



MINARET COLLEGE

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Newsletter: June 2004

IMPORTANT DATES

June

Monday 7	VCE Exams – Accounting/Biology/ Physics Grades 5 & 6 incursion to CSIRO
Tuesday 8	VCE Chemistry Exam
Wednesday 9	VCE GAT Exam Tabloid sports
Friday 11	Curriculum Day (NO Students)
Monday 14	Public holiday (Queen Birthday)
Wednesday 16	Maths Competition
Thursday 17	Semester 1 Exam Starts (Year 7 to 12)
Friday 18 June	Mother / Daughter Supper Discussion (Years 7 to 12)
Thursday 24	Semester 1 Exam Finishes (Year 7 to 12) Term 2 ends for students only
Friday 25 June	Girls Fun Night Years 9 to 12
Friday 25	Term 2 ends for teachers

July

Monday 12	Term 3 starts for teachers
Tuesday 13	Term 3 starts for students
Tuesday 20	Official Open Day for Art & Technology

August

Saturday 28	Fundraising Dinner
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Guradian

Assalamualaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatu

I am pleased to inform you that the construction of the multi purpose hall is progressing fast and the project manager assured us that it will commence functioning in early August Insha Allah.

The fund raising booklet is attached, which explains the details of the college major projects. Any donation is tax deductible and also considered part of Zakat-El-Mal. Please encourage your family and friends to contribute towards such an important and worthwhile cause. Your support is very much appreciated

The official opening of the Middle school -Art/ Technology centre is on Tuesday 20th of July, 11.00 am. You are cordially invited to attend.

Nominations for two parents are now invited to serve on the new College's Board for the term July 2004 to June 2006. Closing date Tuesday 22 June 2004 at 4.00 pm. For nomination forms and any further information, please contact the director.

The Quranic memorisation and Islamic Akhlakh (morality) presentations are taking place every morning for 20 minutes from prep to year 9. I am very happy for this new initiative. Please follow this up with your children and assist them for memorising Quran at home.

To help you achieving this, please use the computer Al-Qari CD that was given to your children at the beginning of the year. If you do not have a CD, we would be happy to supply you with one.

Minaret College Open day on Sunday 30 May was a great success. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and attending the open day, do not hesitate to contact the office to take you around the school facilities if you

did not have the opportunity to participate on the open day.

May Allah (S.W.T.) guides us to help our children to prosper in this world and the here after.

Yours In Islam
Mohamed Hassan
Director

NEWS FROM OFFICE

FAS FORMS

We are currently invoicing for term 3 school fees, and our records reveal that a large number of families have not completed a Family Assistance Scheme (FAS) form for 2004.

In order to retain a current concession to your school fees, we must receive a completed FAS form (you may obtain the forms from the office) with the appropriate financial statements no later than Thursday 10/06/04.

Failure to return the form to the administration office by this date will result in full fees being charged to your account from term 3.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this matter, please contact the administration office as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

As you may know by now, Minaret College has an After School Care service available to families and staff who wish to access it between 3.30 pm and 6.00 pm Monday-Friday.

In an effort to ensure the safety of children on the school grounds after 4.00 pm, as of Monday 31/05/04, it is our policy that the children will be placed in supervised care until an authorised Parent/Guardian is able to pick them up. Families will be charged accordingly.

For bookings please contact the Administration office.

Fee Schedule (Per Afternoon)

1 child	\$ 4.00	Late Fee (charged after 6.00pm) \$ 5.00 per 5 minutes or part thereof.
2 children	\$ 7.00	
3 children or more	\$10.00	

** Please be advised that bookings must be paid for regardless of attendance.

In an effort to make this service convenient and affordable to all, Minaret College has subsidised the cost of care considerably. Additional to this, a Centrelink rebate of 16.9% is also available. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the administration office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

New items available.

- Windcheater (Sizes Prep to Gr. 4),
- Summer Hats/Caps
- Bomber Jackets
- Ties

For orders and prices please visit the uniform shop at 47 Whitworth Ave, Springvale on Wed 8.30 am to 10.30 am and Friday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARENTS FOR COLLEGE BOARD 2004 TO 2006

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Fund Raising Campaign

Minaret College is launching a special fundraising campaign to raise funds for the Multi Purpose Hall. Please find enclosed a fundraising booklet, which explains the details of our major building projects.

This is the right time to make a tax-deductible donation as the financial year is ending soon. The donations will be considered a part of Zakat-El-Mal.

A Fund raising dinner is going to take place on 28 August 2004. Please spare sometime to participate in this program. We will keep you informed of further details.

We have introduced a beautiful Minaret College pen and key lanyard as a part of these fundraising activities. These elegant pens are now available from office reception for \$3.00.

Please encourage your family and friends to contribute towards such an important and worthwhile cause. Your support is very much appreciated.

Dear Parents/ Guardians

The official opening of the Art/Technology centre is on Tuesday 20th of July, by Senator Tsebin Tchen at 11.00 am. You are more than welcome to attend.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Weatherboard, 3 bedroom, gas heating, electrical cooker and hot water and close to all amenities including school, shopping Centre.

Location: 51 Withworth Ave.

**Springvale 3171
Rent: \$170 per week**

Please Contact on (03) 9574 0567

MINARET FUNDRAISING DINNER

**Date: 28 August 2004
Time: Saturday 7.00 pm – 10.30 pm
Venue: Mulgrave Community Centre
355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave**

Minaret College will hold a Fundraising Dinner in aid of the new 1.4 Million Dollar – Community Hall that is being built as a Recreational, Sport and Dramatic Arts complex. The complex will be available for use by the Muslim and wider community and is especially designed for the recreational needs of our Muslim Youth.

Things to look forward to on the night:

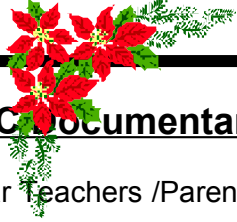
- 3 course meal
- Auctions Fantastic Entertainment
- Great company, invite all your friends
- Supporting a fantastic initiative for the Muslim Youth

Cost: \$50.00/Ticket

\$100.00/ VIP Ticket

Limited Seats 300, don't Miss out.

RSVP: by 18th August to the admin office.



ABC Documentary

Dear Teachers /Parents

Your are encouraged to watch the following program on ABC

Seven Wonders of the industrial World

Screening at 7.30pm
Every Sunday until 11 July
On ABC TV

News from Primary

Dear Parents

Its hard to believe that half the year is over. We have started with testing students for their first semester results.

I would like to bring to your attention again that the uniform shop is now operating in the school. The school colours are dark green and white. Every student is required to wear proper uniform and school shoes.

Primary students from Prep to Five will have Tabloid Sports on Wednesday 9th June 2004., starting at 9;15am. Parents are invited to attend and if possible, to help with various activities.

Many students have already participated in the N.S.W. English Competition. We are eagerly awaiting the results. The Maths competition will be held on 16th June 2004. Grade 3/5 students will be taking part in the AIM Test in August 2004.

The camp for Year 3/4/5 to Gundiwindi Lodge will take place from 26th to 28 July 2004. Please ensure that payment for this camp is made as soon as possible.

Head of Primary School

Mrs Beverly Nick

The Counsellor's Corner

DOES YOUR CHILD THINK NO ONE LIKES HIM/HER?

DOES YOUR CHILD OFTEN FEEL SORRY FOR HIM/HER?

DOES YOUR CHILD THINK THEY ARE NOT GOOD AT ANYTHING?

All too often, children and adolescents do not feel they can do anything right. Sometimes they feel sad and lonely and no one can tell.

Isn't it nice when your children think that they are likable and that they have special strengths and talents?

LOW SELF ESTEEM AND A LACK OF CONFIDENCE are very common.

Sr. Monique will be running a self-esteem group for students at the Primary and Secondary level.

If you would like your child or adolescent to be involved in this program, then please fill in the form below with your child's name and grade / year level and return it to Sr. Monique or the office

- High Self Esteem is the value you give yourself.
- High Self Esteem allows you to cope with whatever adverse situation that comes along.
- If you feel good about yourself, then a person's negative comments don't bother you so much, (e.g. Being teased for wearing glasses)
- If your self-esteem is a bit low, you may never want to wear glasses again.
- High self-esteem gives you the courage to try new things.
- People with low self esteem is often afraid of failing and are reluctant to try new

things, this prevents them from learning to the best of their ability.

- People with high self esteem is more independent are able to make better decisions for their lives.

Get to know your child and how he/she sees himself/herself.

Get child / young person to fill in:

Three things I love to do are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three things I do well are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three things my friends like about me are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three things my parents like about me are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SRC NEWS

Assalamu Alaikum,

On the 3rd of May the whole of the middle and senior school took part in an election for the schools Student Representative Council. 20 very capable students were chosen to represent Minaret College in different areas and as of now the Student Representative Council is up and running. We are a group of very committed students who wish to make

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a strong contribution to enhance the learning and social environment of Minaret College. The role of the SRC is to involve students in activities, gather feedback, maintain discipline and liaise with management.

The Councilors are already hard at work with some brilliant ideas that will hopefully engage the students to participate in various activities. Motivational speaker, Mark Dobson, recently visited us on the 17th of May for a 'Leadership Seminar'. In this session we learnt different alternatives to raising funds, how to resolve conflicts in the school, and ways to become dedicated and motivated leaders. Shortly after Dobbo's visit, we attended the State SRC Conference held at Haileybury College, this was a very productive session whereby all sorts of leadership qualities and different ideas were expressed by leading members in the community. We are currently working on establishing a new

Usrah system, more sports activities and different Clubs (maths, Islamic, dance etc). The councilors have a positive vision for the school and InshaAllah we will represent our school and our religion to the best of our ability.

The student councilors are identified by their specific roles, each individual has a

responsibility and is accountable for their positions. The various roles are as follows:

President- Magas (Yr. 12)

Vice President- Aminah (Yr. 12)

Secretary- Iman (Yr. 9)

Assistant Secretary- Akim (Yr. 8)

Treasurer- Nazreen (Yr. 9)

Assistant Treasurer- Nasim (Yr. 8)

Student Liaison Committee

- Nadien (Yr. 9)
- Sadiyah (Yr. 12)
- Ameera (Yr. 7)
- Sufiyanto (Yr. 9)
- Medina (Yr. 6)

Activities Committee

- Anita (Yr. 12)
- Berhan (Yr. 11)
- Zujaja (Yr. 6)
- Hussein (Yr. 8)

External Relations Coordinator

- Shameer (Yr. 12)

External Relations Assistants

- Mezdha (Yr. 11) & Yusuf (Yr. 6)

Islamic Affairs Coordinator

- Ghizal (Yr. 12)

Welfare Coordinator

- Billal (Yr. 8)
- Iman Ben Mansour

I would like to inform you that we are introducing projects for year nine starting from beginning of semester two, 2004. The projects will be comprehensive and inclusive in nature, with specific tasks and clear instructions for students to perform for a period of four weeks. The projects are linked to the curriculum and are designed to stimulate and challenge students using hands-on activities. Our purpose is to train our students to (1) develop self-confidence and become leaders within their respective communities inside and outside school, (2) improve study, organisational and time management skills, (3) analyse different situations effectively, and make informed personal decisions.

Another Successful Open Day at Minaret College

On Sunday 30 May 2004 Minaret College organized its second open day for the academic year 2004. Alhamdulillah, the turnout of parents and their children was encouraging and allowed all visitors to tour the new facilities, look at students works that were displayed inside and outside the classrooms, and attend different presentations and performances by our students. Visitors also attended a soccer game between Monash University students and Minaret Senior School students

English Department Week

17- 21 May 2004

Our English Department celebrated a week full of presentations and activities involving all year levels. These activities included drama, debating, public speaking, and presentations of special projects. Our students had the opportunity to display samples of their work outside their classroom.

Middle School News

Projects for Year Nine