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NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

It's hard to imagine that we are in our last week of completing term three. It has been another very busy Term with students working extremely hard on their studies. The last three weeks have been particularly busy during which we have, apart from the day to day classroom rigor, enjoyed celebrations of Book Week, Eid Carnival, Year 12 Presentation Day and Year 12 Graduation Dinner, fundraising activities, excursions, examinations, Parent / Teacher Interviews, Kindergarten interviews, and sporting gala days.

Rohingya Appeal

The plight of the Rohingya people has become worldwide news. Greenacre Primary Teacher, Mr Mohammed Aniz, has inspired us by leading the MFIS appeal to support the Rohingya people. Letters, asking for financial support, were distributed to all families across the three campuses. Given only a few days to raise funds, the response to date has been outstanding with over \$22,000 being collected across the three campuses. The families of MFIS demonstrate time and time again they have a very big heart and give so generously. Thank you for this generosity. The funds will go directly to the Rohingya people in Burma.

Kindergarten 2018 Interviews and Orientation

Interviews have been undertaken and completed. The process of selecting children is not easy. At Greenacre some 300 children have been interviewed for 180 placements. Parents have been advised of the success of their child's acceptance to Malek Fahd. They have been requested to pay the non-refundable deposit of \$200 to confirm the acceptance of the child to the school. Vacancies may occur and the administration team will be in contact with parents whose children are on the waiting list.

This year, for the first time, each child entering Kindergarten will have three orientation sessions. It is essential that children attend all three sessions. At the first orientation session there will be a special meeting with all new parents to discuss the expectations of the School and the support they can provide their child in preparing them for school.

Over the coming days our new Kindergarten students will receive a letter and a special gift to welcome them to Malek Fahd Islamic School.

Year 9 and 11 subject selections 2018

The process of subject selection for our students at Greenacre and Beaumont Hills has been long and extensive. For 2018, we will be offering additional courses in an attempt to meet the students' needs and academic directions. Details and results of the subject selections will be available early Term 4.

2018 Leadership

It is my privilege to announce the 2018 School Captains: Jahin Tanvir and Yasmeen Ghamraoui and Vice-Captain Mohamed Hmeidouch and Amani Ellaz. They have quickly got down to work and their first project is arranging a fund and awareness raising events for Pink Ribbon Day Week two of Term 4. We wish them every success in their role as leaders of our very fine student body for 2018. The senior **SRC** will be announced in the coming days.

School Nurse

I am delighted to welcome Dr Rahena Mainaz as our school nurse. Many students already have made contact with Dr Rahena. She is based in Greenacre Primary.

Celebrating Year 12

Year 12 Presentation Day

This was a wonderful occasion where we had the opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and thank the outstanding academic levels and involvement in community service of our very fine Year 12 students. The prize-giving ceremony was the first of its kind at Malek Fahd. It included speeches, academic awards, Dux, pastoral and community service prizes, Long Tan Award, Chairman, Sheikh and Principal's awards. It was attended by Year 12 students, their parents, students from Years 10 and 11, Board and PAC members as well as special guests. It was a formal affair, appropriate for the acknowledgement of the academic success of the students and their schooling years at MFIS.



I have been very impressed with the leadership of the SRC. In particular, I acknowledged Vice Captain's Saheema, Samah, Hassan and Mohamed and School Captains Saad and Juwariya for their inspirational leadership and assistance to others.

The last two years have been difficult times for the school. I can assure you that behind the scenes the School Board works tirelessly to keep the School open. I acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Dr Dib and the Parents Advisory Committee. Teachers have been simply amazing as they dedicated weekends and all of the recent holidays

to ensure students were calm, focused and completed their academic studies. During these difficult times, students could have been so easily distracted, yet they maintained focus and worked hard on their studies. I am most grateful to the leadership and dedication of Sheikh Fawaz, Mr Ahmed, Mr Dib, my Executive team, Heads of Campus, Welfare, Sheikhs, Heads of Department, teachers and our hard working administration staff who all work as one to support the education of each child.

Thank you parents for your support and encouragement. You are inspiration to your children and to the whole school community. It is an honour to teach your child and I thank you on behalf of the school for this opportunity.

I have encouraged Year 12 to enjoy their few days of celebration and then quickly return to studies in preparation for their HSC. I look forward to reading outstanding results and celebrating with them at the end of the year.

Graduation Dinner

In the past week, over 70 Year 12 students walked across the stage of Villa Blanca Reception to receive their graduation certificates. The event was attended by over 300 people including Board Members, PAC, staff, parents and students.

The evening commenced with a beautiful Quranic recitation by our student Mohamed Ferkh. Members of staff then addressed the graduates with words of advice which were both wise and heartfelt. The graduates were then each presented with their certificate of graduation. The Year 12 Captains Juwariya Malik and Saad Ahmed and Vice Captains Samah Salami and Mohamed Omari then recalled the memorable moments of their schooling at MFIS, provided entertaining commentary on what the future has in stall for graduating students and thanked their parents and teachers for their role in shaping their life. The night concluded with videos showing a snapshot of the students' experiences.

Each one of our students put in the hard work and dedication to achieve this tremendous goal. The window of opportunity is now open for these students; whether that be higher education, career training or entering the workforce. We encourage our graduates to achieve their goals and fulfil all of their dreams.



A special thank you to all staff who helped make this night possible. Our welfare coordinators, Mrs. Kbbar and Mr. Khoder were terrific hosts for the event.

Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2017. Your success is our success.

PDHPE Report

On Thursday, 14th September, four girls' teams from our school attended the Western Sydney Islamic Gala Day at The Crest. They played oz-tag against multiple schools such as Belfield College, Al Amanah, Al Sadiq College, Western Grammar and Rissalah College. Accompanied by Ms Mitchell, all teams showed excellent sportsmanship and skill throughout the day. The Year 7 and 8 team made it into the junior grand final and played against each other while the Year 9 and 10 team made it into the senior grand final and also played against each other. Congratulations to the Year 8 and Year 9 teams on their win!



2017 Education Perfect Science, English and Mathematics Championships



Education Perfect is an online platform designed to make learning fun, engaging and effective. The students were tested on all elements of Science, English and Mathematics from the Australian and NSW curriculum. They gained points by answering questions and as they reached certain thresholds, they earned certificates and went into the draw to win great prizes. The competition attracted some 80,000 competitors from around the world.

Gold Award represents the top 2% of competitors. Our students have performed at an outstanding level. Rizwan Sattar of 9B1 has been offered an opportunity to apply for an all-expenses paid Internship by Education Perfect for achieving Gold in the Mathematics and English championships. Congratulations to all.

English Winners

Bronze: 7B1 Hasnain Bhurawala

8G1 Fatima Al Mamar, Leeya Ali, Sarah El-Khatib, Fatema Zarin, Sidra Sharfuddin, Hafsah Khan, 9B1 Enes Gide, Hussein Firas, Samil Cetin, Haseeb Amer, Zuran Aftab, Rafin Haque, Saad Islam, Uqbah Kabir, Issac Keany, Eric Khan, Roshan Mujeeb, Abdurrahman Yustika, 9G1 Areebah Hossain, 10B1 Ahmad Adam

Silver: 9B1 Rizwan Sattar

Gold: 8G1 Sumiya Afrin, 9B1 Md Rafid Hossa Saleh, Rizwan Sattar

Science Winners

Bronze: 10G1 Nusrat Samiya, Sarah Al-Jelani

Silver: 9B1 Rizwan Sattar

Gold: 7B1 Sidratul Islam, 9G1 Faaizah Farhat

Mathematics Winners

Gold: 9B1 Rizwan Sattar

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz (ANCQ) – 2017

Malek Fahd Islamic School recently participated in the ANCQ which is a unique chemical education activity. It provides a major focus for Secondary School students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way.

The results of **MFIS students** who participated in the **2017 ANCQ** is as follows:

Intermediate (Year 9 & 10)

Credit = 4 (Afrina Islam 9G1, Isaac Keany 9B1, Rizwan Sattar 9B1 & Zainab Al-Jamal 10G1)

Distinction = 3 (Yuya Win 9G1, Ahmed Abid 10B1, Eman Wehbe 10G1)

Senior (Year 11)

Credit = 2 (Reem Hassanin 11G1 & Ali Sultani 11B1)

Distinction = 2 (Muhtasim Ahmed 11B1, Aisha Jalal 11G1)

Senior (Year 12)

Credit = 4 (Aniqa Aamir 12G1, Shakeel Cameron 12B1, Fateha Islam 12G1 & Amina Zaman 12G1)

Distinction = 5 (Saad Ahmed 12B1, Fawaz Fazeel 12B1, Hassan Mehieddine 12B1, Reslan Mohammed 12B1, Sara Refaat 12G1)

High Distinction = 1 (Fahim Rahman 12B1)

Operation Art

In my last newsletter, we acknowledged Rheanne whose artwork was featured on the official invitation and at the Armoury Gallery and has been acquired for ANTSO to display in their offices for 12 months after which, will be donated to a regional hospital for permanent display. Now we celebrate Fatima's successful artwork. Fatima's artwork has also been acquired as part of 'Art Bank' and will also be donated to a regional hospital for permanent display.

These two girls have made a positive gesture by cheering up sick kids. Thank you girls and well done! Keep up the fantastic work!

Year 12 Booklist

Students starting the HSC course next term can order the Year 12 text books from the School supplier, Five Senses.

Orders can be placed online at www.fivesenseseducation.com.au

EID Carnival

The carnival was a great success and a wonderful day for the School community. Children of all ages enjoyed the rides, the stalls and the fireworks. It was wonderful to see the Primary Hall filled to standing room only for the student Quran presentations and performances from all three campuses.

Staff dedicated much time to rehearsing and preparing the students. So many people took part in preparing for the Carnival for which I am most grateful and appreciative. Thank you to staff who volunteered to assist with the Carnival. Funds raised have been donated back to the School.



Jump Rope for Heart



Jump Rope for Heart is an organization promoting fitness amongst school children across Australia. The program is designed to encourage a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and heart health. Skipping is the activity that is used to promote the development of lifelong healthy habits.

This year, Greenacre Primary campus will be taking part in Jump Rope for Heart competition, organized by Ms Swanbury, early Term 4. To help inspire students to be part of the competition, the School hosted Newbridge Heights Public School to demonstrate their skills.

2018 Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2018. These dates have also been published on the school website.

First Term

Tuesday, 30th January to Friday, 13th April 2018

Good Friday: 30th March 2018

Easter Monday: 2nd April 2018

School Holidays: Monday, 16th April to Monday, 30th April 2018

Second Term

Tuesday, 1st May to Friday, 6th July 2018

Queen's Birthday: Monday, 11th June 2018

School Holidays: Monday, 9th July to Monday, 23rd July 2018

Third Term

Tuesday, 24th July to Friday, 28th September 2018

School Holidays: Monday, 1st October to Sunday, 14th October 2018

Fourth Term

Monday, 15th October to Friday, 7th December 2018

School Holidays: Monday, 10th December to Tuesday, 29th January 2019

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing students and staff return Monday, 9th October, bright and refreshed ready for a strong academic Term 4.

Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal