

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DRUSE ARABIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 4

Welcome to our Term 4 and end of year Arabic School Newsletter

## Term 3 Activities

In term 3 we had the **Fathers Day evening**. This coincided with the Family Evening held at the hall on September 4<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turn out and there were five classes who presented songs about Fathers. We also had a raffle with three prizes, first prize of two outdoor folding chairs were won by Ajwad Halime, second prize of a car cleaning kit was won by Salim Jurdi and Akram Jurdi won the third prize of a shaving kit. There was also the usual entertainment by our fellow druse people with singing and dancing. A great night was had by all.

## Term 4 Activities

In term 4 the Parent Committee had two activities for our Arabic School students.

The first activity was the **Cinema Day** at the Druse Hall. It was on the second weekend of the October School Holidays. We had about 50 students attend. We had two films, *Cat in the Hat* for the younger students and *Cheaper by the Dozen* for the older students. Free popcorn was provided by the Parent Committee and there were chips and drinks for sale. All those who attended enjoyed the day.

Thank you to the parents who helped prepare the food and clean up afterwards and thank you to Areej Mohtar for helping with the setting up of the speaker and data projector systems.

Our second activity in term 4 was our trip to Monarto Zoo. This happened on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> November. Yes the day that it was 36°. We had two buses one large and one

small both were full and luckily they were both air conditioned.

A few mothers met at the hall at 9.00am to prepare sandwiches for our lunch. Then by 10.00am we were ready to go. On the way in the bus we had many talented people who sang, tried to sing and played the darbake. *Even Uncle Fouad sang with us.* We got to Monarto Zoo about 11.15am. The zoo organisers allowed us to stay in our own buses and take the tour as there buses were not air conditioned. Hamdilla.

The tour took about an hour and a half. We went into each area and saw lots of animals. These included Giraffes, lions and rhinoceros's. With the hot weather many of the animals were sheltered under the trees and bushes but we still saw many up close.



After leaving the hot and dusty Monarto Zoo we then continued on to the Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens where lunch was served, sandwiches, fruit box, biscuits and cake.

It was a lovely setting and the students enjoyed getting out of the bus and stretching their legs and having a run around.



Finally it was time to head back home. We arrived back at the hall at around 3.00pm. I am sure there were some tired students that night that slept very early.

Thank you to Auntie Intessar, Uncle Fouad and Amal Awar and any others who helped in organising the day and all the ladies who helped with preparing the lunches.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The parent committee is thinking of organising a trip to the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre over the summer holidays. Please stand by for further information to come.

### **IDEAS ... IDEAS.... IDEAS....**



Please if anyone has any ideas, activities or trips that you are interested in please advise the members of the parent committee and we will try and fulfil your wishes.

### **REMINDERS**

We always need **help on school days** from parents to prepare the snacks for the children. Please volunteer your help next year as this is also a great time for parents to catch up with other parents, have a chat, and drink coffee, tea or maté together. Also gives you a chance to see your children in class and see what they are learning.

### **THANK YOU**

The School Management, School Teachers and the Parent Committee would firstly like to thank all the families who have supported the Arabic School over the 2004 school year. Without your support and encouragement to bring your children to the Arabic school there would not be such a great school as we have.

Also over the school break if you know of any children who are not attending the school please encourage them to register with us next year.

The Parent Committee would specifically like to thank the School Management for all their time and effort they have contributed over the school year and a very big thank you to all the teachers that give up their time and volunteer to teach the students. It is not only the school time that they give but all the time taken to prepare for each lesson.

And finally the Parent Committee would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We hope everyone has a well deserved break over the summer holidays and come back fresh and ready to go in 2005 for a new Arabic School year.

### **CURRENT PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parent committee with any queries, issues or ideas and we need many many more committee members so please contact one of the members above and volunteer your services.

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