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Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are halfway into Term 1. Staff and students at Greenacre Secondary have had a busy month. The students have settled well, and many milestones have already been met. Much gratitude to the parents for their support of the Greenacre Secondary Campus and its staff.

Islamic Pedagogy - First session for Greenacre Secondary

In line with the whole school approach to Islamic Pedagogy Greenacre Secondary has embraced and will complete a series of professional learning twilight sessions across Terms 1 to 3.

The first of four Islamic Pedagogy Sessions was delivered on Wednesday and Thursday (17th -18th February) to Greenacre Secondary staff. The sessions ran from 3:45pm-5:30pm. Staff were appointed to groups for parts of the sessions where they were able to participate, engage and contribute to discussions.

Curriculum - Students have completed five weeks of the curriculum program in each of their subjects. Students have undergone some form of testing and assessment programs are well underway.

Parent Information Sessions

Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) Parent Information session was held on Friday 19th February, Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) on Wednesday 24th February and Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) on Friday 26th February in the Secondary Hall. The sessions were also live streamed to give access to parents unable to attend. The sessions presented on subjects offered, Home Room, sports program, assessments, teaching programs and many other important topics relating to our educational programs. The sessions were very popular with over one hundred parents attending each session. The Stage 4, 5 and 6 handbooks and the slides used in the presentations of the sessions are available on the School website.



HSC Minimum Standard Tests

Students need reading, writing and numeracy for everyday life after school. We support our students to meet a minimum standard of literacy. Year 11 completed their NESA Minimum Standards tests for Numeracy, Literacy and writing during weeks 4 and week 5.

Interim Reports

Parents of Years 7-10 students will soon be receiving their child's Interim report. This report provides a snapshot of how your child has engaged in their learning across the first weeks of the new school year in selected subject areas. (English, Mathematics, Science). The report considers your child's work habits, behaviour in class and their attitudes towards their work. A full academic report, including marks and comments on all subjects will be sent to you in Terms 2 and 4. We encourage you to review this report and discuss it with your child.

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Year 11 Biology excursion

A Year 11 Biology excursion to Long Reef Collaroy took place on Wednesday 24th February. Year 11 Biology students undertook a study of marine ecosystems at Long Reef as part of their Depth Study in Biology. Students conducted sampling and collected data on rock platform fauna and flora. Data collected formed a valuable part of their assessment. Students enjoyed their experience immensely as we kicked off our first field trip for 2021!



Medicine information session

Organised by our Careers Advisor, The Medicine Information session was held on Monday 15th February in the Secondary Hall from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Ahmed Abid an Alumni into his second year of a medical degree at the University of Sydney presented the session. Student numbers attending was a big increase on the previous year. Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park joined Greenacre Secondary through MS Teams. Year 10,11 and 12 students are reminded to keep a look out for the Careers newsletter that is published at least twice per term by Mrs Khallaf.



Clubs

Dedicated staff at Greenacre Secondary will be leading a number of clubs across a variety of interest areas aimed at keen and interested students. The establishment of these clubs are aimed to provide students the opportunity to participate and develop skills.

- Keyboard Club: The Greenacre Keyboard Club for girls in Years 7-10 meets every Tuesday lunchtime in the new music theatre (C9).
- Drum Club: The Drum Club for boys in Years 7 & 8 at Greenacre campus meets in the music theatre (C9) each Thursday lunchtime.
- The Robotics Club will be starting up soon with the TAS coordinator, Mr Naidu.
- A Chess club is also in its early stages of being set up by Mr Ahmed Shehabat. We will be placing an order for some Chess boards. The club will be allocated a room/s. Students will be required to register. We are looking at setting up inter school competitions in the future.
- Anasheed group: Headed by the Islamic studies department.

Year 7 Immunisation Program

NSW Health works with schools to offer human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) vaccines to Year 7 students in a school-based vaccination program. These vaccines are recommended by the National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and funded under the National Immunisation Program.

Consent forms have been sent home for the Dose 1 Vaccination. Please sign and return the form by Friday 5th March 2021. The vaccination shot will be administered to Year 7 students on Monday 22nd March.

Events

Cyber Bullying Workshop

The local Police Liaison Officer visited our Greenacre Secondary Campus on Wednesday 17th February. He presented a talk on Cyber Bullying and Cyber Safety. The session was presented to all Year 7 students and was a planned event, part of the Wellbeing program. The workshop was relevant, presenting issues involving social media and online bullying that generally arise. This workshop aligned with our Home Room Theme for the month of February about social connectedness, digital citizenship and family and friends.



Important message to Parents-Notification of official roll call time for Greenacre Secondary Students

Dear Parent

The school is legally required to take student attendance every day and notify parents as soon as possible about students who are not at school. At Greenacre Secondary campus, our policy is to notify parents of their child's absence by 9:15am. To do this, we must take the official roll call as early in the Period 1 class as possible.

From **Monday 8 March**, teachers have been instructed to take the **official roll call at 8:33am**, as soon as Sheikh's Dua has finished. Teachers must submit the roll by 8:35am.

Please be reminded that:

- Students must be **on campus before 8:25am**.
- When the warning bell rings at 8:25am, students must make their way to their Period 1 class and be **seated and ready for Dua at 8:30am**.
- The learning of other students is disrupted when students come late to class and significant learning time is lost.
- If a student is **late to school 3 times**, they will be put on **afternoon detention**.
- If there is a legitimate reason for lateness to school, you must provide this reason in writing to the school.

Please note that if you have any difficulty in regularly getting your child to school before 8:25am, you can contact your child's Welfare Coordinator to discuss how the school can support you.

Welfare Coordinators

Years 8, 9, 10 Boys Ms Bahija Elmir

Years 7, 11, 12 Boys Ms Samara Jalloul

Years 7, 9, 11 Girls Ms Nasheen Parker

Years 8, 10, 12 Girls Ms Hanade Saddik

If you have any further questions about this notification or the school's legal obligations and attendance policy and procedures, please don't hesitate to contact me via email ali@mfis.nsw.edu.au or Deputy Head of Campus Ms Nachar lnachar@mfis.nsw.edu.au. We can also be reached by phone on 8732 7800.

Students will not be accepted into class after 8:33am without a late note.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is at school on time and ready to learn.

Reminders

Opal Cards 2021

Bus Services have requested that I inform parents and students of the importance of having School Opal cards. Students need to tap on and off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

If your child does not have a School Opal card or their details have changed then please visit www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/. Damaged or lost School Opal cards can be replaced by completing the form found at <https://ssts%1fapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace><https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ReplaceCard.html>

Traffic

Please make every effort to abide by traffic rules when dropping off and picking up your child from School. Please show due respect to all Staff on duty at these times. We are all working together to keep all children safe.

Please note Suttons, Chullora management would appreciate no parents blocking their driveways whilst dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon. Parents need to be aware that cars and delivery trucks need to use their driveways throughout the day, and this is why it needs to remain clear. Council rangers will be notified to fine any parents parking illegally on their property.

Please be aware EWE Global Express Transport Group will be operating out of the industrial complex next to our school. Their management would appreciate no parents blocking their driveway whilst dropping off or picking up children in the morning or afternoon. Parents need to be aware trucks will be using their driveways throughout the day.

I look forward to your continued support, wishing everyone all the best during the months of Rajab and Sha'ban as we lead into Ramadan.



Yours Sincerely

Ali Dib
Head of Campus Secondary