



# Australian Druze Arabic School (ADAS) Newsletter

## A Word from the Principal

I am very proud to welcome you to the first issue of our newsletter in its new form, and for this I would like to thank everyone who made this newsletter possible. Special thanks go to: Majid Khayou, Leila Obeid, Amaal Bou Salman, Hind Kais and Rema Ghosn. Without you we could never proceed.

As everyone knows we are now at our new premises, 34a Hambleton Road, Campbelltown.

We have been here since May this year and things are looking great. We have faced challenges getting the school ready.

Thanks to all parents, teachers, management team members and community members who have helped. The premises is a much better place now.

The new curriculum is still being piloted. Students feel excited moving up from one level to another, but this is putting pressure on the teachers, a point to be considered in our review.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who are giving out of their time and efforts to ensure our children maintain, and advance their Arabic language skills, that includes the teachers: Loubna Nassar, Ghada Salha, Samya Daou and Issam Abou Farraj, and the relief teachers

who have helped us save the day. Asma Mashtoub, Nadia El Hamra, Jihan Abou Mosleh, Faten Slim, Maysaa Tabet and Majid Khayou. Also great thanks to Rajaa Azzam and Rania Aintrazy; your contribution is very much appreciated.

I would like to announce that the Australian Druze Arabic is pleased to open a year 11/12 SACE class in stage 1 Arabic next year. In addition to our student, anyone who would like to register for this course for next year please contact me on 0406584769. We encourage all our students at that year level to undertake this SACE class as it is a privilege to have a language other than English and will add to their bonus points when applying for university.

We are also very proud of our Student Committee and the way they handled their first event this year, The Dress-up Day. We are all awaiting your next project.

Dear everyone, our school is a community school, so it will only stay going with the efforts of its community members. We always need your help. If you feel you can assist in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your help will always be appreciated.

Raniah Daou

## Days to Remember

- Father's day 1/09/2013
- Term 3 ends 28/09/2013
- Term 4 starts 19/10/2013
- Eid Al-Adha 15 /10/1203
- End of year concert 07/12/2013

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## Thank You

We would like to extend a big thank you and acknowledge the time and effort from the following people who assisted in setting up and cleaning the new school premises. It was not an easy task, with many hours of hard and strenuous work.

The school committee members (Fouad Abou-Hamdan, Intessar Abou-Hamdan, Raniah Daou, Rema Ghosn, Hind Kais, Amaal Bou Salman, Majid Khayou, Leila Obeid, Ghada Salha, Loubna Nassar, Nada Hassan and Nawal Humzey),

Fadi Daou, Wassim Daou, Farid Al Danaf, Hisham Obeid, Bassam Ghosn, Nadeem Rasheed, Rabih Aintrazy, Jamil Jarbou

Apologies if we have missed anyone.

## Dress Up Day

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June the Arabic School Student Committee conducted its first event for the year at the new Arabic School premises. They organised a “**Dress Up Day**”.

It took a few weeks to organise the theme, catering, games and music.

However all the members of the Student Committee conducted themselves with great professionalism.

Yes we had some moments of disagreements, but which committee doesn't!!! However they were able to compromise and each member was able to contribute equally to the event. Some were

organising music, some the prizes for the games and prizes for the girl and boy who were to be the “most creative” and some of the committee organised the catering. However all students stayed back behind on the school day before to set up and decorate the school ready for the next days event. It was a great team effort.

On the day the program that the committee put together worked well and ran smoothly. We had about 40 students who came on the day and all were dressed with such great imagination. We even had some parents dress up.

The students organised “Pass the Parcel”, “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” and a “Lolly Hunt. As you can see

by the photos they all went to a great effort with amazing results.

All students enjoyed the day and a special thank you to the Student Committee who conducted the day with great enthusiasm. A fantastic Day was had by all!!!

By Rema Ghosn



## 1-Word Search/ibHath ‘an al-kalimah

### إِبْحَثْ عَنِ الْكَلِمَةِ

#### Week days

الأحد الإثنين الثلاثاء  
الأربعاء

الخميس الجمعة  
السبت

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*“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”*

**Henry Ford**

## Gardening Club

We have been very busy in the clean-up of the garden. We have been doing this since we moved into the new premises. The gloves go on and bins come out as well as the gardening tools,

All while the children are learning. It has taken a long time for us to get where we are and would be longer if we were to do this on our own. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Campbelltown Council of \$600.00, and this helped us to get a professional to come

during the school holidays to give the school a good clean-up.

Winter is upon us, and if we are to take any longer we would miss the opportunity to start growing our garden.

At this stage the garden is now clean and safe, and with the remainder of the grant we can concentrate on cleaning and fixing the sandpit, where quotes are still being collected. Hopefully this will be attended to very soon.

We can now sit down and organise a roster for each class to experience gardening. This will be a range of

Herbs and Vegetables. We will be teaching the children what can grow in each season.

We are hoping the children are excited about this extra activity.

By: Amaal Bou Salman and Hind Kais

# Kitchen Roster, Yard duty, and Packing Up Assistance

Enclosed is a roster for kitchen, yard duty and packing up assistance. The roster will only run successfully with the participation and assistance of all parents.

Each parent has been listed at least once on a set date to help out. You may note that some individual's names have been mentioned twice and others not. Come next year, the roster will incorporate this.

If you are unable to attend on the specified date please sms the assigned committee member who has been listed on your day with appropriate notice (no less than 24 hours). We will reschedule you on an alternate day and notify you accordingly. Com-

mittee member mobile numbers can be found at the bottom of the roster.

Please place the roster in an appropriate place to ensure that you can keep track of your scheduled day. A reminder in your calendar may be appropriate or/and placing the roster on your fridge will guarantee no dates are forgotten.



## Car Parking

As this is a school premises, it is vital that traffic safety is placed as a priority.

Please ensure that you all obey the speed limit and look out for parents/children crossing the road.

Parents are free to park on side roads and at the car park in front of the shops adjacent to the school.

Please avoid parking in front of the pizza shop as the owner has requested we not use their parking

spaces.

We acknowledge parents' concerns regarding the one entrance to school grounds however, due to safety and security reasons it is not practicable to open the back gate at this stage.

*"The essence of childhood, of course, is play, which my friends and I did endlessly on streets that we reluctantly shared with traffic."*

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"*

**Helen Keller**

## 2-Word Search/ibHath 'an al-kalimah

### إِبْحَثْ عَنِ الْكَلِمَةِ

#### الالوان , Colours

أصفر أسود أحمر  
بُرْتُقَالِي أَزْرَقُ بَمْبِيَّةُ  
ألوان أخضر بُنِي  
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ي	ن	ط	د	و	س	أ





## Committee Members

Fouad Abou-Hamdan  
 Raniah Daou  
 Rema Ghosn  
 Leila Hamed  
 Amaal Bou Salman  
 Intessar Abou-Hamdan  
 Hind Kais  
 Leila Obeid  
 Nawal Humzey  
 Majid Khayou  
 Ghada Salha  
 Loubna Nassar  
 Nada Hassan

**TEAM**  
*T - Together*  
*E - Everyone*  
*A - Achieves*  
*M - More*

