramadan Break from Monday the 18th to the Tuesday 26th of May.

To fully prepare for your child's return to school, further information regarding social distancing and hygiene will be sent out later this week.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on (02) 9606 2666.

Kind regards

Ms Jennie Harold

Head of Junior School

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