



4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Term 1 is nearing its conclusion. I would like to thank Staff, parents and students for their contributions in making this term such a success. The last day of Term for students will be on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. I would like to wish all parents and students a safe and happy holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April for the start of Term 2.

I would like to remind parents that Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next week, Week 11. These interviews provide excellent opportunities for parents to discuss their child's progress with their subject teachers. Teachers will also provide advice on suggestions for further progress. The schedule for each Year level is listed below.

## TERM 1, WEEK 11

### Secondary School Parent Teacher Afternoon

4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

<b><u>Tuesday- 9/4/19</u></b> Year 7 Year 9 Year 11	<b><u>Thursday 11/4/19</u></b> Year 8 Year 10 Year 12
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### Year 6 at High School Science Lab - Ms. S Hamid

It is great to see the Secondary Campus working hand in hand with the Primary Campus in a lot of ways. One such example is with our Year 6 classes recently having an opportunity to experience a Secondary Science lesson in the Secondary Science Labs.

In week 8 of Term 1 2019 the Year 6 kids eagerly made their way down from primary into the science labs of high school. It was here, eyes gleaming with excitement, that the year 6 students took a glance into the world of microorganisms through the microscopes provided by Ms. Hamid's Biology Lab. The students enthusiastically gathered round the different samples of microorganisms placed upon the stage of the microscope ranging from; bacteria, viruses, protozoa to algae. Their enthusiasm radiated around the room as they glanced upon a new world of organisms, enthusiastically drawing what they could see, bubbling to share their findings with their classmates.

This lesson was not only exciting for the Year 6 students, but also very educational. Through a booklet prepared by the teachers, the students were asked a range of different questions. These questions needed the students to apply what they had learned with their teachers previously paired with the findings that they had acquired today in the lab. To say we were pleased with their answers would be an understatement. The Year 6 students speedily provided responses of quality and did so with eagerness and interest.

Alhamdulillah the trip down the high school science labs was successfully. The year 6 students were not only engaged but learnt more about the world of microorganisms. Inshallah this trip has fueled them with the excitement that they need for the high school journey they will embark on next year.

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## Curriculum Coordinator – Ms Bragg

1. **NESA entries** - Year 10, 11 and 12 students are encouraged to monitor their academic and personal records through *Students Online* on the NESA website. Please advise Mrs Bragg if updates are required.
2. **VET** - The eight boys continue to attend Ingleburn TAFE on Tuesday afternoons, using transport arranged by the School. The boys are enjoying the course and are on the second topic out of eight in total. They look forward to a work placement in Term 2.
3. **Compression** - The 12 students studying Mathematics and 17 studying Biology are progressing well through the Compression courses. The first HSC assessments will be in early Term 2. All HSC students will be ranked together.
4. **Assessments** - Most students are working well as we approach the end of Term 1. Students across years 7-12 are currently working through a range of assessments. Teachers will use a range of data including results from class tests, assignments, homework classroom observations and behaviour to discuss the academic progress of your child during the Term 1 Parent- Teacher evenings. Mathematics students will also have one-hour exams in Week 10 as part of this data.

## Science – Ms Khan

Term 1 – 2019 has been very eventful for the Science Department. There were assessment tasks due in all stages of Science along with incursions and excursions. Some of the interesting events for this term were: Y11 Biology Excursion to Long Reef for the study of the Ecosystem, Y11 Chemistry Excursion to ANSTO for the study of Radioactive Isotopes, Y12 Chemistry Excursion to The University of Sydney, Y12 Earth and Environmental Science Excursion to Collaroy, Y10 Science Excursion to Wollongong Space Station, Y9 Science Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park as well as Y8 Science Incursion – Matter and Energy Show. The Science Department would like to thank all the parents for their support as well as all their hardworking and dedicated staff in making Term 1 an efficacious Term.

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## Camp Year 7-10 Boys

Camp notes have been issued for Year 7 –Year 10 Boys. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in outdoor activities and sporting events to enhance their confidence and fitness. Students will be encouraged to build a rapport with one another, enhancing their social skills. Camp is an excellent learning experience for the following reasons.

- Camp pushes students out of their comfort zone and exposes them to new activities and unfamiliar experiences.
- Campers get the opportunity to try out different things and discover new hobbies or passions. By exploring various types of activities, students have a greater chance of finding something that they excel at or that makes them happy.
- Students learn to communicate and to work together as part of a team and to be a leader through various team-building activities.
- It provides students with the core values of a strong, moral individual by teaching them about ethics, honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

## Activities and Events Greenacre Secondary – Wellbeing –Mr B Khoder and Ms H Kbbbar

- International Women’s Day School Assembly – The School marked this special day with a school assembly on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The school leaders delivered a speech on this years’ theme which was **#Balance for Better**. This theme focused on celebrating women’s achievements, raising awareness against bias and taking action for inequality. The School leader’s address was followed by a slide show presentation and then an address from our special guest Ms. Ramia Abdo Sultan who is a legal professional.
- National Day of Action against Bullying (15<sup>th</sup> March) – All secondary students received a ribbon which they wore during week 7 to help raise awareness of this important issue. Murals were set up in Greenacre secondary and students contributed to the mural by writing messages or leaving artwork or poems based on the theme of ‘bullying no way’. These murals were framed and put up in our High School Hall.
- Senior students commenced nursing home visits to BUPA Aged Care Bankstown on 25<sup>th</sup> March. The first visit went very well. The elderly residents were so excited to see our students and made the most of the time they had to talk to them. Our students were very courteous and patient and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the residents. The staff at the facility was very grateful to our school for facilitating the visits. At this stage, these visits will occur fortnightly and all senior students will be given the opportunity to participate. Our students will provide companionship, play board games, and help with gardening and arts and crafts during future visits.
- Shoe box for Syria (25<sup>th</sup> of March) –Greenacre Secondary participated in this great cause to raise awareness of people/communities that are less fortunate and to foster care and compassion in our students. With over 5000 brand new items generously donated from all 3 campuses, the organisers of the donation were overwhelmed with the generosity of our school community and sent a video message thanking the students, parents and school.
- Brigidine College Visit (27<sup>th</sup> March) – Students from the secondary campus attended Brigidine college as part of an interfaith experience. Upon arrival, our students engaged in a meet and greet session with the Brigidine students followed by morning tea. Students then participated in a Q & A session where students from both schools asked questions regarding religious practices in order to gain a better understanding of the other religion. The questions were insightful and were answered thoroughly. Soon after, the students participated in a school tour and then a whole school assembly. In the assembly, our School Captain Yasmine Bizri and Vice-Captain Yasmine Kheir spoke about Islam and their experience as young Muslim women growing up in Australia. The executive staff from Brigidine was very impressed with the captains’ address, remarking that their address was so heart-felt and enlightening. After assembly, we joined Brigidine staff and students for lunch.
- Elevate Study Skills (5<sup>th</sup> March) – Year 10 participated in a study skills workshop at the Greenacre Secondary campus. These study skills workshops focus on time management, the development of academic skills and self-regulation.

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- Harmony Day (21<sup>st</sup> March) – Greenacre Secondary celebrated Harmony Day. Malek Fahd Islamic School embraces many races, cultures and languages. In our diversity, we share common values. We value harmony and cultural diversity, both in our School and in the wider community. We want to build on this sense of unity and collaboration to underpin our thoughts and attitude. Wellbeing staff and the HSIE department compiled short videos that portrayed the meaning of harmony. These videos were presented at the whole school assembly.
- Interfaith panel (19<sup>th</sup> March) - Greenacre Secondary hosted an Interfaith Session with Rabbi Zalman Kastel, Father Patrick McInerney and Sheikh Fawaz for a panel/forum on the importance of breaking down barriers. These are considered essential skills for our students to develop in the upper ends of secondary, especially as they move towards completing their HSC. Years 11 and 12 students attended and had the opportunity to engage in a Q and A session with the leaders. This is the first of many events to build bridges of understanding with the wider community. As not all students were able to attend, wellbeing staff recorded the session, produced a video and replayed the video during harmony day assembly. This was also a show of solidarity and support from different faiths in the wake of the Christchurch attack.

**Parents Parking Please note, Suttons Chullora 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 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.**

## Holiday ideas

**DO TIME TO STOP YOUTH CRIME**  
PCYC LIVERPOOL  
**MULTI-SPORT FUN DAY**  
**FREE ENTRY!!**

Games and Activities Where: Edwin Wheeler Oval, Sadleir  
BBQ When: Monday 15th April  
Arts and Crafts Stalls Time: 10am-2pm  
Musical performances Contact: 9606 6999  
Special guests liverpoolpcycnsw.org.au  
Prizes and Raffles

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
**APRIL 2019**

MON 15 APRIL	Time4Kids- Multi-sport Fun Day
TUES 16 APRIL	Oz-tag Gala day
WED 17 APRIL	Multi-Sport
THURS 18 APRIL	Soccer Clinic
FRI 19 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED
MON 22 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED
TUES 23 APRIL	Rugby League Clinic
WED 24 APRIL	Mini Olympics
THURS 25 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED
FRI 26 APRIL	European Handball/Dodgeball

10:00am-1:00pm.  
\$25 per child, per day.  
Recess & Lunch not provided.  
For children aged 5-12 years.  
Each participant must be a member of PCYC \$10 per child, per year.

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Ramadan Mubarak in advance to all and Inshallah the month brings many blessings to the whole school community.

Yours Sincerely

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