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Assalamualaikom wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We extend a warm welcome to all our students and parents, and especially our new students and their families. We hope you enjoy your time with us as you learn and grow at MFIS.

As you may have noticed, Ms Qadan has replaced Mr Lord, who will be the Acting Head of Campus at Hoxton Park for the rest of the year. We wish him all the best in this wonderful opportunity.

Ms Vikashni has also taken up an opportunity and has transferred to our Beaumont Hills campus. We also wish her the very best.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and are already in full swing of our teaching programs. A few things for parents to be aware of for Term 1.

School Photo day

School Photos will be held on **Tuesday 7th March 2017**. To make it an enjoyable experience, please be reminded that our students must be neatly presented and dressed in their full school uniform for the occasion.

Sport Carnivals

Our Sport carnivals for the grades will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 14th March 2017 – Grades 5 and 6

Thursday 16th March – Grades 3 and 4

Tuesday 21st March – Kindy to Year 2

PSSA

PSSA will be starting on Friday 24th February. Please be reminded that all students in grades 4, 5 and 6 must participate in Friday Sports. Refunds are not given if a student is absent.

Excursions

Year 2 Teachers have already organised an excursion for their students to enhance the History unit of work 'Past and Present'. Students will be comparing what school was like in the past to their own experiences by visiting the NSW Old Schoolhouse Museum.

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Attendance

School attendance is compulsory for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. If your child is unwell, they should stay at home to recover. Sometimes children are unwell for a lengthy period of time, in this case please remember to inform the school by calling 8372 7800 or emailing psadmin@mfs.nsw.edu.au.

It is also very important that all student absences are explained. Please note not all reasons provided are accepted, and in such cases your child's absence will be recorded as unapproved, and the classroom teacher will speak to you regarding such absences.

Leave during the School term

Our school strongly discourages children being taken out during our teaching terms for holidays. We encourage families to take advantage of our long school breaks for holidays instead. The best learning takes place when a child is actively engaged with the teacher, and interacting with their peers. Learning is not as simple as completing answers in a text book.

School hours and Punctuality

Just a reminder that children have to be at school by 8:45am, for the morning assembly. The morning assembly is part of our school activities, whereby students' get the opportunity to recite Quran and Dua, what a wonderful way to start each school day!

School starts at 8:45am. Yrs K – 2 finish at 3:10pm. Yrs 3 – 6 finish at 3:20pm.

Parking on school grounds

Help us to keep our children safe by following the speed limit in and around our school. Drivers are requested to follow the traffic instructions given by our staff. Remember when parking, not to block other cars or traffic from leaving the school grounds.

Lost property

In order to be able to return lost items to their owners, we request that all school items, including shoes, are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Any lost property that is not labelled and not collected by the end of each Term will be removed. Lost property is located in the canteen area.

Wassalams



Ms El-Ahmad

Head of Campus - Primary

AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY Find Your Story at the 2016 BOOK FAIR!



Thank you to all the MFIS students, teachers and parents who helped make the 2016 Book Fair a great success. From the moment you trekked to blazing hot Uluru, you truly stumbled upon a 'beaut' reading spot by the billabong filled with 'bonzer' books. Even Clifford the Big Red Dog shared his enthusiasm about books and reading with MFIS students. MFIS benefited greatly from all purchases. New resources will be purchased in 2017 to further support your child's education and the implementation of new curriculum this year. A special mention also to the parents who so generously donated a book to the school so our students may continue discovering 'cracker' books in the library's reading 'country'.

Congratulations to the Book Fair competition winners: Ibrahim (KR); Muhammaf Chami (KR); Jacob Skaf (KB); Omar Sayed Ahmad (KG); Ibrahim Mourad (KO); Sarah Hassani (KO); Fatima Addouj (1R); Ftaima Shahzad (!R); Jamila Saddick (1P); Qurnia Azhar Harahap (1O); Lukman Hussein (1G); Abdelrahman N (1B); Rihanna Saadie (2R); Adyan (2B); Omar D (2Y); Ranim (2G); Muhammad Arja (2P); Daniah Gabr (3Y); Abdurrohimi Mapporengi (3Y); Anilla Khan (3Y); Jehan (3P); Abdullah (3P); Karim Najjar (4Y); Omar Kawafa (4Y); Raiyyan Ahmad (4G); Yahya (4G); Abdul Wahab Mohamed (4B); Amani Allam (5B); Alyssa Elkheir (5G); Mifrah Raiz (5O); Safa (5P); Adam Abdat (5P); Abdullah Arja (5R); Sahar El Ali (5Y); Shahveer Malik (6BB); Mahidul Islam (6BG); Assiyah Bashir (6BGP); Rawan Dabous (6GR); Armani Sakr (6GY) and Raneem Hraichie (6GY).

And a big 'hooray' to 3Y 2016 for creating the best 'Aussie' door to enter their classroom and then 'plonk themselves down' to read and enjoy a 'red-hot' book!



Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

Welfare and Curriculum

I'd like to give a special welcome to all students and their families. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday and look forward to an exciting and inspiring year ahead.

Thank you to all the parents for ensuring that your child/children have returned to school looking smart in full uniform, right down to their polished **black leather shoes**. Students in particular are reminded to **wear a hat** for outside activities.

Hair – General Styles, regardless of gender should be neat, tidy, and not of an extreme nature. Use of hair dyes, streaks and coloured tips are not appropriate. **Girls Hair** below shoulder length is to be tied up neatly for Grades Kindergarten to Year 2. Hair accessories are to be in school colours.

Boys Hair should be **'short, one level and well groomed'**, completely off the collar, not over the eyes or tucked behind the ears.

MFIS strongly supports the wearing of full school uniform by students and the upholding of high standards of dress. Part of being a student at MFIS is to wear the school uniform with pride reflecting the Islamic ethos of modesty.

By now you would have received an overview of what your child will be learning at school this term. As a parent of a primary school student, you may also find this website of particular interest as it contains direct links to various guides about your child's learning.

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/>

Throughout the year, I hope to include some relevant articles and interesting tips in our regular newsletters, with the first about how to talk to your child about their school day.

Wasalaam

Ms Mourad
Welfare & Curriculum Coordinator

What Does Your Child Do At School?

Have you ever asked your child what they did at school today only to receive the stock-standard "not much" or "nothing" response? Take heart. There is an easier way to get something out of 'nothing'.

Professor Stephen Dinham, a research director at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), says the best conversation starter about your child's day is not based on what they did at school but what the teacher has said to them about their work. "Don't ask them what they did today, what they enjoyed at school or what they learnt," Stephen says.

"Ask them, 'What feedback did you get about your learning today?'"

In other words, "What did your teacher say about your work today?"

Stephen, who has done extensive research into the factors that help kids do well at school, says children have four needs – the most outstanding being how they can improve in their work.

"They want to know what they can do, what they can't do, how their work compares to others, but the one they really want to know is how they can do better," he says.

Good feedback from teachers can have an almost "immediate positive effect" on a child's learning, Stephen says. And it's that information that your children will want to share with you.

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