



# IQRA Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

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March 7 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Assalamu Alaikum

### RAMADAN KAHOOT

Thank you to the families who participated in the **Ramadan Kahoot** last Friday. Congratulations to **Ammaarbaig Mirza** family who won this quiz and will receive a basket of goodies displayed at reception!



### IQRA SCHOOL NEW WEBSITE

You will notice from next week Iqra School has a re-designed website. We hope our families find this easier to navigate and find the information they need in a way that shows off our wonderful school in a positive light.

### SPORTS EVENTS

Please know that **chess lessons** are still taking place in room 7 on Wednesdays 3:45-4:45pm. If your child wants to trial this for a lesson the trial is free. Come and check it out!

This week groups of students went to **Ken Maunder Park for a cricket training**. They had a lot of fun and learned a lot from the facilitator. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and help and to **Fatima Sabe** and **Thomas Rutten** for their organisation with this.

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### DEPUTY HOUSE CAPTAIN

This week the school met in their houses on Monday to have the special job of voting for their house's Deputy House Captain for the year. This is a special role to support the House Captains each house meeting. The Deputy House Captains come from year 4 or 5. All Deputy House Captains will be announced and will receive their certificate and Deputy House Captain badge on Monday 10 March at 8:45am in the hall. Parents of all Deputy House Captains will be notified before the day.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The school has started a **Second Hand Uniform shop** for parents who may like to sell the uniforms that their child has grown out of but is still in good condition. Currently the Second Hand Uniform Shop is open Wednesday after school 3:30-4:30pm and Tuesday before school by our wonderful parent helpers.

From time to time the school requires the help of parents to help run events at the school. If you are interested in joining this **committee**, being a regular parent helper to attend regular fundraiser meetings, help organise school events, and participate in school run programmes, then please contact the Principal (Leanne) at [leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz](mailto:leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz). We are keen to have your help and support! Please know the Second Hand Uniform shop hours have changed to: Tuesday before school and Wednesday after school.

### NEW LYNN LIBRARY

Please know that the New Lynn Library visits scheduled for the week of **17.2.25** will be **cancelled** due to the library being short staffed that week. We hope to resume the visits Term 2.

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### **IFTAR NIGHTS**

As a reminder, on **Thursday 13 March and Friday 14 March** we will hold our annual **Ramadan- Auction/ Fundraiser**. This is a fundraiser for Iqra School getting a new playground. Please give to this cause! **The school would like to auction goods and services (or vouchers) from the businesses** of our community members. If you are able to provide a product or service for auction please contact the principal ([leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz](mailto:leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz)) Thank you to the families who have let the school know you are able to come. **Registration to attend the dinner is now closed.**

### **MARKET DAY 6 APRIL 2025**

Finally Iqra School will be holding an **Iqra School Market Day on Sunday 6 April**

**Date:** Sunday, April 6, 2025

**Location:** Iqra School Carpark & Hall

**Market Hours:** time to be confirmed

**Vendor Setup:** TBC

If you would like to be a vendor at this market please complete the application form / vending agreement that has posted on Skool Loop. Vendors do not need to be parents of Iqra School.

Successful vendors will be contacted to confirm their place and table.

Cost: Vendors charge is \$100 (non-food stall) and \$120 (food stall)

Put this in your diary as a wonderful family event your friends will enjoy. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful Islamic community event. We hope you all can come.



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### **Term 1 Events**

- 13,14 March Ramadan Fundraiser/ Auction, 6:30pm-10:00pm
- 21.3.25 Term 1, week 8, Work habits & Attitude Report available online for parents
- 25.3.25 & 27.3.25 Mitey (mental health) programme visits Iqra School
- **31.3.25 Eid- counted as school day - HOLIDAY (to be confirmed)**
- **1.4.25 Eid- HOLIDAY( to be confirmed)**
- 2.4.25 - 3.4.25 Term 1 Parent/ Teacher Interviews after school, Term 1 week 10
- 3.4.25 Lockdown training with Harrison & Tew, 8-12:30pm
- 4.4.25 Eid celebration at school, come in your Eid clothes & bring a plate
- 6.4.25 Iqra School Eid Festival- market day
- 11.4.25 Uniform free day- bring a gold coin, food stall, Last day Term 1, 2025
- 28.4.25 First day Term 2, 2025

### **Reporting for term 2**

- \* 27.6.25 week 9, term 2 Academic reports available to parents
- \* **EID- 6 JUNE- counted as a school day- HOLIDAY**

### **Reporting for term 3**

- \* 16.7.25-17.7.25 Parent / Teacher Interviews after school Term 3
- \* 19.9.25 week 10 term 3 Work habits & attitude reports available to parents

### **Reporting for term 4**

12.12.25 Term 4, week 10 Academic Reports available to parents





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**Leader of Special Character Miss Ghada and her team:**

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في مدرسة اقرأ نعمل على تعليم أبنائنا الالتزام بهدي رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في كل أمر ومن ذلك أذكار الصباح والمساء، حيث يقوم طلاب المدرسة جميعهم قبل البدء بيومهم الدراسي بسرد أذكار الصباح وذلك لتكون عبادة يومية يعتادون أدائها حتى خلال أيام العطلة، كما يناقش معهم المعلمون معنى هذه الأذكار وفائدتها وأجرها العظيم. وليكون دور البيت مكملًا لدور المدرسة، فإننا نحثكم على استكمال مابدأناه في المدرسة بتشجيع أبنائكم على سرد أذكار المساء وأذكار ما قبل النوم. هذا وقد بدأنا العمل على تغيير الروتين الصباحي ليوم الجمعة بالاستماع لأول عشر آيات من سورة الكهف والتحدث عن فضائل يوم الجمعة والسنن المحبة فيه. ومن أجل إنجاح هذه المبادرة، نحثكم كأولياء أمور على التأكد من اتباع أبنائكم لهذه السنن ومنها أن يأخذ الطالب غسل الجمعة ويحضر إلى المدرسة بتياب نظيفة وأن يقلم أظفاره ويتطيب ويستاك استعدادًا لصلاة الجمعة. لنعمل معًا على جعل عاداتنا يوم الجمعة مطابقة لهدي النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم. الجمعة



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## **Leader of Special Character Miss Ghada and her team:**

At Iqra school, we strive to teach our students to follow the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in all aspects of life. One of these practices is reciting the morning and evening supplications athkar. Every morning, before starting their school day, all students recite the morning supplications athkar, making it a daily act of worship that they become accustomed to, even during holidays. Teachers also discuss the meanings, benefits, and great rewards of these supplications athkar with them.

To complement the school's efforts, we encourage you as parents to continue this practice at home by motivating your children to recite the evening and bedtime the supplications athkar.

Additionally, we have begun modifying our Friday morning routine by listening to the first ten verses of Surah Al-Kahf and discussing the virtues of Friday and the beloved Sunnah practices associated with it. To ensure the success of this initiative, we urge you as parents to support your children in following these Sunnah practices. These include performing the Friday ritual bath (Ghusl) coming to school in clean clothes, trimming their nails, applying perfume, and using the miswak in preparation for Friday prayer.

Let us work together to make our Friday traditions align with the guidance of the Prophet (peace be upon him).





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## Ramadan Activities

At Iqra School, we're spreading the joy of Ramadan with our special **Goodie Bag Giveaway** for the children. As part of our celebrations, each child will receive a delightful bag filled with treats, small gifts, and a reminder of the blessings of this holy month. It's our way of sharing the spirit of giving, gratitude, and community. Join us in making Ramadan extra special for our little ones



### Year 1



### Year 2



### Year 3



### Year 4 Boys & Girls

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## **Seniors Y5-Y8**



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## **Sports Events**

### **T-Ball**

On Wednesday 26th February, three teams went out to Eastdale Reserve in Avondale to participate in the Sport Waitakere Tee Ball competition. This game was pretty new to a lot of the kids, but they had received some training in the weeks leading up to the competition and they performed admirably. The tamariki had a lot of fun and showed some real talent smacking the ball far and running the bases like a mini Usain Bolt, and represented our kura with pride and tremendous sportsmanship. Games were won and lost, but the day ended with lots of smiles and excitement. We look forward to the next competition.



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## **Hunger Ball**

The Sport Festival Fundraiser at Iqra School on Sunday, 23rd February, was a day filled with excitement, energy, and community spirit! Students of all ages participated in thrilling games of soccer and Hunger Ball, with junior, middle, and senior groups showing off their skills and sportsmanship. Off the field, everyone enjoyed delicious sausages and chips, adding to the festive atmosphere. To top it all off, we had an exciting prize-giving ceremony, where the winners of the sports events were celebrated for their outstanding performances. It was a fantastic day of fun, friendly competition, and togetherness—all in support of a great cause!



## **Upcoming sports activities:**

- ⇒ Cricket Team on Wednesday 12th of March
- ⇒ Ki o Rahi on March 26th - Year 5-Y8

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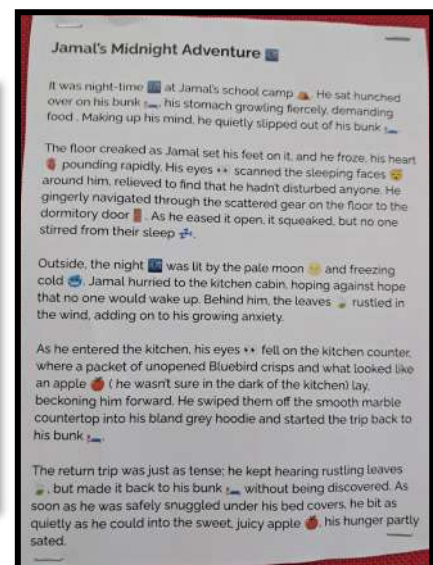
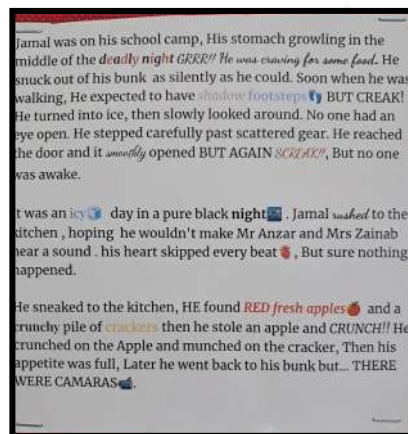
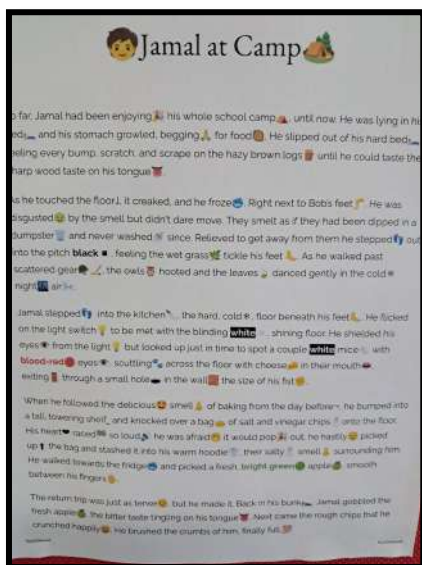


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## Salsabil Numeracy and Literacy learning: Year 6-8

Our students have been diving into the art of storytelling, crafting engaging narratives that showcase their creativity and writing skills. From developing compelling characters to building tension and resolution, they are honing their ability to express ideas in powerful ways. It's been inspiring to see their enthusiasm as they experiment with language, structure, and perspective. Keep an eye out for some fantastic stories—we have some talented writers in the making!

Our students have also been making great strides in their reading, building comprehension skills and developing a deeper appreciation for a variety of texts. They've been engaging in thoughtful discussions, making connections, and expanding their vocabulary through a range of stories and articles.



## Students Stories

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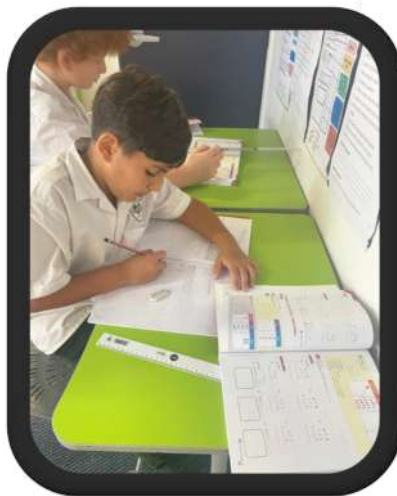


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## **Salsabil Numeracy and Literacy learning: Year 6-8**

This term, we're excited to be using *Prime Books* to enhance our math lessons! These engaging and thoughtfully designed resources provide a fresh approach to learning, offering students a deeper understanding of key mathematical concepts. With interactive activities, clear explanations, and a focus on problem-solving, Prime Books help make math both fun and accessible for all learners.

This term, our students have been working hard to strengthen their basic skills, focusing on multiplication and division facts, algorithms, fractions, and ratios. They are developing fluency with their number knowledge and applying their learning to solve real-world problems. It's been great to see their confidence grow as they explore different strategies and make connections between concepts. It's been great working along our budding mathematicians!



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## **Staff interview**

**Ms. Sarah Elhomayssi (Special Character Teacher)**

**1. What language do you speak?**

I speak Arabic, English and French from a young age

**2. Why did you choose to teach at this school?**

I chose to teach here because this is an Islamic school and I like to spread Islamic knowledge across this country

**3. How long have you been teaching ?**

I started teaching this year .

**4. How do you feel about teaching at IQRA ?**

I feel happy about teaching at IQRA and I like all the students and the environment

**5. What food do you love eating ?**

I love eating Sheesh barak which is an Arabic cuisine .

**6. Do you have hobbies ?**

I like drawing

**7. What is your favourite subject ?**

I think Maths is quite fun

**8. What is your favourite subject to teach ?**

I like to teach arts and crafts

**9. Do you have any siblings ?**

Yes, I have 4 sisters

**10. Where are you from ?**

I am from Lebanon .



**Interviewed by Amna Ahmad (Y8) and Alia Mukhtar (Y8)**

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## Our school proprietors



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Proprietor



MAHMOUD AL HARDAN

Proprietor Rep  
Board Member



KHALID AYYUB

Proprietor Rep  
Board Member



MOHAMMAD FETHI

Proprietor



DR. HABIB RAHMAN

Proprietor

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## Our school board members



**DR. BILEL RAGUED**

Chairperson  
Board Member



**MAHMOUD AL HARDAN**

Proprietor Rep  
Board Member



**LEANNE CHARTRAND**

**School Principal**  
**Board Member**



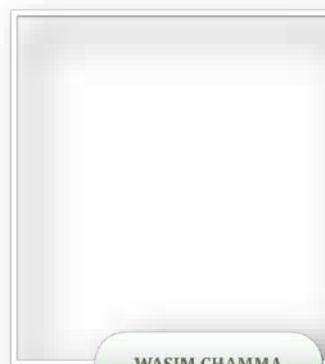
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# Iqra Values



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**Follow us on our social media platforms and check out our website:**

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70 posts

254 followers

7 following

Iqra School

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217 accounts reached in the last 30 days. [View insights](#)

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IQRA School is a state integrated area school catering to students from year 1 to year 8. IQRA was established in 2016 by our proprietors of Algoritim Educational Trust.

We focused on providing quality education as outlined by the New Zealand Curriculum as well as provide our localised curriculum and Special Character based on our integrated status.

Our special character focus in across the whole curriculum, however we have specialised areas such as Islamic studies, Quran and Arabic language. These areas are integrated within New Zealand Curriculum.

We at IQRA look forward to working with all of you on our journey toward making our school a leading Islamic School in New Zealand that ensures our students stay connected with our faith, languages, cultures and strong heritage.

## Attendance dues:

Attendance dues must be paid through Ezypay, our third-party provider. You can access it through the caregiver portal under the payments tab. If you need help, contact the school. All parents have to set up the payment for 2025 prior to school start date 30 January 2025.

Check the notice sent through the skool loop for more information.





# Skool Loop



**Skool Loop is our main communication tool at Iqra school**



**Push notifications (Instant messaging)**



**Absentee Messaging:** provides a quick simple and convenient way for a school parent or caregiver to report absentees to the school.



**Notices:** All push notifications (instant messages) sent from the school are recorded here as well any school notices.



**School calendar:** up-to-date school information regarding all school events, engagements and vital dates throughout the year.



**Contact details:** All the school details plus including titel of staff member.

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