



Welcome back to Term Two

Farewells & Welcomes

One of the sad points of working in an International school is that there is often more movement of staff than in our home land schools.

This week we farewell a person who has been a huge influence in the lives of every student and staff member at our school – Mr Johannes, or ‘Dr John’ as many may know him as.

Johannes has been a wise and steady presence on our campus and we will all miss him dearly.

He and Antoinette (who was teaching at the Al Shomoukh nursery) head off to a new adventure and I am sure every one of our school family wish them well.



With leavings are comings and it is lovely to be able to welcome two new members to our staff.

Miss Rania has joined us to teach Secondary Science and also take some English support groups.

Ms Chinny has picked up several areas of learning, primarily as Gr 8 Social Studies teacher and supporting Gr 8 English.



After School Activities

As shared in the last few newsletters Term Two ASA's begin on Sunday January 17.

Your children will have already been told which activity they are taking part in and on what day.

PLEASE ensure you collect your child as soon as the activity finishes at the new time of 3.30pm.

There are some new activities running this term and we know children will enjoy the variety. Thank you to our staff who put their time into making these both enjoyable and fun learning moments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are busy working on trips, events, and happenings for the rest of this year so do keep a lookout in the newsletter.

A few things on our horizon –

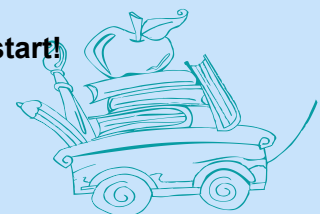
Gr 7, 8 & 9 trip to the Royal Opera House next Wednesday

Secondary Camp – info session next week (notice coming home with Gr 7, 8 & 9 students)

Basketball Tournament

Several class day trips

... and that's just a start!



School Happenings

DRINK BOTTLES

- At the beginning of our year we asked that all students bring their own named **refillable drink bottle** to school. Thank you to the few parents who have done this.

We require all students to have their own drink bottle from this term as the weather begins to heat up again. It is also extremely important when our children are taking part in their PE lessons.

We have cool water stations for the children to refill their bottles from so we look forward to everyone being 'hydration friendly'.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

- With a new term we would like to see a fresh approach to wearing our school uniform. Most children are wearing their Al Shomoukh uniform with pride but we still have to chase up those who are choosing to deviate from the expected clothes. Can we again ask you, parents, to support us by ensuring only uniform clothing is worn.

*****There seems to be a different understanding of what is ok for school shoes.**

Our expectation is that by the end of Term Three ALL students will only wear footwear in the following solid colours – black, blue, white, or grey.

NO other colours (pink soles, fluoro green stripes etc.) will be uniform shoes, and students will receive a notice regarding the wearing of non-uniform items.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact the office.



Snapshots of our Vibrant Learning

Ms Fayza has been celebrating the huge leaps in learning her 'Arabic for Beginners' group have been making over Term 1. While the children have been working really hard on their skills, Ms Fayza also needs to be thanked for making the learning fun through many different experiences.



Make the most of the cooler weather as it will change to warmth before we know it.

Kind regards
Maree Butler☺

