

No Breakfast at Home!

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I am only 11 and I don't go to meetings. Except for our weekend family meetings. On Friday night or Saturday morning we all gather around in the kitchen or the living room. Then my father would ask everyone where we want to go, what we want to do etc. That is the only kind of meeting I ever attended.

So one day, when my dad asked, "Preo do you want to go to a meeting with me?" I replied, "Where, in the kitchen or in the living room?" He laughed and said, "No, we are going to Dr. Qaiyum Parvez's house." I asked, "Wow, what is this meeting about?" He told me it was about Good Morning Bangladesh.

Good Morning Bangladesh is a kind of breakfast program that Bangladeshi people do every year. Many people come to this event. I also went a few times with my family. People buy all sorts of Bangladeshi foods for breakfast. I saw there were parathas, curried vegetables and all sorts of sweets and then of course tea and coffee and all the money raised is given to the Cancer Council for cancer research.

This meeting at uncle Parvez's house was about this year's breakfast program which will be held on the 6th of May 2007. We were a bit late and the meeting had already started. We greeted everyone and sat there. My father told everyone that I was the reporter so I sat there too and took some notes. There were about 15 people in the meeting and they talked about who will bring what. They were mainly talking in Bangla so I didn't understand everything they said but on the way back, I asked my father to explain it all to me.

There will be two breakfast programs. On the 25th of April in Ingleburn and on the 6th of May in Blacktown. We'll probably go to the Blacktown one because it is closer to where we live. In addition to normal breakfast, there will be activities for children and adults. Children will take part in a Bangla alphabet writing competition and for adults I think there will be a poem reading program. That's what my dad told me but I don't know how that will happen. I suppose we will have to find out on the day.



We took this photo after the meeting

So uncles and aunties, boys and girls, remember, no breakfast at home on 6th of May. Come to Good Morning Bangladesh, enjoy Banladeshi breakfast and donate money for cancer research. This is a good cause.