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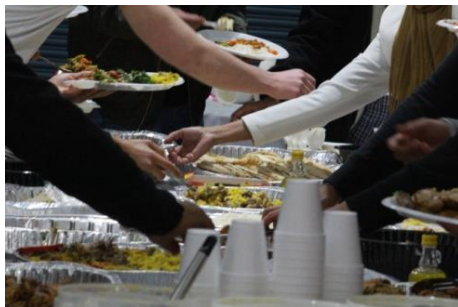
On behalf of Greenacre Secondary I would like to wish everyone Ramadan Mubarak.

## New Staff in Term 2

We welcomed new staff members to Greenacre Secondary this Term; Ms Jinane Ghamraoui in the Islamic Studies Department, Mr Mustafa Roubaie in the HSIE Department and Mr Albert Wehbe as the new Head of Department for Arabic. All come with excellent credentials and inshallah will contribute positively to our school.

## Iftar Dinner Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May,

This was a wonderful evening of celebration and worship, organised by the SRC under the guidance of Mr Khoder and Ms Kbbar. Thank you also to Ms Boraïda and Ms Parker. With over 300 in attendance and special guests, which included Mr Jihad Dib and Ms Tania Michalek the evening was a great success. Thank you to Nour Al Hammouri for providing the photos.



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## Curriculum -Ms Bragg

- All students participated in NAPLAN tests. The results are due for release in August with a full national report due in December. In addition, Years 7-10 students have the opportunity to participate in ICAS Science (29 May), English (31 July) and Mathematics (14 August) competitions administered by UNSW Global. ICAS is a comprehensive educational program assessing higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. Participants will receive a printed certificate and a report showing the student's comparative performance against the reporting region.
- Streaming of Year 8 English and Year 9 and 10 Mathematics is proving to be a success where teaching strategies are better able to cater for the individual needs of students. We look forward to streaming of Arabic by the end of this term.
- The English faculty will be running an English competition on Education Perfect where students will have the opportunity to win pizza, Dymocks vouchers and books. This will start in Week 7.
- Half-Yearly exams begin 30 May. Best of luck to all students. Prepare well and seek Allah's guidance.

### Elevate Study Skills/Time Management Workshops

The year 8 boys and girls concluded these study skills sessions this term in week 4. Independent learning skills, time management skills and techniques so as to take ownership of the academic demands of high school were presented and taught to the students. The students were equipped with skills needed to cope with the literacy demands of high school work (also as an early intervention to prepare them for NAPLAN). We encourage parents to attend the follow-up session that will be run at the school. The aim of this session is to inform parents of strategies to help their children in their home environment. The Year 12 cohort has recently completed an Elevate study skills workshop in preparation for their HSC exams. Year 7 will be involved with a similar workshop in the coming weeks.

### Year 11 Personal Development and Physical Education

#### Real Bodies Excursion

On Thursday 17 May my PDHPE class visited the Entertainment Quarter in Surry Hills to attend the Real Bodies Exhibition. The excursion was organised by our teacher, Mr. Spotswood to further develop our knowledge and understanding of The Body in Motion which we are currently studying.

What are we made of? Where do we come from? Why are we here? These are the questions we ask to understand who we are and what is going on inside of our bodies. This was our first Year 11 excursion and we were lucky enough to attend the exhibition to find our answers. This exhibition uses real human specimens to explore the complexity of the human form by following a system-by-system approach. Along the way we also explore elements such as breathing, hunger and the rhythm of the heart and their significance. Since we already had prerequisite knowledge of each of the body systems, we were able to identify specimens quite easily such as bones, joints, muscles and more. It is always best to extend our learning as we were provided the opportunity to a real-life view of the content covered in our lessons at school.

We were able to carefully and thoroughly examine the structures of the human body which was a surreal experience and were also given the opportunity to appreciate and develop an understanding of the fragments in our body that supports us to provide movement, to breathe, or basically any action that keeps us alive and healthy. On the walls of the site, there was an interesting quote, "When people ask me what the most important thing is in life, I answer: 'Just breathe,'" which made us realise that life begins with a breath. Overall, it can be said that this excursion was an interesting and eye-opening event that everyone must definitely visit.





## AFL-BACHAR HOULI CUP

On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, a team of year 10 boys participated in the 2018 Bachar Houli Cup. The Bachar Houli Cup is a national program that provides students an opportunity to participate and celebrate diversity in an AFL 9's competition.

On a stunning Autumn day twelve, year 10 students travelled to Progress Park, Auburn to represent our school in the annual AFL Gala Day.

It was an arduous task as the competition consisted of 13 teams from 12 local independent and government schools. Led by Our captain Gabriel El-Cheikh the boys were poised and focused on the tasks they were faced with. After defeating Punchbowl Boys 24-16 our confidence grew. Second round proved tough but our boys' determination resulted in a 2-point win against AICS. In the final round of the draw Malek Fahd crushed Sir Joseph Banks High School cementing a position in the semi-final against Unity Grammar. It was an intense and close semi-final that came down to the last few minutes and unfortunately that was the end of our tremendous efforts, in a narrow loss to Unity who won the final.

### Team List:

Gabriel El-Cheikh (c)	Zayd Kurdi
Ahmad Skaf	Adam Kamaz
Hamam Al Aabdullah	Zayn Elkheir
Imran Hussein	Mouhammed Bakr
Hamza Zia	Abdul Hamid Ghazzaoui
Hasan Elarayfi	Khalid Mohamed

On behalf of all staff and students we are pleased with the efforts in which our team represented our school as



highly competitive, well-

mannered and proud individuals.

**Mr A. Merhi – PDHPE**

Ramadan is a time of reflection and correction. Here at Malek Fahd Secondary, Greenacre we have embraced the spirit of this holy month. Students participating in many events such as Charity drives, home room activities and sporting Gala days have really shown the true character of the Muslim youth.

Ramadan Kareem

Yours Sincerely



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Dib'.

Ali Dib  
Head of Campus Secondary