

Eid Celebrations with the Moosajee family



Imaan stands at the door of her Auntie and Uncle's family home in Werribee. The family has gathered to celebrate Eid, which marks the end of Ramadan. Taaha has chosen to wear a traditional Saree for the day's celebrations. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



Left to right: Nazeeha, Somaya and Imaan gather around the kitchen bench where food is out for the family to share. Sharing food is a significant part of the Eid celebrations, as the Ramadan month-long sunrise to sunset fast has come to an end for Muslims across the world. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



The cupcakes have been decorated with moons as the beginning of Eid coincides with the birth of a new moon (and a new month). The date of Eid is a contentious issue, as some Muslims believe Eid can only be celebrated once the crescent moon is spotted in the sky, whilst others believe astronomical calculations can be used to determine the date in advance. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



Imaan, Somaya and Nazeeha have decorated their hands with Mehndi (also referred to as Henna). Eid Mehndi is an important custom for Muslim women. Mehndi is a paste derived from the leaves of henna tree and is used for decorating the hands and feet of women for celebratory events such as weddings or Eid.

(Photo: Rachel Jackson)



Left to right: Cousins Somaya , Nazeeha, Tahaa, Aaliyah, and Imaan unwrap presents they have bought for each other. The cousins get along well and enjoy events such as Eid where they can spend more time together. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



The presents have been decorated with stars, another subtle reference to Islam's lunar calendar. Traditionally, Muslims will gift each other food such as dried fruits and nuts on Eid but Imaan has bought Nazeeha a candle. She has left a clue to the present by writing "for scented joy" on the wrapping. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



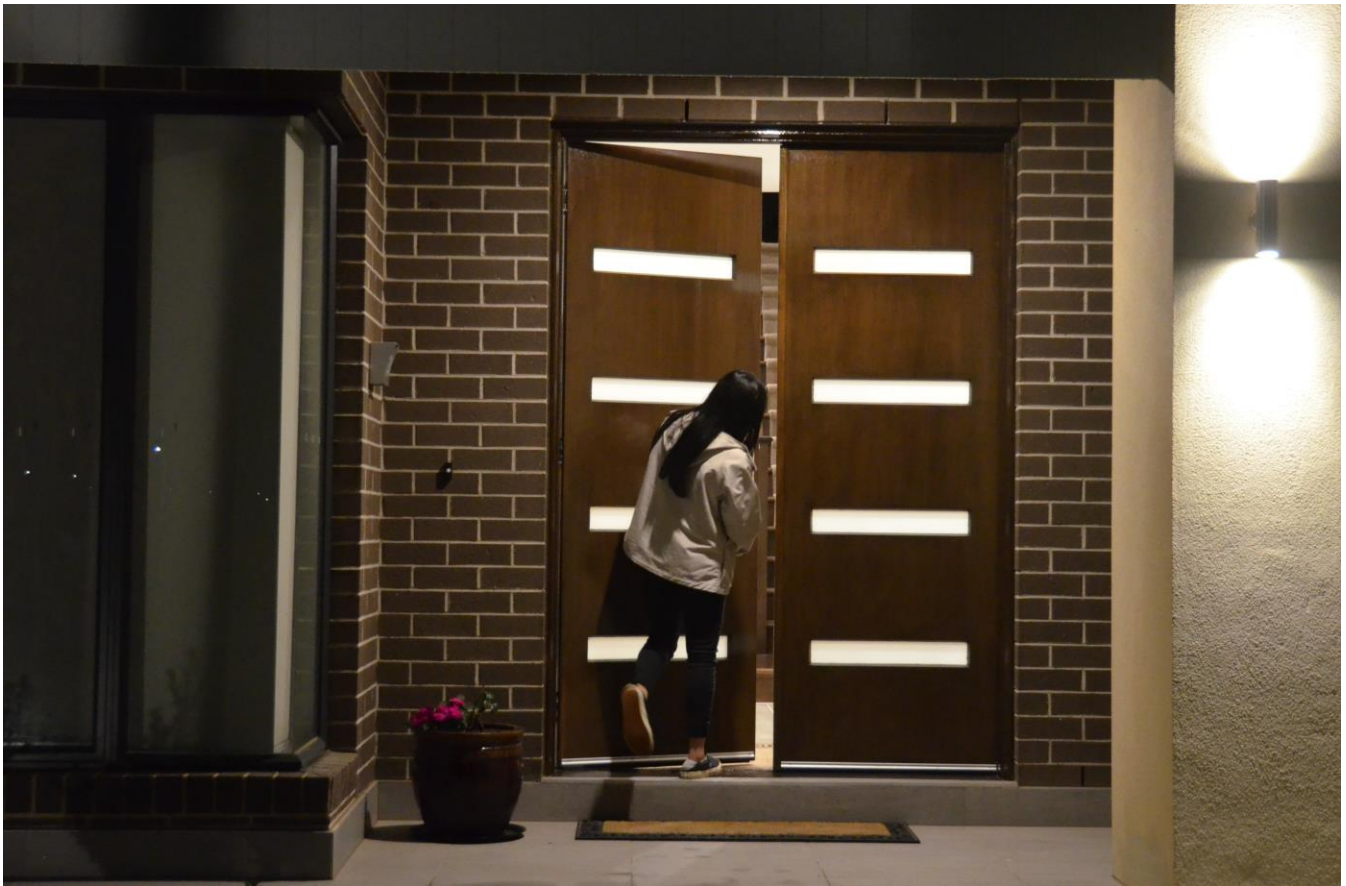
Left to right: Identical twin brothers Mohammed and Shabbir stand side by side in Mohammed's family home. They grew up with similar interests and are both currently working as electrical engineers.
(Photo: Rachel Jackson)



The family went to visit Shabbir and Mohammed's parents at a Werribee retirement home earlier in the day. Prior to living in the retirement home, Ibrahim and Mehrun (sitting) lived with Mohammed, his wife Tas (second from left) and their children Nazeaha and Aaliyah. Spending time together for Eid celebrations is important for the family. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



Mohammed and his wife Tas talking in their family home as celebrations draw to an end. Tas is a talented artist and her artwork features throughout their house. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)



Nazeeha closes the door of her parents' home at 8:30pm after saying goodbye to her extended family members. She is looking forward to another sleep in tomorrow morning, after spending the past month waking before sunrise to eat her breakfast. (Photo: Rachel Jackson)