



# 4<sup>th</sup> Term Newsletter

Tuesday, 13th October 2009

Dear Respected Parents and Caregivers,

هتاكربو هالسّلام عليكم ورحمة اللّ

In the Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, Most Merciful. We send abundant salutations upon our beloved Nabi Muhammed (SAW).

We would like to welcome back all from their holidays. We hope you enjoyed the holidays and had plenty of rest. InshaAllah you will all be ready to put in extra effort to achieve a fruitful and productive 4<sup>th</sup> term.

Kuraby Madrassah tries it's best to work professionally to ensure that your child receives a quality Islamic education. We have made a sincere commitment this term to work even harder to achieve this goal. We need to work together with parents and any feedback or suggestions to improve the Madrassah are much appreciated.

There are a couple of changes which I am implementing to improve the quality of Islamic education in our Madrassah. Details of these initiatives are set out in the paragraphs that follow.

Each and every student in the Madrassah is special because Allah (swt) has chosen your child to learn the Deen of Allah (swt). As a community we need to support and treasure our Madrassah. One or two people cannot run a Madrassah, we need everyone to contribute and support. Our beloved Nabi (SAW) said, "The assistance of Allah is with those who are united." The result of your children's success in Madrassah will result in the success in their future endeavors in this life and the hereafter. We ask Allah (SWT) to guide our children. May they be the coolness of our eyes and may the Almighty Allah grant our children success in this life and in the hereafter amen.

**IMAAM** Akram Buksh

PRINCIPAL

## Quraan Reading

First and foremost, we are focusing on each child's Quraanic recitation. I have taken it upon myself to test and evaluate each student in the Madrassah each week. This will give the student a one on one opportunity with Imaam, concentrating on areas such as Tajweed (pronunciation of letters) and fluency. Each class will have their own timeslot. In addition Kuraby Madrassah is offering existing students an extra class on Friday taken by me (Imam Akram). This class will be optional for those students who want and need extra attention in their Quraanic Recitation. Note this class will not incur any additional fees however parents will need to enroll their child in the class (see attached form). The Friday class will commence **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. Time: 4:45 to 6:00.** This class will continue until the end of the term and start again next year. Note all Quraan examinations will be undertaken by Imam Akram himself.

## Rules of Salaah

Another topic which I will be focusing on is Salaah. I will personally be teaching students about

- Correct postures in Salaah
- What to recite in Salaah
- Conditions of Salaah

## Madrassah Syllabus

Alhamdulillah, for the past two years the Kuraby Madrassah has been utilizing the Jamiat Syllabus from South Africa. This Syllabus is renowned as one of the highest Islamic academic curriculums and has proven to be very successful with our children. This Syllabus caters for each year level from Year 1 to Year 12. We encourage students to stay in the Madrassah so that they can obtain the full benefit of this great syllabus. Regardless, we will consider any suggestions for any additions to this syllabus.

### Hadeeths of Rasoolullah (saw)

*Allah says 'Say oh Muhamad increase me in Knowledge' (Quranic Ayah)*

*Nabi (saw) has said the best amongst you is he who learns the Quraan and teaches it (Muslim)*

*Nabi (saw) has said of the things that will benefit a person after he has passed away is a person who left behind a pious child who will make dua for forgiveness for his parents, This child will serve as an investment for him when he has passed away*

*Nabi (saw) has said seeking knowledge of Deen is compulsory upon every male and female (Bhukahri/Muslim)*

*Nabi (saw) has said when a person goes out to learn one ayah of the holy Quraan, it is better than a person performing hundred Rakaahs of Nafil Salaah and if a person goes out and learns a chapter of Deen example (How to perform Tayumum), it is better than that person performing thousand Rakaahs of Nafil Salaah. (Muslim)*

## Important Dates

**Parent teacher interview:**  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Quraan competition:**  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### Exam Dates

#### Exam starts:

Monday: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Tuesday: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Wednesday: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Thursday: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Monday: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009  
Tuesday: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
Wednesday: 25 November 2009  
Thursday: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009

#### Eidul-Adhaa:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009

#### Madrassah closes:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009

**Kuraby Madrassah Jalsa:**  
6<sup>th</sup> of December 2009

#### Madrassah reopens:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## Communication

A few months ago we constructed a year planner consisting of important dates related to the Madrassah. This Planner included Madrassah in Ramadan, However many parents complained that they were unaware of these arrangements resulting in confusion and very poor attendance.

We are now working on many new strategies to

improve communication between Madrassah and parents. Inshallah from now on, all communication related to upcoming events and changes will be done via postal mail and email. We are also focusing on improving communication between teachers and Parents. Note that the communication between teachers and parents is vital. Parents are urged to make sure their child's evaluation

sheet is cited and signed.

The evaluation sheet is a daily assessment of your child's progress. If the parent or teacher has any further concerns or issues relating to their studies, we urge them to use the diaries provided by the Madrassah. Another alternative is to speak to the teacher personally either by email, phone or meeting in person.

## Feedback from parents

### Questionnaire sent in June 2009

Kuraby Madrassah sent out a questionnaire to parents seeking assistance to help better understand your concerns and improve the

quality of your child's Madrassah education. Sadly the response was very poor. We only received 25% of the Questionnaires back.

We hope in future you as parents participate more in this type of research as it can only help the education we provide to your children.

## 2010 Re-enrolment

Attached with this Newsletter is the Application form for Enrolment/ Re-Enrolments of new and existing students. Kuraby Madrassah will only be taking 15 students per class so that we can give each child individual attention

and a high quality Islamic education. At Kuraby Madrassah we do not focus on how many students attend Madrassah for the year but instead we focus on quality education. We strongly urge parents to fill in the application and return

to Kuraby Madrassah as soon as possible in order to facilitate the 2010 Madrassah enrolments. Application forms must be returned by no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2009.

## Upcoming Events

### Parents & Teacher Interviews

Inshallah on **Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October**, we will be holding a Parent-Teacher interview to discuss your child's progress and any areas of concern. This day will be a student free day and each parent will be given time slots to avoid inconvenience. We urge all parents to please make time to attend.

### Kuraby Madrassah Quraan Competition:

Inshallah on the **Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2009** we will be holding our very own Quraan competition. Every student will participate in this event and trophies will be handed out for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class. Qualified Imams will be invited to judge. This event will be held at the Masjid from 9:30am till Zhuhr (12:30). Refreshments will be served after Zhuhr salaah. This is an event not to be missed as it is an opportunity to help encourage our children!

### Jalsah

Inshallah on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2009** at McGregor State primary School we will hold our Annual Jalsah. Students are busy preparing an exciting program. We have very special PRIZES for the top students in our Madrassah. Our Jalsah will be hosted and organised (with the direction of the Principal) by the Year 6/7 students. Parent's assistance will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Imaam Akram if you would like to assist in anyway.