



7 September 2018

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

### **Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Sydney Olympic Park, 10.30am**

All Kindergarten to Year 12 students from the three Campuses, will be attending the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony at the Quaycentre, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park. This event will be the first of several events to formally acknowledge the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Malek Fahd** and it's fitting that all students join under one roof to celebrate this momentous occasion. This will be the first time all students have gathered together as one School and it will be a wonderful way to celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and academic excellence of our Year 12 students from Greenacre and Beaumont Hills.

Students will be transported via buses to and from the venue. The presentation commences at 10.30am and will finish by 12.00pm. Students will then be transported back to school for lunch and afternoon classes. There will be **no supervision for students back at the School during the presentation of awards**. Permission slips have been sent home with students. Please ensure **all permission slips** for travel to the Quaycentre are signed and sent back to the School as soon as possible, if you have not done so yet.

We welcome parents, particularly of our Year 12 students to join us for the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony.

### **Year 12 Graduation Dinner Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

On Tuesday evening the 18<sup>th</sup> of September we will have the opportunity to formally celebrate our Year 12 students from Greenacre and Beaumont Hills with a dinner at Villa Blanca, 53 Raymond Street, Bankstown. It will commence at 6.30pm and all Year 12 parents are invited. Tickets are available for sale for \$50 each from

the Administration Office at Greenacre Secondary and Beaumont Hills campus.

### **Parents Driving to the School**

Sadly, I write in this newsletter of the need for respect, care and patience of parents who are driving to the Greenacre Campus. We have doubled the security guards, and our Maintenance team, who are trained traffic managers to assist the traffic flow at the peak morning and afternoon school time. Most, but not all, parents assist and respect the requests of the traffic controllers. Too many times parents are not patient and polite to the traffic controllers. This week there was an incident where Sheikh Fawaz was challenged by a parent. It is important that we set a very good example to our children and respect each other and teachers as well as respect the School rules. I don't wish to be placed in a position to ask parents, who continue to challenge the directions of the traffic controllers, to refrain from driving into the School grounds.

### **Malek Fahd Islamic School 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Postponed**

It has been decided not to proceed with a Gala Dinner to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Malek Fahd Islamic School. We will instead organise a community-based celebration at the Greenacre campus.

It became apparent leading up to the event that a broader community-based event would be more appropriate to allow everyone to be part of this significant celebration. As such, the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> September will be deferred. While the date or time are still to be decided, we will look at organising a School community event that is perhaps less formal and more family-oriented on a weekend at the Greenacre campus. In many respects, this will be more advantageous and accessible for everyone that we want to welcome along. It should create a terrific environment in which

to celebrate, involving as it will families and without having to leave our area. We also trust that it will attract many of our old scholars and alumni back into their old School. It will be great to catch up. We will be in contact with staff, sponsors and alumni who have already purchased tickets to arrange a full refund, over the coming week.

I thank most sincerely Mr Aiyub Ahmed, Chair of the Organising Committee, the Organising Committee members, and all those who put so much time and effort into planning our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Your hard work is always appreciated. Thank you. I will be in touch to advise the date of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Greenacre. On behalf of all of our staff and volunteers, we look forward to seeing you there.

As always, we thank you for your support and we look forward to your continuing support.

#### **NAPLAN Readiness Test.**

Over the past week all Malek Fahd students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have undertaken a School Readiness test for NAPLAN online. This has been an initiative exercise coordinated by AISNSW. The purpose of this trial was to prepare the students and the schools technological readiness for NAPLAN online in 2020.

#### **Years 8 and 10 Subject Selection for 2019**

Over the past two weeks Mrs Bragg our Curriculum Coordinator, has conducted sessions with parents and students on the subject choices and curriculum expectations for Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) and Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12). Students have been provided with a form to complete, where they indicate their preferred elective choices. This is due back on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. A copy of Mrs Bragg's presentation will be placed on the School website in the Curriculum drop box.

#### **HSC Trials**

HSC trials will be completed this week and the time of marking is well underway. I thank the students for their diligence and focus during this time of pressure and look forward to hearing of the results. All students are expected to return to School on Monday. The coming week is an important time during which they will receive their results and have the opportunity to meet and speak with staff on the next stage of improvement. I commend the excellent work undertaken by our staff in preparing all students to achieve their very best.

#### **Book Week**

I have had the pleasure of joining students as they celebrated Book Week across each of the campuses in a very creative and colourful way. Students and the teachers fully engaged in bringing literature alive through costume dress-up to the character from a book they are reading, through the Premier's Reading Challenge as well as additional literacy classes for Years 4 and 6. Thank you to everyone for the terrific efforts you are doing to bring the importance of reading to our students.



#### **Education Perfect**

Our students recently had the opportunity to participate in a poetry slam competition through Education Perfect. Students were asked to submit a written copy of their poems as well as an audio recording of themselves performing their piece. The competition was fierce but our students did an amazing job, with five students being selected as finalists (Ramla Farah, Zein Muhieddine, Gadis Damara, Sidratul Islam and Motaz Mousa). Of the five finalists, **Ramla Farah of 10G2 achieved a third place position in the entire competition!** Ramla will be recognised for her achievements on the Education Perfect website and her poem will be published as a teaching resource for other schools to use. Ramla's third position prize is a selection of poetry anthologies and the other finalists will receive certificates. We couldn't be more proud of

every student who gave it a go and participated in this competition.

### Operation Art Exhibition 2018

NSW Department of Education's arts unit "Operation Art" confirmed that 4 of our students' artworks will be exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 15 September to 4 November 2018. The exhibition is open daily from 10am to 4pm and the entry is free. More than 10000 visitors are expected to view Operation Art 2018. Our 4 talented students are: Rheanne Abuobeid, Khin Su May Phyo, Anjum Rusmaully, and Rida Jamil. Last year, Rheanne Abuobeid also entered the annual Operation Art Exhibition. Her work was a favourite of ANSTO and was kept and displayed at their offices since last year. On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August at 11am, Rheanne had her artwork handed over to Sutherland Hospital for permanent display. Congratulations Rheanne for this tremendous recognition.



### Allwell Testing

In 2017 Malek Fahd Islamic School introduced Allwell Academic Assessment for Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 students. We have found the data most helpful in effectively and consistently measure the academic growth of your child. We are continuing this evaluation for Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 as well as introducing the evaluation for our Year 10 students.

### Family Fun Day

Parliament of NSW is hosting a Family Fun Day on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. There will Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years. Follow the children's trail, enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts, visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving

historical characters and celebrate the 100-year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW. Entry is free and the activities will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The public café will also be open.

### Skoolbag App for Parents

Malek Fahd Islamic School is about to launch a new way to communicate with our parents. The school is introducing 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. Instruction on how to do this can be found on the following website and the attached flyer below:

[www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/](http://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. Appointments will be commencing in October. Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 at 3.00pm.

**Additional Holiday Trading Hours:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 to Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 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/>  
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Uniform Shop Contact Details

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Yours sincerely,

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal

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