

# STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE!

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## In the name of Allah, We Begin!

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents & Carers,  
Welcome back to school everyone!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break, I know I did Alhamdulillah 😊 Never the less we are happy and excited to be back at school and ready to fulfil the school motto of 'Striving for Excellence' in our faith and academic studies inshaa'Allah ta'ala.

Mashaa'Allah all students look a little taller, and are of course a little smarter 😊 I thank Allah SWT everyday for giving me the opportunity to watch the children of New Madinah College grow and learn about that which will benefit their future and their hereafter in shaa Allah.

Alhamdulillah we have had such a great start to the 2020 year. Teachers have not wasted any time in getting students straight into learning Alhamdulillah.

I would like to welcome Ms Jasmin this year to the NMC team, we are very happy to have her on board and are confident in her abilities to provide a safe and quality learning environment for your children.

We hope to work together with parents in supporting our students to get through this year and becoming a even better version of themselves bi iznillah. May Allah SWT bless us with a wonderful 2020 school year!

Jazakumallahu Khair – Ms Nada



## Principal's Message

Assalaamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

All praises be to Allah SWT and peace be upon his noble messenger Muhammad PBUH.

Welcome back to school at New Madinah College. It is wonderful to see the joy in the students' faces returning to school eager for another exciting, fun and rewarding year where they can excel in their learning and pleasing Allah SWT.

I welcome back all teachers of New Madinah College, and welcome our new teacher Ms Jasmin. Alhamdulillah our teachers are eager to teach and have plenty to offer.

**The teaching staff for 2020 is as follows:**

**Kindergarten:** Ms Nikki Taprell      **Years 1:** Ms Sarah Fatfat  
**Year 2:** Ms Ellen Grattidge      **Years 3 & 4:** Ms Jasmin Morland  
**Years 5 & 6:** Ms Amanda Prodan  
**Years 7/8 & Year 9:** Mr Mouhamad Chmait, Mr Adrian Prodan & Ms Amira Aguleh  
**All Years Arabic, Quran & Islamic Studies:** Sheikh Ayad Al-Obaidi

Maa shaa Allah it has been a wonderful start to 2020, I ask Allah SWT to guide us in our aim for Striving for Excellence and not allow us to compromise our standards in educating our children and for pleasing him SWT. Allah SWT says to the meaning: **"Have Taqwa in Allah and Allah will teach you"** - Quran 2:282

I ask Allah SWT to bless your children, bless our College community and the ummah of our beloved prophet Muhammad pbuh. - Mouhamad Chmait - Principal

## Hadith

*The Messenger of Allah (Peace and blessings be upon his) said:  
"Say Bismillah, eat with your right hand and eat what is in front of you."*



# CLASS LEARNING

## AN INSIGHT INTO OUR GEMS WEEK OF LEARNING



### K RUBY

Welcome kindergarten 2020. I am very excited to start the year with you and together I know we will reach new heights (pun intended) 😊. If you haven't guessed Kindergarten's theme for the year is the heavens, anything and everything to do with the sky and moving upwards, physically academically and religiously.

Academically Kindergarten are off to a flying start and are retaining the letters S,A,T,P really well. They are also making excellent progress with their numbers. However, if you can, at home try and encourage your children to hear the beginning sounds of words i.e t,t,t, table, what does table start with? The t sound!! Also try and encourage the correct pencil grip in your child's hand. Thankyou.

Kindergarten have also developed their pro-social classroom behaviours to a very high standard and I am extremely happy with their work effort so far. They are playing co-operatively and nicely in the playground and in the classroom, which is very uplifting to see.

Housekeeping - Next week kindergarten start their literacy circuit if you have not handed in your note and would still like to volunteer please let me know ASAP, as I am doing the timetable this Saturday (tomorrow).

Also please if kindergarten have not yet brought in a paint smock please do so as soon as you can, as some of the ones they are wearing are a little big for them. I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend - Kindergarten Ruby (Miss Nikki and Miss Josephine)



### 1/2 PEARL

Asalaamualaikum, Pearl 1 & 2 have settled in well to their new classroom. We're all really keen to decorate with the CAPA theme of 'under the sea'. Keep an eye out for Seesaw pictures as we make our creations. We are also studying living things and their needs in Science. We are looking at getting some fish so that the children can learn about the responsibilities of caring for another of Allah SWT's recreations. In History we are looking at technological changes over time such as to toys, transport and communication.

The children are starting to get into the routine of year 2 schoolwork. There is a bit of a jump up from the work they were doing last year so they need to focus hard to keep up with the new skills being introduced. In Math's this is especially true as we are exploring strategies that will eventually help the children to do more complicated sums in their head. In English we are investigating procedural texts and recounts. The children are also going to spend more time editing their own writing and thinking critically about how to make improvements.

We'll do parent/teacher interviews at the end of the term but if there are any particular concerns please contact me via Seesaw. I wish everyone a peaceful and happy weekend. Ms Ellen



### 3/4 EMERALD

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome to 2020!

As many of you know, I am a new teacher to the school this year, but I am so pleased to have been given Emerald Class. It has been a delight getting to know all the children and we have all settled into the classroom well together. The children all shine in so many different and beautiful ways and it makes me look forward to a great year ahead.

After lots of fun "getting to know you" activities and reminders of the classroom expectations last week, we have jumped straight back into the curriculum and learning this week. It's been great for me to see everyone's strengths, learn about their aspirations and teach their favourite subjects.

English has us learning how to compose a persuasive piece of writing, which the children have had fun with. We have been learning about whole number, place value and equivalent fractions in Maths, alongside a few mental maths practises each morning that revises mathematical strategies. In Science we are enjoying learning about the Daintree Rainforest and all its ecosystems, and in History we are looking at Australian and Aboriginal flags, symbols and traditions. For CAPA we have made some optical art and emulated the works of Piet Mondrian, and for PDHPE we have been practising basketball skills – although some of the boys may be better teaching me, being well practised and talented in the sport already!! Please encourage your children to do their homework and read every day at home to support them in class. Have a great weekend everyone. Ms Jasmin



## 5/6 SAPPHIRE

Assalamu Alaikum parents and caregivers!

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that 2020 is a great year for us all! As you should all know by now, I am the 5/6 teacher this year. I have enjoyed seeing my Year 4 students mature and turn into Year 5 students and I am enjoying getting to know the Year 6 students better as well. We also have two new students in our class so I would like to officially welcome them to our class. They seem to be settling in well already.

The class has started off the year very positively and I will be expecting great things from them as time progresses. We have been introduced to our term topics and have been working through them quite well. As a class, we have been learning new skills and content, as well as going over some things from last year as a form of revision. The students have shown a variety of talents and each student brings a different skill to each activity.

Some important things to note for this year is that we have homework booklets this year! It just makes things so much easier as now all their work is kept together. They must hand in their homework folders every Friday morning. Failure to do so will result in detention (which we want to avoid!!). Our library day is Friday and our sport day is Thursday. Please encourage students to bring their books and sport uniforms on these days. Spelling tests are also completed on Friday mornings so students should write out their spelling words nightly.

If you would like to be kept up to date with class announcements or communicate with me, I strongly encourage you to download Seesaw. It will assist in getting information to you regarding class work and assessments, as well as allow you to contact myself regarding any concerns.

Yours sincerely, Ms. Amanda



## 7/8 DIAMOND & 9 OPAL

### MR ADRIAN

Assalamu Alaikum parents and caregivers,

School has had a positive start to 2020. Students in 7/8 Diamond have settled well, probably due to it being a small class in familiar surroundings. Know that they are being pushed to do more than last year, such as explaining themselves in detail, whether it is through a verbal discussion or in written form. In English they are working through their personal writing unit, which I have shaped to suit their interests as much as possible. In History, topics involving ancient cultures always peak student interest. We will focus on Ancient Egypt in-depth from Week 4-5 onwards. The kids will love it. As for Stage 5, our Year 9 students have begun the year relatively well. They were a bit excited to see each other to begin with, but that has since settled, and they are now powering through their work. Their behaviour has been good, and they have been responsible with their equipment. Long may it continue! Until Next Time, Mr. Adrian

### MS AMIRA

**S5 (Yr 9: Science) Opal** - Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. Inshallah, this year will be a productive year where students' brain cells are going to be pushed to the optimum level. This may make students nervous, but no need to worry when they are learning about the nervous system and the anatomy of the brain. It was a great start to the year as students explored how the role of the brain plays as part of the nervous system. A close-up dissection of a sheep's brain was interesting for some but disgusting for others. The smell was my concern!

**S4 (Science, TAS, CAPA)** - In Science, students were just like young scientists who explored the different branches of science and how science plays an important part in our lives. They examined different equipment in the science laboratory and got their bunsen burner operation license. The flames were high when conducting an experiment with a partner, but students applied safety persuasions and a positive attitude which brought coolness to the room/eye.

In Technology, Students viewed videos, PowerPoints, and charts regarding the design problem and process. They applied their creativity, team effort and problem-solving skills using the process to meet specific targets. Next week, inshallah we will explore computer skills that will assist in developing a designed product.



## NO HAT NO PLAY

Be aware of the strict No hat, No play policy. Students without a hat must sit in the shade during recess and lunch.

## ORPHAN DONATIONS

New Madinah College is signed up with Muslim Aid Australia and sends money to Orphans most in need around the world each term. Encourage your child to think of those who are less fortunate and give them some change to put into the orphan tin in their class room.

## NUT SMART

We are a Nut Smart College. Nut Smart means:

- ✓ CAN have a sandwich containing nuts
- ✓ CAN include nuts to snack on in your lunchbox
- ✗ CAN'T share my food

**FOOD SHARING IS  
NOT ALLOWED**

 7/8 DIAMOND &  9 OPAL

MS AMIRA – CONTINUED...

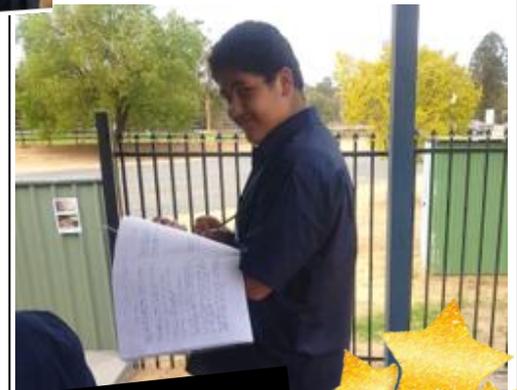
S4 (Science, TAS, CAPA) - In CAPA, Students focused on Islamic geometrical art. They were debriefed about the history of the artwork, the various patterns, and designs in different mosques around the work and how artists developed an admiration for such a wonderful piece of art. Student-made a great start on the basic design and inshallah their skills will continue to develop when we dive further into the complex artworks.



GALLERY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 6 Captaincy Speeches
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Captaincy and SSC Members Announcements
27 <sup>th</sup> February	K-2 NRMA Bus Safety Incursion



CLASS OF THE WEEK



CONGRAUTLATIONS  
Week 2

2 Pearl

AWARDED TO THE CLASS  
'STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE' AND  
FULFILLING THE VALUES OF THE  
COLLEGE

YOUNG   
SALAAT TIMES

FORTNIGHTLY

DAY	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHAA
FRI	05:10 AM	01:22 PM	05:04 PM	08:04 PM	09:29 PM
SAT	05:11 AM	01:22 PM	05:04 PM	08:03 PM	09:28 PM
SUN	05:12 AM	01:22 PM	05:03 PM	08:02 PM	09:27 PM
MON	05:14 AM	01:22 PM	05:03 PM	08:01 PM	09:25 PM
TUE	05:15 AM	01:22 PM	05:03 PM	08:00 PM	09:24 PM
WED	05:16 AM	01:22 PM	05:02 PM	07:59 PM	09:23 PM
THUR	05:17 AM	01:22 PM	05:02 PM	07:58 PM	09:21 PM
FRI	05:18 AM	01:22 PM	05:02 PM	07:57 PM	09:20 PM
SAT	05:20 AM	01:22 PM	05:01 PM	07:55 PM	09:18 PM
SUN	05:21 AM	01:22 PM	05:01 PM	07:54 PM	09:17 PM
MON	05:22 AM	01:22 PM	05:00 PM	07:53 PM	09:16 PM
TUE	05:23 AM	01:21 PM	05:00 PM	07:52 PM	09:14 PM
WED	05:24 AM	01:21 PM	04:59 PM	07:51 PM	09:13 PM
THUR	05:25 AM	01:21 PM	04:59 PM	07:50 PM	09:11 PM

Word Search Puzzle

There are 18 hidden words, can you fund them?

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