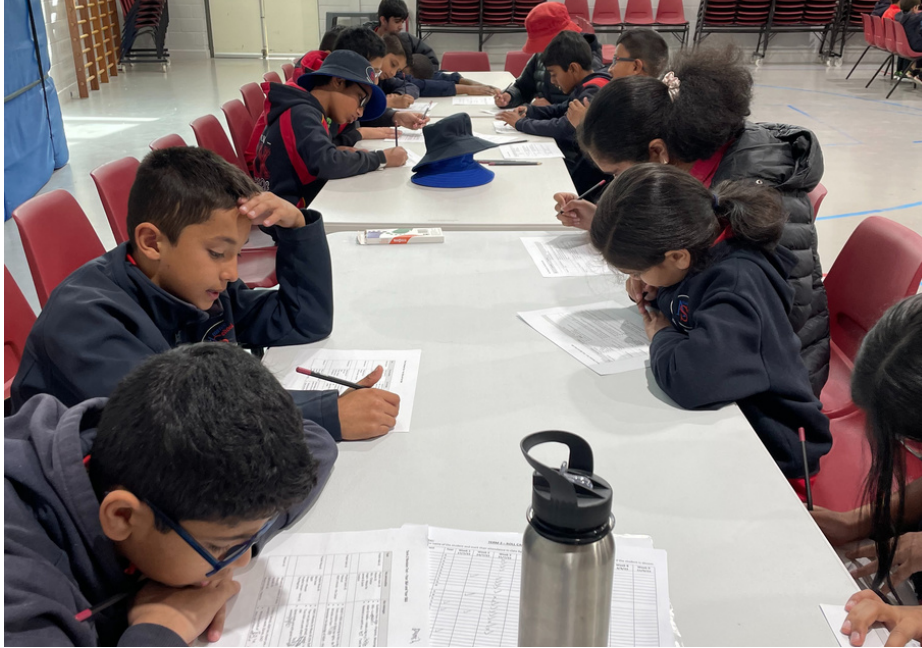


NEWSLETTER - PILOT UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2023



YRS 5/6 AT AMAROO COMPLETING A REVISION TEST

Assalamu Alaikum wr wb

Dear Parents,

Allhumdullillah, the ACTIES Pilot Program has successfully been running during 2023.

The Syllabus topic we focused on in Term 3 was the **Promises of Allah SWT**. Unlike the previous two terms where we revised the **Basics of the 5 Pillars of Islam** in Term 1 and **Stories of the Prophets** in Term 2, this topic is a lot more conceptual. It's intended to build an understanding of Allah SWT and His Promises to believers.

The Syllabus is designed for students to gain 2 to 3 learning objectives and outcomes that are age appropriate for students. For example the following were the set objectives for K-6 Lesson 2 this term.

LESSON 2: The Promises of Allah SWT

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	KINDY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are introduced to parts of a verse in the Quran and to a name of Allah SWT that it is related to. • Students learn that Allah SWT makes us promises in the Quran.
	Yr 1 - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students develop their understanding of a name of Allah SWT • Students learn that what Allah SWT has said is true and that Allah SWT always keeps His promises. • Students understand we should try to emulate the qualities of truthfulness and keeping our promises.
	Yr 3 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students develop their understanding of the Quranic verse and its context. • Students understand that everything Allah SWT tells us is for our benefit and from His grace and kindness towards His creations.
	Yr 5 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students become familiar with part of the verse in Arabic and English. • Students understand ways this promise can help guide their everyday lives

In teaching this topic, for example, teachers ask the question - What is a Promise? How do we make promises and to whom? Do we keep them? There was interaction and discussion, then we asked students about how a promise from Allah SWT is different from a promise between us?

When we know Allah SWT's words are true and that He never breaks His promise, it means we can trust everything we read in the Quran. It helps us to keep positive and hopeful in our connection with Allah SWT. Knowing Allah SWT's promises helps us stay certain and confident in Islam.

To be able to get the benefits from Allah SWT's promises, we need to follow the Haqq, Allah SWT's way and be truthful and keep our promises too.

Insha'Allah in **Term 4 there will be a team-based project-assignment for all years across K-10.** This is intended to motivate all students to work collaboratively to complete the project. We request Parents to be engaged with your students and assist them in this endeavor.

A special acknowledgement -

**Nicole Graham, Principal Amaroo Primary School and
Prue Gill, Amaroo Middle school**



The Pilot owes much of its success to the efforts of the Amaroo School Executive. In particular we are grateful to Nic and Prue for their assistance and their support to date.

Both Nic and Prue and their administrative teams have diligently enabled lessons to be run and supported volunteer teachers and continue to be exceptionally responsive to our student's and parent's needs.

There are over 100 students enrolled in the Islamic studies classes at Amaroo School. We thank you and all the staff, for the support and for making our volunteer teachers and ACTIES registered students so welcome.

Other important matters

Parents - we welcome your feedback by **email (admin@acties.org.au)** and we encourage you to check in with the child/ren on what they have covered in the weekly class as a means of reinforcement.

Term 4 dates

Bonner Primary	Start Week 1 Thur 12 Oct - last class of term Thur 7 Dec
Amaroo School	Start Week 1 – Mon, 9 Oct - last class of term Mon 4 Dec
Gungahlin College	Start Week 1 – Wed 9 Oct – last class of term Wed 8 Nov

**Alhamdulillah, ACTIES will expand to an additional
10 new schools across the ACT in 2024**

Due to the success of the 2023 Pilot there has been much support from Parents across the ACT.

As a result Parents have engaged with Principals at several schools across Canberra and InshaAllah we are expanding the program to the following 10 schools in 2024.

Caroline Chisholm School
Garran Primary
Melrose High School
Canberra College
Evelyn Scott School
Gold Creek School
Harrison School
Lyneham High
Telopea Park School
Charles Conder Primary

Parents with children at the above schools who are unaware are encouraged to enrol their children with ACTIES via the link: <https://forms.gle/Qo2jwDi9hgzV1rcF9>

We are indeed very thankful for the support from NSW Islamic Council (NSWIC) for the use of the ISRE Syllabus and also very grateful to Australian Islamic Education Services (AIES) for the ongoing collaboration with ACTIES.

InshaAllah, we plan to run an **information session for parents in the new year** before the start of Term 1. It will cover the entire ACTIES program with a focus on the 2024 Syllabus content and our delivery approach so you are better across the learning outcomes the Syllabus is seeking to achieve.

More details about this event will be provided in the next ACTIES Newsletter.

Jazakom Allahu Khairan for your support of this program.

Wasalaam,

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