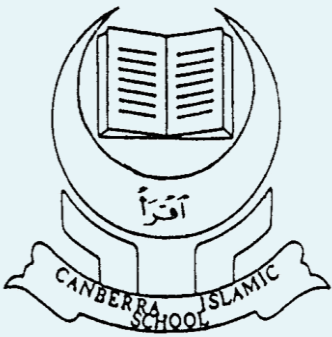


Canberra Islamic School

NEWSLETTER

Wanna design our logo? Just email it to us or give it to any of the teachers.



Canberra Islamic School Info

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At the Canberra Islamic school, we aim to (InshaAllah):

- Provide a social setting to meet other Muslim children of their age group
- Foster understanding that Allah is One - the same Allah for all mankind (muslims and non-muslims) and that humanity is one
- Provide a means to learn about Islam and develop the urge to learn more independently
- Provide a means to understand and practice Quranic Arabic and Quran in order to develop the love and need for Quran
- With all of the above to foster love of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad (s), Islam and Muslims

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Assalamu alaikum

Dear readers,

Welcome to Canberra Islamic school's second issue of the newsletter. It has been a good start to the year for CIS, Alhamdulillah. We have over 100 students enrolled across the five levels, and 15 teachers.

Timeliness:

There are many students who are getting to school by 10am - mashaAllah, keep it up; but there are many more who are coming late. Being on-time is a very important characteristic of a Muslim in all aspects of life; it helps establish prayer (iqamah-salat), develop respect for others and their efforts, helps one get ahead and make a positive reputation for oneself, among many other benefits. Lateness causes a lot of chaos and confusion and waste of time to teachers and students. Please be at school before assembly starts at 10am.

Please refer to the website for more messages, news and updates from teachers and staff.

Wassalaam,
 Sumaiya Quasim
 CIS Principal

Be prepared, anytime

By our students of Level 5:
 Sumaiyah Qureshi, assisted by Fatmata Kamara and Dilla Suhadji

Once upon a time there were a group of friends whose names were Aminah, Beena, Kauthar, Daniya and Zainab. All except Zainab were naughty girls, who disrespected their elders both at school and in their homes. Only Zainab was the good one, she cared for everyone. She was also a good Muslim and would pray five times a day after which she would read Quran. Although the other four girls were Muslims too, they weren't as practising as Zainab. Despite the differences, the 5 girls were good friends. One day, Aminah decided to have a sleepover with her friends at her house. She rang her four friends to invite them to the sleepover. When she got to Zainab, Aminah started to describe all the possibilities of fun things to do.

"We could watch a movie – how about the new MA15+ movie Daniya bought? Or we could have a fashion parade – that would be fun. What do you think?" asked Aminah over the phone to Zainab.

"Yeah, yeah, that would be fun," Zainab

replied, "but, maybe we could have a 'Surahs from Quran competition', wouldn't that be good? After that we could pray Isha and go to bed."

Aminah snorted and chuckled, "You are sooo pathetic, Zainab. Sleepovers are meant to be fun and cool. If you want to do what you said, go ahead. But I definitely will be not joining you!" And with that, Aminah ended the call.

Zainab was happy to get some extra time to read the Quran while the others watched the movie. The other girls had fun watching the movie while eating cake. They had carelessly left the cake knife on the table. In fact, the four girls had made a mess in Aisha's room. You couldn't see the floor for the mess!

When Zainab finished reading the Quran, she walked back into Aisha's room. As she was negotiating her way through the mess, she slipped on a plate and crashed into the table. "Are you alright?!" the girls asked.

There was no answer. The 4 girls rushed to where Zainab was lying and realised she was unconscious with the knife stuck in the side of her head! Scared, and sick with guilt and worry, the girls dialled '000' for an ambulance.

At the hospital, Zainab was placed in the Intensive Care Unit, the doctors said she would live, but she had been very lucky to be alive. It would take at least two week for her to recover. Her four friends were happy at the good news although sad about the choices they had made.

In the morning Zainab woke up, her four friends were by her bedside. "Are you feeling better?" Kauthar asked. "Yes, but I was close to dying, leaving this world." Zainab replied weakly. "But if I had died, I hope that I would have been prepared to meet Allah"

The four girls knew what Zainab was talking about. If one of them had died, not one of them would have been prepared because they did not pray, read the Quran and were disrespectful to others.

"We will be prepared to meet Allah, inshaAllah" said Beena, talking for all four girls. "InshaAllah!" said all girls at once! Aminah, Beena, Kauthar and Daniya became practicing Muslims with the help of Zainab and the guidance of Allah. All of them wanted to be prepared for the time they would meet their Lord, Allah.

THE END

Word Search

Can you find them all?

- Adhan
- Asr
- Compulsory
- Fajr
- Fard
- Five
- Hajj
- Imam
- Iman
- Iqama
- Maghrib
- Niyah
- Rakaah
- Ruku
- Salam
- Salat
- Sawm
- Sujud
- Sunnah
- Tashahhud
- Tayammum
- Wudu
- Zakat
- Zuhr

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BRAINTEASER: The Sheikh's Inheritance

An Arab sheikh tells his two sons to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune.

The one whose camel is slower wins. After wandering aimlessly for days, the brothers ask a wise man for guidance. Upon receiving the advice, they jump on the camels and race to the city as fast as they can. What did the wise man say to them?

NB. Don't give up too early, the answer will be in the next issue, Insha'llah.

CIS School Term Dates 2011

	Starts	Ends	Holidays
Term 1	13 th Feb	10 th Apr	
Term 2	8 th May	3 rd Jul	
Term 3	31 st Jul	25 th Sep	4 th Sep – Eid Al-Fitr
Term 4	23 rd Oct	18 th Dec	6 th Nov-Eid Al-Adha

GREAT MUSLIM INVENTIONS - Sheikh Al-Jabr

$$y^4 + \frac{xy}{2} = \frac{x^3}{3} - xy^2 + y^2 - \frac{1}{7}$$

Algebra is a branch of mathematics involved with the rules of operations and relations and the constructions and concepts arising from them. Simply put, Algebra is about finding the unknown or putting real life problems into equations and then solving them.

The word algebra comes from the Arabic language (al-jabr, الجبر), from a book written by the Muslim Persian mathematician Muhammad ibn Mūsā al-Khwārizmī, called *Al-Kitāb al-mukhtaṣar fī ḥisāb al-jabr wa'l-muqābala*. Calculation by Completion and Balancing".

Those in Year 1 and above at school, would have done some algebra and problem solving in mathematics. Algebra problems in everyday life look like this: Sami has 2 apples and Adam has

3. Maryam has 2 more than Sami, how many apples do they have altogether? (Answer: 9)

Problems get a little more complicated as variables are introduced: Ayan has some lollies (say, x), Wafa has 10 more than Ayan; if they have 26 lollies between them, how many does Ayan have? (Answer: when you solve for x in the equation:

$$x+(x+10)=26,$$

you will find that Ayan has 8 lollies)!

In his book, Khwarizmi found a way to solve equations like the one above using 'balancing' and 'completion' of equations. They apply the same operation to both sides of an equation and move known terms to one side and the unknown to the other side and thus solving for the unknown. Al-Khwarizmi is generally considered the father of algebra for his contributions to the field in 820 CE. Some of al-Khwarizmi's

algebraic methodology is still used today, and he is rightly credited with bringing great developments to the field.

Some more facts about Al-Khwarizmi:

- Al-Khwarizmi's book, (*On the Calculation with Hindu Numerals*) was translated into Latin and was responsible for the introduction of the decimal number system to Europe - the same number system we use today!
- The word algorithm also comes from the latinized form of his name.
- He was also an astronomer and geographer
- A crater on the moon is named after him.

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica, Wikipedia, Muslims Australia magazine Issue 4 Prepared by Hannan Mansuri



When asked by Abdullah, "Which deed is the dearest to Allah?", The Prophet (saw) was reported to have said,

"To offer the prayers at their early stated fixed times"

- Sahih Al-Bukhari 1:10, No. 505

Parent Morning Tea Report

CIS hosted a successful and well-attended morning tea for parents on Sunday 3rd April. This event fosters relationship between school and parents allowing us to tap into the vast experience and knowledge among members thereby creating a forum to share knowledge and establishing networks with parents. This regular event is one of CIS's parent engagement strategies to get families more involved in education.

We have been blessed to have Br Ahmed El Zein as guest speaker. Br Ahmed made 3 key points:

- 1. The importance of providing kids a balanced education**
Many of us take steps to help kids excel academically. Are we making same efforts when it comes to Islamic education?
- 2. Parents as role models**
Kids are continuously observing and learning from us as parents. Are we conveying the right messages in our day-to-day acts? Are we giving time to our kids or far too busy with work? Are we supervising them enough to ensure they are exposed to the right materials from media?

- 3. Have a family day**
With busy life where both parents could be working, it is important to set aside a day for the family. Such day should have social aspect but most importantly it must have a religious segment where a deen topic is learnt and discussed. The practical implications and how to implement what is learnt must be openly discussed with kids.

Br Ali Merghani (Chairman) and Sr Sumaiya Quasim (Principal) also gave updates on school curriculum and progress on securing portables to alleviate current shortage of classrooms.