



16 November 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB



Carnival Saturday, 24th November 11.00 – 6.00pm

As part of the 30th Anniversary celebrations the School has organised a Carnival day at the Greenacre Campus. This a terrific way to celebrate a brilliant year for Malek Fahd, particularly with the re-instatement of funding. The day will include fun adrenaline-driven rides, pet-farm, pony rides and a large number of stalls. During the day, between 1.00pm and 4.00pm there will be an additional program that will include short speeches of welcome from the Board Chairman, Dr John Bennett, PAC President, Dr Fariha Dib-Kak, photos and videos displaying the life of the school for each campus and tours of the school. During the past 30 years thousands of students have graduated, becoming Alumni of the School. We are reaching out to the Alumni to join us on this special day and take the opportunity to tour the school. Sheikh Fawaz will lead prayer at 12.40pm and 4.40pm in the School Mosque. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Annual Academic Awards Presentation Days

The end of year is fast approaching. Students have been working extremely hard studying and applying themselves well for the examinations and assessments. Soon it will be time to acknowledge their hard work and commitment at the respective Annual Presentation Days across the three campus. I look forward to attending each presentation. All parents are cordially invited to the Annual Academic Awards Presentation Days to celebrate the achievements of our students of 2018.

1. Beaumont Hills Primary, K-6 Presentation will be held on **Wednesday, 28th November 2018** at 20 Mungerie Road, Beaumont Hills, commencing at **9.30am**.
2. Beaumont Hills Secondary, 7-12 Presentation will be held on **Thursday, 29th November 2018** at 20 Mungerie Road, Beaumont Hills, commencing at **9.30am**.
3. Hoxton Park Secondary, 7-10 Presentation will be held on **Friday, 30th November 2018** at 210 Pacific Palms Circuit, Hoxton Park, commencing at **2.00pm**.
4. Greenacre Primary, K-6 Presentation will be held on **Tuesday, 4th December 2018** at 405 Waterloo Road, Greenacre, commencing at **9.30am** for Yrs 3-6 and **10.30am** for Yrs K-2.
5. Hoxton Park Primary, K-6 Presentation will be held on **Wednesday, 5th December 2018** at 210 Pacific Palms Circuit, Hoxton Park, commencing at **1.30pm**.
6. Greenacre Secondary, 7-12 Presentation will be held on **Thursday, 6th December 2018** at 405 Waterloo Road, Greenacre, commencing at **10.00am**.

MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

30th ANNIVERSARY

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MFIS Sports Presentation Assembly at Greenacre

Over the year there have been a significant number of sporting achievements. We wish to recognise the skills and achievements of the students and teams. To this

end the inaugural Year 7 to 11 Sports Presentation Assembly will be held **Wednesday, 28th November** in the Greenacre Secondary Hall commencing at 1.40pm. This assembly recognises students who have represented Malek Fahd in Gala days, Swimming, Cross Country, athletics and after-school sports and will culminate in the naming of the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year. Parents and family are cordially invited. I congratulate Mr Geoff Spotswood, Head of PDHPE for this initiative.

Kindergarten and Year 7 Orientations

Early this Term, the Primary School held the Kindergarten orientations where we welcomed the 2019 Kindergarten students and their parents. While the parents were welcomed at a parent information session, the children happily took part in the activities organised by the Kindergarten teachers. During the orientation sessions, children had the opportunity to meet and make new friends and took part in their first formal schooling experience. The orientation sessions also allowed staff to observe the children and their readiness for school.

As we welcomed a new group of children in Kindergarten, we also prepared our Year 6 students who will be leaving us, to move on to high school in 2019. Congratulations to all the children who are moving on to a new phase of their lives whether it be starting school for the first time or starting high school, we wish you all the best and hope you have a successful year ahead.

Islamic School's Principals Meeting

Principals of other Islamic Schools were invited to attend a first ever meet and greet meeting here at the Greenacre campus on Tuesday, 6th November. It was certainly a very informative meeting with the exchange of engaging and valuable dialogue between all. The collaborative nature and collegiality is invaluable. We hope to have more regular gatherings where our common interest can be shared to benefit our students' education and wellbeing.

Year 6 Camp

This week Year 6 students from Greenacre and Hoxton Park attended the annual camp at the Great Aussie Bush camp at Tea Gardens for three days. All reports indicate the students had great fun and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time socially interacting with

each other. It was the first-time students from campuses combined to attend a camp.

This year we have commenced the connecting of students across campuses with positive outcomes and we will continue to foster connectedness in this way. 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 Khoder, Ms Parker, Ms Haddad, Ms Kheir and Ms Yolbir for attending the camp and supervision the students. It is hoped that next year all Year 6 students will take up the opportunity to experience such an extensive wider curricular program.

Swimming Classes and Swimming Carnival

During Term 4, Primary students across the campuses are taking part in Learn to Swim programs. Knowing how to swim is such an important life skill for our students and I applaud and thank our parents and staff for supporting this important initiative. For the first time at Malek Fahd, Year 7 students at the Greenacre campus are taking part in a six-week swimming program to enhance their swimming skills. All boys and girls have improved their aquatic competence as a result of their wholehearted commitment to the program.

It will culminate in a Swimming carnival for Year 7 students, as well as selected students of Years 8 to 11 who are strong competitive swimmers, to be held on **Thursday, 22nd November**. The boys event will be from 8.30am to 12pm and the girls event will run from 12pm to 3.30pm. This carnival will include events for talented swimmers and also events for Year 7 students who are developing their swimming ability and confidence. This is another first for the School and I applaud the PDHPE staff for their leadership and initiative in this area.

Re-Enrolment Forms

All parents are reminded to submit their child/ren's Re-Enrolment forms to the Administration Office as soon as possible to secure their enrolment for 2019.

School Fees

The School year is quickly coming to an end. All parents are reminded that the final Term's School fees is now due. Please finalise any overdue accounts immediately.

Mobile Phones and Poor Behaviour

The use of mobile phones during school hours continues to be problematic. I accept that students may need a mobile phone to assist them coming to and going from school; a practice used by so many schools. However, if students are seen with their phone out during school hours they can expect to have it taken from them and returned at the end of the day. We need parent support to assist us in this matter. Our focus is on the delivery of curriculum and the phone issue is becoming a distraction from our central focus. A reminder to parents and students that the School does not accept poor behaviour, harassment and bullying. There is no place at Malek Fahd for students who display repeated poor behaviour.

Skoolbag App for Parents

Malek Fahd Islamic School has launched a new way to communicate with our parents. It has introduced the SkoolBag app as a way to allow parents to stay up-to date with newsletters, school events and notices. For you to be able to receive these notifications you will need to install the SkoolBag app on your phone and register. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the following website and on the attached flyer:

www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/. When searching for the school to add please make sure you type in Malek Fahd Islamic School and follow the steps to register.

School Uniform Shop Appointments

All parents are requested to make an appointment for back-to-school 2019 and new enrolment uniform fittings. Call the Uniform Shop now on **0498 518 916** or email malek.fahd@midford.com.au to arrange an appointment. Due to the high volume of uniform fittings at this time of the year, we need to emphasise the importance of having an appointment to avoid lengthy waiting times. We normally allow 30-40 minutes for a new student fitting, so please book now to have the peace of mind of a smooth and pleasant uniform fitting.

Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on **Friday, 14th December 2018** at 3.00pm.

Additional Holiday Trading Hours: Monday, 14th January 2019 to Tuesday, 29th January 2019 (9.00am to 3.00pm). You are also welcome to purchase **uniform online** at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

Website : <https://schoolshop.midford.com.au/login/>
passphrase: malek1989

Uniform Shop Contact Details

Phone: 0498 518 916

Email: malek.fahd@midford.com.au

2019 Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2019. These dates have also been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Wed, 30th January to Fri, 12th April 2019

Term 2 - Tue, 30th April to Fri, 5th July 2019

Term 3 - Tue, 23rd July to Fri, 27th September 2019

Term 4 - Mon, 14th October to Wed, 4th December 2019

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal



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