

# UNITED MUSLIM SISTERS OF LATROBE VALLEY (UMSLV)

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## Harmony Day

The children attending Islamic Studies classes dressed in orange (Harmony Day's official colour) on the day we celebrated the cultural diversity of each of the children in class and in Australia.



The children enjoyed singing:

"We come from everywhere, with lots of things to share.

Everyone in class, is a different flavour of ice-cream"!



The children ate ice-cream while listening to their lesson on what Quran and Hadith say about equality between people.

Even the parents got dressed in orange!



## QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The answer to last month's quiz question: In which month was Mohammed (S.A.W.) born?

The answer was Rabial Awwal.

Congratulations to Nousaiba, Mawaddah, Maisarah, Maهران, and Zahra for answering correctly!

Don't forget to SMS your answer to this month's question to Teacher Khatija on

0429 438841.

Despite the disruptions caused by the Morwell mine fires, the children have progressed well this term in each of the learning areas. They also all memorised a new surah this term. Mashallah! Well done learners and thank you parents for the support you provide from home.

This month's quiz question is:

What name of Allah means the All-Seeing?

- a. Al Aziz b. Al Baseer or c. Al Kareem

Thank you to all those who attended the inter-faith dialogue between Mormons and Muslims on 26 March. Learning to understand one another is the best way to build bridges and is also prescribed in the Quran.

The following article, written by Dr. Abdel Halabi will be submitted to the Latrobe Valley Express and Churchill News newspapers.



### **Gippsland Interfaith Dialogue Muslims and Mormons**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Gippsland Interfaith in conjunction with the Gippsland Ethic Communities Council (GECC) conducted the first Talking Faith Program in Traralgon Library. Titled "People of the Book" the program presented a panel of Gippsland based Muslims (from the Gippsland Australian Muslim Community Inc ó GAMCI, and United Muslim Sisters of the Latrobe Valley UMSLV) and Mormons (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ó LDS, Moe) discussing a range of everyday issues based around their religious beliefs.

The "Talking Faiths Program" was adapted from those successfully conducted in metropolitan Melbourne by the City of Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network. The program was advertised throughout the Latrobe Valley Libraries, where the public was invited to ask questions of the Muslim and Mormon faiths, and place these in a box for discussion. The questions were then collated and asked of the panel on the night. No further questions were allowed from the audience to the panel but could be followed up individually on the conclusion of the night.

The questions which were asked via the Library boxes concerned such diverse matters as the role and importance of families in both faiths; what happens after death; whether the religions acknowledge other faiths; and how food is prepared. While there are obviously a number of differences between the two faiths, the overwhelming consensus to come from the evening was that there are many similarities between the Muslim and Mormon religions. A conclusion reached was that we should look at the commonalities between the faiths rather than focus on differences. Examples were raised showing how the Muslims and Mormons had in fact worked together on humanitarian projects both at a local and international level.

The night concluded with refreshments and a chance for more discussion to take place between members of both religions and the wider Gippsland Community. Gippsland Interfaith is looking at holding other types of talking dialogues and extending this program to other wider areas of Gippsland.

Abu Hurairah narrated that the messenger of Allah said: "Let him who believes in Allah (God) and the Last Day either speak good or keep silent, and let him who believes in Allah (God) and the Last Day be generous to his neighbour, and let him who believes in Allah (God) and the Last Day be generous to his guest."

[Bukhari and Muslim]

**Stall at Twin City Archery Club's Family Fun Day:**

The twin city archery club held a family fun day on Saturday 29 March.

It was a great day out with a large variety of stalls both indoors and outdoors. Children had the opportunity to pat sheep, a goat and a calf and ride a pony!

They enjoyed Zorb balls, slides and cup and saucer rides followed by fairy floss and slushies! They looked beautiful with their faces painted and hands decorated with henna.

There were lots for the adults to buy and eat as well.



Nousaiba and Mawadda making samoosa bags!



UMSLV had a stall that sold second hand toys. Thank you to all those who generously donated good quality toys and baby equipment for us to sell on the day!

Thank you to Syeda for delivering and collecting the tables that were used on the day. Thank you to Yumna, Mel, Nabihah, Miriam, Nousaiba and Mawadda for their help with setting up the stall and selling items to customers. Thank you to Karima, Zahra and Valentina for trying to recruit customers by showing them where the stall was. It was wonderful seeing the enthusiasm and involvement in the children.

The money raised will be used to pay for the materials and ingredients used in our school holiday program and towards setting up our website!

## UMSLV APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	AGE	COST
Tuesday 8/04	Baking	Community Room, Morwell	3-5pm	All ages	NIL
Wed, 9/04	Crazy Koala Puppet Show	Morwell library	10 30- 11 15am	2-8 years	\$5 per child
Thurs, 10/04	Card making	Community Room, Morwell	11am- 1pm	Grade prep to grade 7	NIL
Sunday, 13/04	Family picnic	Blue Rock Dam	12pm	All ages	1 dish program
Wed, 16/04	Bongo Brothers	Morwell library	1-2pm	2-10 years	\$5 per child

### KRAZY KOALA PUPPET SHOW

Nicholas Dacomb combines crazy puppets, rhythmic music and engaging narrative to entertain and educate children about to the animals of the Australian bush.

### BONGO BROTHERS

Using theatre and world music 'The Bongos' will take you on a ride through the continents – from Arabic belly dancers to West African drumming to desert didgeridoo sound-scapes. Bookings for the puppet show and Bongo Brothers through Latrobe City libraries are essential.

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

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We wish Dr Kanwal all the best working with women's health.

Dr. Kanwal Kashif (GP Obstetrician)

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46-48 Albert Street, Moe  
5126 1344

Bulk billing is available.

UMSLV bid farewell to Tahrima and family as they make Queensland their new home.

We extend a warm welcome to Arfa Khan as an UMSLV committee member. Arfa brings with her journalism and inter-faith dialogue experience. We look forward to working with you on our projects, Arfa!