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Dear Parents/Guardians
Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

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NAPLAN

Malek Fahd continues to do extremely well in NAPLAN with the results above the State average. I have spoken to students, and staff from each Campus congratulating and acknowledging their fine efforts and their dedication to study. As always, we will further analyze these results and, wherever required, use them to improve and enhance the education of our students.

Eid-al-Adha and Eid Carnival

School will on Friday 1st September, break for three days for Eid-al-Adha. School will return on Wednesday 6th of September. **The Eid Carnival** is on Monday 4th September between 10am to 7.00pm at Greenacre Campus. This is a terrific way to celebrate the Eid and I know everyone is excited! There will be something for everyone and the event includes Quran and Choir student presentations. There will also be an animal farm, pony and camel rides, turbo tubs, bungee trampoline, dodgems, sizzler, windjammer, top gun, many stalls and food stalls. Celebrations will finish with a special fireworks display. The team has worked hard to prepare for this special day and we appreciate their outstanding efforts. Those who require a stall at the carnival should contact **Mr Monzer Gabr** direct on **0490330 623**.

Inaugural Gala Dinner



Community building and fundraising were the themes of Malek Fahd's Inaugural Gala Dinner, which was attended by 260 guests. Villa Blanca proved an idyllic setting and guests enjoyed and appreciated inspiring speeches from the Member for Bankstown, **Mrs Tania Mihailuk MP**, **Dr John Bennett**, MFIS Board Chairman, **Dr Fariha Dib** of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairman and our School Chaplain **Sheikh Fawaz**. Guests included the School Board, PAC, Parents, sponsors and wider community members including LMA and Future Movement Australia.

The event was a huge success. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, those who donated auction items, our bidders and all those who worked tirelessly to organise the event. Our thanks to School Captains **Juwariya** and **Saad** for their fine leadership as event MCs, **Mohammad** for the Quran Tilawat, our amazing auctioneers **Amira** and **Samah**, the Student Representative Council (SRC), **Dr Fariha Dib** and the PAC committee, Ms Majedah Taleb, **Ms Ayda Succarie**, the Nasheed Group and, of course, our many staff and event organisers including **Mrs Ali**, **Mrs Khan**, **Mrs Usman** and **Sheikh Fawaz**.



Building Student Confidence

Our School commits to foster student skills and confidence, and we actively encourage participating in public-debating and public-speaking. Our senior students recently attended sessions at Sydney University and during Book Week the School hosted a debating competition with the Australian Islamic College of Sydney. These experiences are bearing great results. This week, I had the pleasure of hearing Year 10 students deliver speeches as the Rise Above presentation evening. I was very impressed with their confidence and delivery. Every week students of all ages at each campus enjoy the opportunity to lead assemblies, recite Quran verses and lead prayer. For Book Week, Hoxton Park primary students performed plays, recited poetry and sang. Last weekend, the Beaumont Hills Choir performed at the Baulkham Hills Shire Orange Blossom Festival and the Science Club led the Year 7 to 10 Science Week Assembly.

A number of students from each Campus will, at the Eid Carnival, recite Quran verses and perform on stage.

The Zenith Club at Beaumont Hills will provide SRC leadership training in public speaking through POWERtalk International. We thank and acknowledge staff across the campuses. Thank you **Ms Jalloul, Ms Ayoubi, Mrs Bragg, Sheikh Bouchafaa, Ms Ferris, Mrs Grand, Ms Chahal, Mrs Alee and Sheikh Abdul Salaam** for your hard work.

Caring for others

Malek Fahd students continue to illustrate their commitment to community service and to others. Last week, thanks to the leadership of **Mrs Saddik**. Greenacre Campus students raised \$2046 on Daffodil Day Cancer research. This week, Hoxton Park SRC held a cake stall to raise money for the building of wells in Africa and Afghanistan. I commend our students for their care, dedication, donations and support for those in need.

Book Week



Across each Campus students and teachers embraced their inner literature talents and dressed up as their favourite book characters to enjoy parades, short drama productions, poetry and song. Students enjoyed a week of activities and writing workshops, organised by the Greenacre English Department. We were privileged to welcome the former Head of English and now author, **Mrs Mala Naidoo**, to speak about her journey as a writer and run several writing workshops. The activities were simply amazing and the experience very special. Congratulations and thank you to **Mrs Naser, Ms Hijazi, Ms Simon and Ms Culleton**. Beaumont Hills will celebrate Book Week with a special assembly, presentations and parade on Friday 8th September.



Science Week



During Week 5, the importance of Science was promoted across the campus in a number of ways including student excursions and incursions, library displays and presentations at each Campus. At Greenacre, the Science Club organised a special assembly and trivia quiz for all students in Years 7 to 10 in the School Hall. The Science Club consists of student members from Year 7-10 and superbly by **Ms Begum**.



Operation Art

We are delighted to announce that Rheanne, one of our students' artwork is being used on the invitation to an art exhibition. From over 500 entries, Rheanne's drawing has been featured on the official invitation. Operation Art is associated with The Children's Hospital at Westmead. The aim of the artwork is to cheer up sick children. Some of the artworks are kept by the hospital and some sent to rural hospitals. The exhibition held at the Armoury Gallery in Sydney Park from 9th September to 29th October.

Students leaving School Early must have a leave pass from the Administration Office that will be shown to Security on the way out of the grounds

Year 12 Presentation Day and Graduation Dinner

Congratulations and thank you to all Year 12 students for their dedicated hard work for, and during their recent HSC Trials. I am confident they will be well rewarded.

On Monday, **Dr Bennett** gave an inspiring speech to Year 12 wishing them every success for their preparation for the coming HSC and for their Presentation Day and Graduation Dinner.

We will have the opportunity to appropriately celebrate Year 12 with their **Presentation Day** that will include the awarding of academic, pastoral and leadership prizes in the presence of their parents and all Year 10 and 11 students on Tuesday 12th September at 10.00am. **Mr Jihad Dib, MP**, will be guest of honour. That same evening will be the Year 12 **Graduation Dinner**.

Leadership for 2018

As we begin the stage of farewelling our current Year 12 students, it is now more important than ever for our current Year 11 students to step into their next level of leadership. Welfare Coordinators are in the process of finalising elections for the Year 12 leadership for 2018. The Boy and Girl Captain and Vice-Captain will be announced during the Year 12 Presentation Day.

First Impressions Count

Recently I received this letter from a member of the public that I thought I should share with you. I have passed it on to the Head of Department.

I am a retired primary school teacher, I taught for 35 years briefly in Sydney but mostly in NSW and later in the ACT. During that time I encountered thousands of children and hundreds of teachers, some wonderful some less so.

Yesterday, while holidaying in Sydney, I visited Mt Keira lookout above Wollongong. As I arrived a bus load of students from your school also arrived.

They divided into two groups one group of about twenty girls were heading in the same direction I was, to the lookout platform.

The girls all looked magnificent in their uniforms and when I asked what school they were from they answered politely. The students were all very excited by the amazing view but sat quietly and listen intently as the teacher spoke to them.

The teacher had a relaxed and friendly manner and the children responded well to her. It was a delight to see such well-behaved, respectful children learning and enjoying themselves. I think if I had had more children like that to teach during my career I would not have retired so soon.

This email probably will mean little to the children but I was so taken by their behaviour and obvious love of life and learning that I felt I should say something.

Would you be so kind as to pass this email on to the teacher and her class.

Keep up the good work.

I wish you all a happy Eid-al-Adha and a joyous time with family.

Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal

