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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalaamu Alaikum WRWB

Banksia Road Primary School – Condolences

The extremely sad incident which occurred this week at Banksia Road Primary School has captured the hearts of us all. Words cannot express the despair the parents and siblings of the children, as well as the school and wider community, must be feeling. As a father and grandfather it has ripped to the core of my heart. Many of our Malek Fahd families have close ties with the school, some have relatives at the School. Sheikh Fawaz and I visited the School with flowers, spoke to the Principal and offered our condolences and whatever support the Principal, school and families may need at this time of great need. Sheikh Fawaz represented the School at the funeral of one boy, both in the Mosque and Cemetery, assisting other Sheikh's in leading the prayers and providing support to the family.

In response to the incident, I have requested a further review of the security at all campuses to ensure to the best of our capacity, the protection of our most precious children.

After School Pick Up

The end of the school day, the rush of students to catch the bus and greet their parents is exciting but also has the potential for accidents. We have a strong staff presence to supervise and control student movement. However, my great concern is the parents who park on the road across from the School and beckon their child to cross the busy road. This is not a safe or preferred practice. I further request parents to assist the School and for the safety of your child not to continue.

Year 12 Finish HSC

Congratulations to our 2017 Year 12 students on finishing their HSC Examinations. It is time for you to relax and reflect on your 13 years of school life. All your hard work and efforts will be rewarded. We wish you



all the best for your HSC results which is due to be released on Thursday, 14th December.

Mufti Menk's visit to the School

The visiting of Mufti Menk was inspirational to the students and staff. Mufti Menk was very gracious and generous with his time as he only visited our School. He had a short visit at Hoxton Park Campus where he spoke for 45 minutes, including question time, to the whole School.



The questions asked by the students were insightful and enabled Mufti Menk to respond to issues that were important to our young students.

He then travelled to the Greenacre Campus where I arranged for all students, K – 12, including Beaumont Hills to be present. In the Primary, some 1300 students greeted him with great enthusiasm and were engaged with his inspirational messages. Students were urged to recognise that we are all individuals, that we are equally special and that we should soften our heart and reach out to accept each other. Mufti Menk then attended prayer for all Greenacre and Beaumont Hills Secondary students and then followed with a 30-minute presentation on issues relevant to our young adolescents.



Year 6 Camp

On Monday, 6th November Year 6 students went to the Great Aussie Bush camp at the Tea Gardens for three days. Eighty children attended, accompanied by four teachers for the three days. The camp started off by preparing students for the activities ahead with life skills such as communication, cooperation, and consideration with and for others in order to for students to participate in team activities.

Students learnt raft building, they participated in archery, canoeing, the giant swing, the flying fox, rock climbing, and an excitingly fun activity called Lost Island which called upon team skills of communication and cooperation as well as physical strength. All of the activities the children did at the camp enhanced and consolidated life skills that they will carry with them, along with fun memories, for a life time. Thank you to Mr Saddik for organising this camp, Ms Charmand, Ms Qadan and Ms Haddad for assisting with the camp.



Year 10 Work Experience

The work experience program organised by our Careers Advisor, Ms Khalaf is a valuable program that enables students to acquire hands on experience on a possible career they wish to pursue. Students not only developed skills required in the workforce, but also learnt the virtues of punctuality, commitment, responsibility and team work.

All our Year 10 students found placements in various industries such as Law firms, Hospitals, Medical Centres, Finance, Accounting, Surveying, Retail and many others. The program ran from Monday, 6th

November until Friday, 10th November. Many thanks to the following teachers for taking time off school and visiting our students during their placements: Mr Dablan, Ms Elmir, Ms Hamad, Ms Ibrahim, Ms Kassar, Ms Khalaf and Ms Odeh. We received positive feedback from all the employers commending us on our students' manners, initiative and hard work. It was very pleasing to hear that a number of students were offered jobs after their placements due to their sensible and mature character.

Woolworths

Our duty of care extends from 8.25am to 3.30pm and it is expected that students leave Chullora Marketplace by 8.20am. Students who are going over to Chullora Marketplace for shopping are reminded to observe and respect the store rules and leave their bags at the store entrance.

Annual Academic Awards Presentation Days

All parents are cordially invited to the Annual Academic Awards Presentation Days to celebrate the achievements of our students of 2017.

Beaumont Hills Campus

Years K – 4 students at our Beaumont Hills Campus will be having their Presentation Assembly on **Tuesday, 28th November** at 9:30am. The Presentation Assembly for Years 5 – 12 will be held on **Thursday, 30th November** commencing at 9:30am.

Hoxton Park Campus

The end of year presentation at Hoxton Park Campus will take place on **Wednesday, 29th November**.

Please make note of times for each stage.

Stage 1 – 9.00am to 10:55am

Stage 2 - 11.30am to 1.00pm

Stage 3 – 2.00pm to 3.00pm

Greenacre Secondary Campus

Years 7-11 Annual Academic Awards Presentation Day will be held on **Friday, 1st December** from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the School Hall.

Greenacre Primary Campus

Our K - 6 assembly will be on **Monday, 4th December** at 9:45am. It will run for approximately an hour.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal