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NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum WRWB

This is the final newsletter for 2017 and we end the year so very well. What an amazing year it has been for us all. There have been some uncertain times but the Malek Fahd community has demonstrated great faith, confidence and trust in the School and the School Board. Thank you to the School Board, in particular Chair Dr Bennett and, past Chair Mrs Silva, for their excellent governance and successfully steering the School through the very difficult period.



We are very grateful for this significant support from parents, the Parents Advisory Committee, with strong leadership from Dr Fariha Dib, and the many external groups. Despite the upheaval and uncertainty, Malek Fahd is identified as a preferred school of choice. This year at Greenacre Campus alone, over 800 applications were submitted to join our school during 2017.

I was impressed by the **Presentations** at each of the three campuses with fine speeches and wonderful student performances. Our focus is always on providing the best education for our students and inspiring you to develop a passion for learning. It is about working hard, being a dedicated student, getting the best possible grades, engaging in sport and a variety of extra-curricular activities. Thank you to all students for your hard work this year. I congratulate the students who received an award at the respective Presentation Days. For those who did not receive an award, it does not mean that your hard work is not rewarded or acknowledged. I encourage you to keep up this good work.



Malek Fahd has such a wonderful **community** feel, displaying a great heart in many ways including the significant raising of money to support those in need. The list of fundraising events is quite significant. The Iftar Dinners, Gala fundraising dinner, EID Carnival, Quran and Debating competitions, Sports Carnival and Sporting Gala Days and the Umrah pilgrimage and the visits by Mufti Menk have also been highlights. I commend the SRC and student leaders who have been wonderful ambassadors for the School.



Academically we are performing very well. The HSC and NAPLAN results are evidence of this fact. There are further developments planned to further assist our academic standing. We have introduced new subjects into Year 9 and Year 11 to widen the curriculum on offer. To better understand the academic needs of our students, I have introduced the **annual testing** of all students in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8. The data gathered will be used to advance student learning.



The appointment of additional **Learning Support Teachers** and **Teacher Aides** will further assist the educational needs of our Secondary and Primary students. To assist literacy development, from 2018 **English** will be **streamed** in Years 7 and 8 and **Arabic** will be **streamed** from Years 1 to 10. Next year we will have greater involvement in reading with programs such as DEAR and the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. We are expanding our technology, upgrading our hardware, replacing some 400 computers over a four-year period, have an additional computer lab, iPads, inter-campus visual conferencing and an upgrade of internet service.

During the extended holiday break there will be a number of upgrades at each of our Campuses. This will include technology upgrade and painting of each campus, the laying of synthetic turf at Hoxton Park and fencing and painting of the playground at Beaumont Hills.

We are aware that for 2019 there will need to be further buildings at Beaumont Hills to accommodate our students. We will begin this process during 2018.

During the holidays, the 2018 School calendar will be placed on the website. We are beginning the long process of developing a girls' summer uniform. The Heads of Campus have distributed the required **stationery list** to your child for purchasing in time to begin school. This list has been placed on the School website.

Reports, I am in the process of reading each report. Reports not given out by Wednesday will be posted home.

Next year will be the 30th Anniversary of Malek Fahd; a time to celebrate our amazing school and plans are underway for the celebrations.

In a recent Newsletter, I foreshadowed a significant number of additions to the leadership structure of the school. One key area is Wellbeing (welfare), Kindergarten to Year 12, for the three campuses. Our current Welfare staff have done a brilliant job but they need support.

There will be Heads of Wellbeing, Welfare Co-ordinators and Year Advisors. For Greenacre Secondary there will now be 16 instead of 4 staff directly involved in the wellbeing of our students. Part of the restructure includes the introduction of a daily Home Room period where the Home Room teacher will meet with students to discuss issues, implement pastoral care programs to develop confidence and leadership skills. I have appointed Mr Ali Dib as Head of Campus, Greenacre. His key focus will be the successful and smooth day to day operation of the Secondary Campus. We are expanding the Secondary co-curricular sporting program at Greenacre and I have appointed Ms Mitchell (girls) and Mr Merhi (boys) to lead this expanded program. We want students to take up the opportunities offered them to develop their sporting skills. A list of leadership positions for 2018 is listed below.

Applications have been lodged for the development of Before and After School and Holiday Care services at each of our campuses. I am focused, too, on developing Preschools at each of our Campuses and re-establishing the Malek Fahd Alumni.

This year we farewell several staff and wish them well in their new journey. This includes Mr Singh. In thanking him for his many years of faithful service, we wish him well in his new leadership position.

I have often said that it takes a village to grow a child, well I can tell you it takes a terrific team to run a dynamic and leading school. I thank Senior Executive Mr Ahmed and Mr Marsh, Heads of Campus Mr Dib, Ms El-Ahmad, Ms Khan, Mr Lord and Ms Kassem, Sheikh Fawaz and the ten other Sheikhs attached to each Campus, Welfare Coordinators Mr Singh, Mr Khoder, Ms Parker and Ms Kbbar, Curriculum leaders, teachers and our wonderful administration staff across all three campuses. Thank you teachers for what you do every day to meet the needs of the students in your care.

Late last term we said farewell to our wonderful Year 12 students. We wait with anticipation for their results in the next few weeks.

Leadership 2018

Greenacre Head of Campus: Mr Ali Dib

Hoxton Acting Head of Campus(Term1): Mr Stephen Lord

Primary Curriculum Coordinator: Ms Hibba Mourad

Year Curriculum Coordinators:

Greenacre: Ms Aqifa Bassett Uddin, Ms Dianne Sofios, Ms Iman Halbouni, Assma Skaf.

Stage Curriculum Coordinators:

Hoxton Park: Ms Firoza Ahmed, Ms Fatma Molina and Ms Ferreen Rahim

Stage Curriculum Coordinators:

Beaumont Hills: Ms Cabe Ferris, Ms Vandana Karan and Ms Rukshana Musa

Acting Coordinator of ICT: Mr Hussein Oubani

Acting Science Coordinator (Term1): Ms Farzana Khan

Extra-curricular Sport

Greenacre: Ms Kate Mitchell and Mr Ali Merhi

Head of Wellbeing: Primary (Boys’) Mr Yaakoub Saddik; Primary (Girls’) Ms Rania Charmand; Secondary (Boys’) Mr Billal Khoder; Secondary (Girls’) Ms Houda Kbbar

Welfare Coordinators - Greenacre

- Years 7, 9, 11 Boys Mr Ahmad Ismail
- Years 7, 9, 11 Girls Ms Hanade Saddik
- Years 8, 10, 12 Boys Ms Linda Nachar
- Years 8, 10, 12 Girls Ms Nasheen Parker

Year Advisors

- Year 7 Boys Ms Sharin Culleton
- Girls Ms Claudia Simon
- Year 8 Boys Ms Thamina Kassar
- Girls Ms Samara Jalloul
- Year 9 Boys Mr Ali Merhi
- Girls Ms Kate Mitchell
- Year 10 Boys Ms Houda Hamad
- Girls Ms Rihana Bashir
- Year 11 Boys Mr Mohammed Hanif
- Girls Ms Eman Taha
- Year 12 Welfare Co-coordinators



Thank you all for a terrific year. I wish you all a safe and happy family time during the holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in the 2018 academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal

