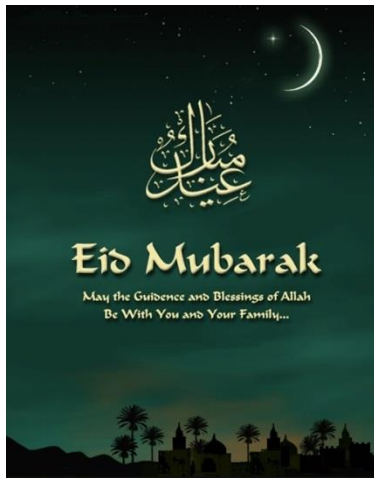


UNITED MUSLIM SISTERS OF LATROBE VALLEY (UMSLV)

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Monash University Islamic Society (MUIS) organises Eid Salaah at 8am on the morning of Eid as well as a one dish program for dinner at 7pm, so that the community can celebrate Eid together. The day depends on the sighting of the moon. If you are unsure of the arrangements please contact the secretary on muis.gippsland@gmail.com

Eid Mubarak!

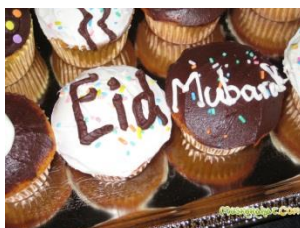
UMSLV would like to wish all the members of the Muslim community and their families a joyous day of Eid!

May the joyful spirit of Eid-ul-Fitr brim your heart and home with merriment and happiness and may you be blessed by Allah on Eid and always.

For our friends and families who live overseas, we send warm wishes from down under across the miles to say Eid Mubarak! May Allah bless you all with joy and good fortune always!

A reminder to pay our fitra before the day of Eid or before the Eid Salaah to benefit those less fortunate, so they too can join in the festivities. The amount has been calculated to Aus\$10 per person.

The Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W.) advised to keep the poor from begging on this day.



Upcoming children's social event

Eid Celebrations

All women and children are invited to an afternoon of fun and games to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr.

Venue: The Eco-Centre, Lumen Christi Primary School, Williams Street, Churchill

Time: 12pm until 4pm

Date: 17 August 2013

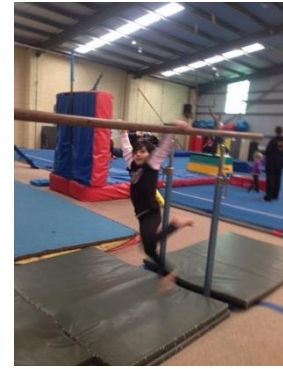
RSVP: Sister Zeinab 0411800892 by 10 August.

Children's Pre-Ramadan Social Event

The children's school holidays kicked off to a great start at their social event, which was held at Morwell Academy of Gymnastics on Monday 1st July!

The children had a wonderful time jumping on trampolines and into foam pits, swinging from bars and ropes, balancing on balance beams, crawling through tunnels, doing cartwheels and handstands,
And tucking into a yummy lunch!

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended 😊



We are registered!

UMSLV, Inc is now registered as an association. As we formed an organisation to address the needs of the Muslim community, we now offer services and support projects that address these needs.

Thank you to everyone for the support you've shown us over the past three months. Insha Allah with your ongoing support we can continue to provide the educational services to women and children, provide care to individual families, and organise fun social events.

We understand that you probably already have your favourite charities, but we humbly ask for your donations to your local organisation as well.

For those who would like to make direct deposits, please use the following banking details:

Account name: United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley Inc,
Commonwealth Bank, Account number: 10113301,
BSB: 063-864.

Jazakhumullah in advance for your generous donations 😊

To find out more about our services and projects please contact one of the committee members.

Upcoming community event:

MEGA EID CELEBRATIONS
Sydney & Melbourne
www.cref.com.au

CHAND RAAT
7 AUGUST 2013
SYDNEY SHOWGROUND
OLYMPIC PARK NSW

EID FESTIVAL
10 AUGUST 2013
SANDOWN RACECOURSE
SPRINGVALE VICTORIA

Fashion, Jewellery & Henna
Food Stalls, Rides & Amusements
Contact: Syed Aliq ul Hassan, Director
Em: syed@cref.com.au - Mo: 0412 881 597

Live Entertainment & Performances
Fun-Filled Multicultural Family Fair
Book Your Stall Online visit www.cref.com.au

Celebrating 15 Years

School Holiday Activities

UMSLV organised activities for the children to get involved with during the July school holidays.

Thank you to all the children who participated and made these school holidays, as Miriam put it, “the best ever!”

On Tuesday 2nd July 2013, the children went to Teacher Zeinab’s home and got in touch with their artistic side. They really enjoyed their Pre-Ramadan Arts and crafts. The moon and stars that they made were taken home and used to decorate their homes for Ramadan!

The arts and crafts activity was followed by an Islamic Studies workshop on “Quran and Science”. Children were truly inspired by the first word revealed in the Quran, “Read!” and understood the meaning of the message. Nabihah said “I cannot imagine my world without reading!” All the children actively engaged in a discussion on the solar system and the younger ones enjoyed making the planets from playdough.



On Wednesday 3rd July 2013, the children went to the Traralgon Library for an interactive Scientwists Show organised by the library. Maryam and Nabihah were volunteer helpers. The children were bursting with news about explosions and experiments afterwards. The show gave the children a chance to see how cool science can be 😊.



On Thursday 4th July 2013, we had a sewing class where the children made stuffed animals and some of the older ones learnt to do cross stitch. The children needed to practice a lot of patience when sewing, seeing the other children do it encouraged them to persevere.

This was followed by an Islamic studies workshop on Ramadan and the lunar calendar.



On Friday 5th July 2013, the children had a fabulous time singing Ramadan nasheeds and making moon and star shaped biscuits. They enjoyed icing their biscuits and decorating them and they even made enough to share with those at home!

With their Ramadan gifts in hand, and after a good holiday, they were all prepared for Ramadan!

QUIZ

The answer to the quiz question What is Ramadan? was C- A month of fasting.

The winners are AZAN, EMAAN, EIMAN, HASHEM, HAYYAN, HOORIYA, IHRAAM, KARIMA, MAWADDA, MARYAM, NABIHAH, NOUSAIBA, ROMAAN, ZAHRA AND TAHSIN.

The two winners drawn from a hat are: NABIHAH AND KARIMA.

Congratulations to all the winners 😊

The next quiz question is:

WHAT DO WE CALL THE ANGELS WHO WRITE DOWN WHAT WE DO?

A-KIRAMAN KATIBIN, B- ISRAFIL, C- MIKAIL



We hope you are all enjoying Ramadan!

ZAKAT-UL-FITR

By Shaykh Abû Bakr Jâbir al-Jaza'iry

ITS RULING:

Ibn Umar reported that the Prophet of Allah (S.A.W.) made Fitra compulsory during Ramadan as one Saa' (3.75kg) of dried dates or barley upon the slaves and free men, male and female, and young and old Muslims. (Al-Bukari and Muslim)

ITS WISDOM:

The benefits of Fitra is that it purifies the fasting soul from the effects of unintentional bad deeds and gives funds to the needy before Eid Prayer so that they can join in the festivity and would not have to beg.

THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF FOOD:

Usually staple food of the people of the land is given. Abu Sa'id has reported to have said " When the messenger of Allah (S.A.W.) was among us, we used to give Fitra on behalf of every person, young and old, free or slave, as a Saa' of millet or corn, or cheese, dried dates and raisins". (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

IT IS ONLY GIVEN FROM ITEMS OF FOOD:

It is obligatory that Fitra be given from various types of foods. Money is only given when food items cannot be given.

ITS TIME:

Fitra is to be paid between Fajr and until just before the Eid salah. Whoever gives it before Eid Salah it is accepted as Zakah, and whoever gives it after the prayer, then it is a form of charity (Sadaqah).

ITS RECIPIENTS:

The recipients of Fitra are the same as the recipients of the Zakat, except that the poor and needy have more right to it. It is not given to other than the poor, unless there are no poor people or their poverty is not severe, or the need of others beside them has become severe.

The Five Pillars of Islam are five basic acts in Islam, considered obligatory by believers and are the foundation of Muslim life. They make up Muslim life, prayer, concern for the needy, self purification and the pilgrimage. They are:

1. *Shahadah* (belief or confession of faith)
2. *Salat* (worship in the form of prayer)
3. *Sawm* Ramadan (fasting during the month of Ramadan)
4. *Zakat* (alms or charitable giving)
5. *Hajj* (the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime.)

Zakat

Zakat or alms-giving is the practice of charitable giving by Muslims based on accumulated wealth, and is obligatory for all who are able to do so. It is considered to be a personal responsibility for Muslims to ease economic hardship for others and eliminate inequality. *Zakat* consists of spending 2.5% of one's wealth for the benefit of the poor or needy, like debtors or travelers. A Muslim may also donate more as an act of voluntary charity (*sadaqah*). There are five principles that should be followed when giving the *zakat*:

1. The giver must declare to God his intention to give the *zakāt*.
2. The *zakāt* must be paid on the day that it is due.
3. After the offering, the payer must not exaggerate on spending his money beyond his usual means.
4. Payment must be in kind. This means if one is wealthy then he or she needs to pay 2.5% of their income. If a person does not have much money, then they should compensate for it in different ways, such as good deeds and good behaviour toward others.
5. The *zakat* must be distributed in the community from which it was taken.

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." - Nelson Mandela

UMSLV accepts Zakat payments towards our Sponsor-a-Child Program. Thanks to the kind donations received the assessment process for these children have commenced! We humbly request donations in the form of Zakat or Sadaqa to assist these children and their families on the road to remediation.

To find out more about this project, please contact Khatija Halabi.

The virtues of fasting six days of Shawwal

Fasting six days of Shawwal after the obligatory fast of Ramadan is Sunnah. It is recommended as there is great virtue and immense reward. Whoever fasts these six days will have recorded for him a reward as if he had fasted a whole year, as was reported in a hadeeth from the Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W.).

Whoever fasts Ramadaan and follows it with six days of Shawwal, it will be as if he fasted for a lifetime (Muslim, Al-Tirmidhi).

Another important benefit of fasting these six days is that it makes up for any shortfall in a person's obligatory Ramadan fasts, because no one is free of shortcomings or sins that may have a negative effect on his fasting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

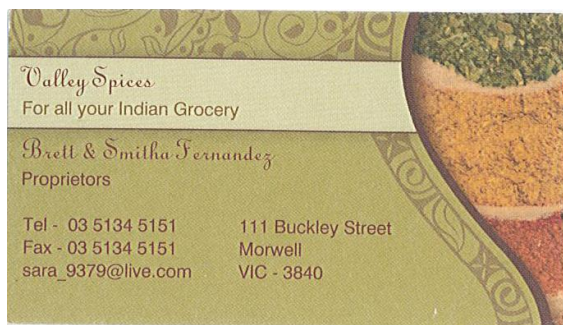
Contact us

If you would like to place an advert for your business in our newsletter, please contact Khatija Halabi k.umslv@yahoo.com.au or Syeda Husaini on 51222439.

Halal Home Catering (Traralgon)

We provide Pakistani and Indian food for parties and functions. All our recipes are home made with fresh ingredients.

Contact Tehmina @ 03 51740444 & 04 57800044 (please call after 5pm)

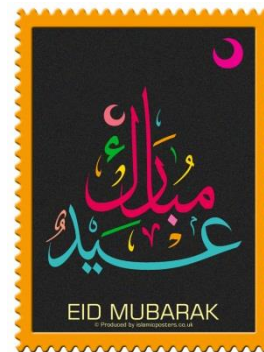


GIPPSLAND AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Congratulations to President Tanveer Hasan and his committee members on forming the GAMC organisation.

UMSLV is excited to be an affiliated association with GAMC and look forward to helping each other with individual projects and joint ventures.

Thank you to Elizabeth Roberts and Elaine Andrijczak from Monash Connect, Monash University for the printing of this newsletter.



Ladies lectures

Sister Nafisa will continue organising the weekly classes that were jointly run by her and Sister Sadia. Please contact Nafisa at nafisa.kamrul@gmail.com for more details. Sadia will be moving to Melbourne, and we wish her and her family all the best in their new home. Please come visit Sadia!

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Hearing Awareness Week Expo

When: Wednesday 28th August from 1pm—4pm

Where: Traralgon Tennis Association Complex.