

# UNITED MUSLIM SISTERS OF LATROBE VALLEY (UMSLV)

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Fun run/walk



Holiday activity



Eid-ul-Fitr Eid festival



Eid-ul-Adha picnic lunch

Alhamdulillah, UMSLV has got off to a great start!

All great success women enjoy ultimately begins with an idea, but what makes ideas become reality is the fuel of human desire.

The ladies of UMSLV are driven! We have a burning desire to achieve our goals and that desire is fuelled by the support that we get from all of you!

We thought about the goals that we wanted to set for ourselves and Subhan Allah within 2 days of forming the organisation we started to work towards them. We were totally committed to achieving those goals and in the early days, even I thought of giving up! But knowing what our organisation could potentially do for our children and for our community at large, our desire to achieve these goals were increased. Being part of a sisterhood means we are able to share our goals with each other and this strengthens our support. Talking to ladies in the community who were positive about what we were doing and having their support has been invaluable.

Thank you to all the families who have supported our ideas and our events; Thank you to the ladies in our community for your words of encouragement and for the delicious food you provide at the social events; and thank you UMSLV committee members for balancing home, children and work and still sneaking in some time to do committee work. I appreciate the effort put in by all of you!

Thank you Revd. Penelope Brook for her support in the early days! Thank you Tanveer Hasan, GAMC Inc President, for introducing us to Gippsland Multicultural Services who have given us access to the community room. Thank you Lisa and Mersiha for making the learning space possible and for accommodating our needs.

Thank you to Liz Roberts, for printing our newsletters and for volunteering her time at our Eid festival doing a really fun rock art craft activity with the children.

Thank you Tammy Richards for volunteering a few hours to take beautiful photos of our first social event, which was the fun run/walk to raise money for Syrian children. Tammy also did some beautiful face painting for the children at our Eid festival, took family photos at the Eid function, and even at our awards evening.

Insha Allah, we pray that UMSLV continues to prosper with Allah's help and all your support.

Khatija Halabi, President of UMSLV

## UMSLV AWARDS EVENING

An awards evening was held for the children who attend our Islamic studies and Quran classes on Friday 6 December.

Each of the children recited a surah that they had learnt.

They sang and acted out a nasheed called "Sing, children of the World" by Zain Bhika. Their performance was entertaining and enjoyed by all.

All the children who attended classes this year were awarded with certificates and gifts.

Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!



Maheran reciting Surah Fatiha. Nousaibah reciting Surah Al-Qariah



Sweeping out their parents' shop. Nibbling cakes at a picnic.



The children singing "Islam will unite us all!"



The children with their awards.

## Changes to Islamic studies classes

From next year the classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4.30 to 5.30pm starting on 5 February 2014.

Teacher Zeinab will be going on maternity leave from the start of the academic year. We wish her and her family all the best with their new baby! Thank you Teacher Zeinab for all the hard work you put in with the children this year! May Allah reward you well.

Khatija will continue to teach the classes next year, Insha Allah. Children from grade one to seven are welcome to attend. If you would like to enrol your child in the classes, please e-mail our secretary Yumna on [yumna.umslv@yahoo.com](mailto:yumna.umslv@yahoo.com)

### **Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.)**

Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.) was born in 570AD in Makkah. His mother was Aminah and his father was Abdullah. His father passed away before Mohammed (S.A.W.) was born.

He was born into the Quraysh tribe, which was considered the most prestigious tribe of the Arab peninsula at the time.

He is the last prophet of Islam sent by Allah since the beginning of mankind. The first verse of the Holy Quran was revealed upon him at the age of 40 years. After establishing Islam in the Arab peninsula, and thus all over the world, Mohammed (S.A.W.) passed away in 630AD.

Mohammed (S.A.W.) united the people of Arabia under a system of morality, justice and compassion. A system that has served as a foundation for one of the greatest civilisations in recorded history.

We thank Allah for making us part of his beloved Mohammed's (S.A.W.)'s ummah and we ask Him to fill our hearts with love for him.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

GAMC Inc will hold an afternoon tea on 25 January 2014.

We will have an opportunity to reflect on the life of the beloved Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.).

For more information please contact Tanveer on

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### **The excellence of asking for Allah's blessings upon the Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.)**

Mohammed (S.A.W.) has said "Whoever prays for Allah's blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times." (Muslim)

The Prophet (S.A.W.) said "Indeed Allah has angels who roam the earth and they convey the greetings (or prayers of peace) of my ummah (nation)". An-Nasai, Al Hakim 2/421.

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The answer to last month's quiz question: How many prophets are mentioned in the Quran? The answer was 25.

Congratulations to Nabihah, Hayyan, Tahsin, Nousaiba, Mawaddah, Hasheem, Mariam, Maisarah, Maheran, Karima and Zahra for answering correctly! The winners drawn out of a hat were Karima and Hashim.

This month's quiz question is: In which month was Mohammed (S.A.W.) born?

a. Rajab      b. Rabial Awwal  
or C. Ramadaan

Sms your answers to Teacher Zeinab on 0411800892.



Thank you Mrs. D. Edwards, Jaylene and Diana of Churchill North Primary School for a fun year at playgroup!

### January 2014 School holidays activity program

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	COST
Monday 6/01/2014	Baking	Community Room, Morwell	2:30-4pm	No charge.
Tuesday 7/01/2014	Crafty Bears	Morwell Library	11am	No charge.
Wednesday 8/01/2014	Swimming	Churchill Leisure Centre	2:30-4:30pm	\$15 per child. Bring a plate of snacks to share.
Thursday 9/01/2014	Free play	Morwell Town Commons	2-4pm	No charge. Pack a snack for your children.
Saturday 11/01/2014	Family picnic	Summit Park	All day	\$12 per person

#### Swim party at Churchill Leisure Centre

Cost covers:

- having a hostess with the children in the water for up to 1 ½ hours;
- an inflatable duck (that goes across three lanes);
- all children can have a play regardless of their swimming ability (arm floaties, waist belts and noodles available if needed);
- all the women included in our event can have a swim or play at no extra charge;
- all the children included in the party get a free swim pass to use at another time;
- Use of the leisure centre's function room (fridge, microwave, table and chairs);
- all drinks; and
- an ice-cream cake.

#### Summit Park, Trafalgar

Day Entry (includes: canoeing, bush walking, volleyball, playground, swimming) \$12 per head

For more information on the holiday activity program please contact Yumna on [yumna.umslv@yahoo.com](mailto:yumna.umslv@yahoo.com)