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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullhi wa Barakaatuhu

I would like to welcome Mrs Mervat Zeitoune who has started at Hoxton Park teaching Arabic, Commerce and TAS.

2018 Kindergarten Enrolment. If your child is commencing Kindergarten in 2018 and you wish to enrol your son or daughter at Malek Fahd Hoxton Park. Parents are required to fill out a 'Request for Admission Form' and pay the \$50 administration fee to the office. You may also want to inform any friends or relatives who do not have children currently enrolled that we are taking enrolments at Hoxton Park.

Chocolate Box Fundraising: A big thank you to all the students and parents at Hoxton Park for contributing to our recent Chocolate Box Fundraising initiative. Prizes for the most boxes sold across the 3 campuses were given out last Friday at assembly. Winners from Hoxton Park were Ahmed Masri (year 9) sold 19 boxes, Ayesha Merhi (3B) 8 boxes, Rhianna Hawli (5A) and Amatullah Rifai (5A) sold 4 boxes each.

Events that have occurred at Hoxton Park.

St Johns First Aid Program:

St Johns 'First Aid in Schools Program' for stage 2 and 3 students visited our school on the Thursday 25th May. St Johns first aiders came to Hoxton Park and delivered programs to our year 3,4,5,6 students. This proved to be a great success as students took away valuable knowledge and hands-on experiences. Students were provided an insight into what to do in all sorts of emergency situations.

Lockdown Drill: As part of our Emergency procedures at Hoxton Park, last Thursday 1st June all students, teachers and administration staff took part in a Lockdown drill. It was wonderful to witness the professionalism of all staff and students to quickly lock all doors, turn out lights, keep quiet and out of sight.

Basketball at Hoxton Park. This was organised through the Sporting Schools Grant initiative. Basketball sessions were held for Years K-6 from Tuesday 23rd May to Friday 26th May in Week 5. Students were fortunate enough to have Scott from the Whitlam Centre at Liverpool demonstrate to our students the necessary skills and game sense needed to play basketball. The students were very engaged and enjoyed all activities including catching, passing, shooting and dribbling skills required to successfully play a game of basketball. Teachers are now in-cooperating these physical activities and skills into their Physical Education Programs.





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Year 7-8 Australian Museum Excursion: Message from Ms Amy Johnston.

Our trip to the Australian Museum began with a great sense of excitement as we headed off in a bus with the year 7 and 8 students from the Beaumont Hills campus. The students were all curious about one another, keen to make new friends, and meet each other as brothers and sisters. As we travelled into the Museum, we were fortunate to see the many beautiful sights of Sydney - the Harbour Bridge and Opera House, as well as Luna Park, the ferries, boats, buildings and parks.

Our tour began in the Wild Planet exhibition where students had the opportunity to view specimens of many examples of the Earth's spectacular biodiversity and learn about how these animals are adapted to their environments in various intriguing ways. The students then gathered information, made observations and did sketches at the exhibition of botanical and zoological drawings by early scientists 'the Scott sisters'. The students also enhanced their understanding of Australia's extinct megafauna, and interacted with historical sources for Ancient Australia.

These exhibitions were enjoyed by all, and many insights into Science, History and Art were gained. It was a very enriching day for students and teachers alike, providing experiences that can be referred to in these subjects throughout the year.



Quran competition. Message from Sheikh Abdul Salam:

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmathullah

Dear teachers and Students,

Our Qur'an competition has been re scheduled for Tuesday 13th of June. The competition will now be held from 10:30am to 11:20 am at the School Hall for Kindergarten to Year 2 and 11:20 to 12:10 for Year 3 to Year 9. All teachers are expected to escort their students to the hall, supervising them until the end of the Competition. The Quran Competition will be judged by our guest Shaikh Abu Obaidah Jarah.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday June 16th, 2017 during the Morning Assembly. 1st place will be receiving a trophy along with 2nd and 3rd place who will receive a medal. All participants will be receiving a certificate for participation. Winners of the Quran competition at Hoxton Park will be invited to Malek Fahd Greenacre campus to compete in the inter -school Malek Fahd Quran competition on Monday 19th June. All winning students will need to be taken by their parents to Greenacre for the competition. Sheikh Abdul Salam will meet all Hoxton Park students at Greenacre.



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Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. On Monday 5th June Kindergarten headed to Calmsley Hill City Farm for the day. 'Down on the Farm' we got to meet all the animals including Coco the camel and Delilah the cow. We got up close and personal with snakes and pet some lambs, chicks and rabbits in the nursery. Kindy had a ball on the tractor ride, a bumpy, fast paced tour around the natural land on the farm. We learned that female sheep and cows can grow horns as well as the males can and learned that it takes 21 days for a chicken egg to hatch. We also spotted two beautiful blue peacocks on our adventure. Kindy had the chance to milk a beautiful brown cow. Some students were hesitant at first, but most of our brave Kindergarten got right in there and gave the udder a good squeeze! At the end of the day we watched a stock whip demonstration. A brave farmer effortlessly cracked whips as they dangerously flew around his head. Even Mrs. Kataieh had a crack at a whip! We had a fantastic day and we thank all the staff at Calmsley Hill for a fantastic day out. We look forward to returning soon! Mrs. Kataieh and Mrs. Robbie



Upcoming events and activities - pencil into your diary

Friday 9th June: As part of our charity work for 'Human Appeal – build a well program' students at Hoxton Park will be allowed to dress in Islamic / Cultural attire on this day. A \$2 donation will be given to the class teacher.

Public Holiday: Hoxton Park will be closed on Monday 12th June – Queens Birthday

ICAS testing. Writing on Tuesday 13th June and Spelling Wednesday 14th June.

Green Valley Police visit on Road Safety; Thursday 8th June Constable Mary Watson will visit Hoxton Park and talk to all K-6 students about the importance of Road Safety.

Stephen Lord

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