



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

It has been a busy start to the Term. After five weeks, Greenacre Secondary has completed so much in this short time and we will not be slowing down for the rest of the Term. This Newsletter highlights just a few of the many activities and events that took place at Greenacre Secondary during the first five weeks of Term 2.

Iftar Dinner

With much sadness we bid farewell to the holiest of months, Ramadan. Greenacre Secondary celebrated Ramadan with an Iftar dinner on Thursday the 9th of May. The atmosphere was vibrant and fun. It was a wonderful evening shared by parents, students, staff and special guests. The stalls offered at the Greenacre Iftar added to the atmosphere. A special mention goes to the School captains and their SRC team for their efforts in organising and hosting the event.



Curriculum

The Year 7 student cohort and the Year 10 student cohort had their follow-up Elevate study Skills workshops on Thursday 2nd May and Tuesday 14th May respectively. These were done in their classrooms. The students participated in a series of exercises and activities conducted by personnel from Elevate. Time management and prioritising were the points of focus.

Year 7-10 Half Yearly examinations were held in the School Hall from Monday, 20th May to Friday 31st May. Parents will be receiving the reports during Week 10. Parent-Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 10 of Term 2.

Parents, if you have a child in Year 10-12 can you please remind them to check their NESA online profiles and let me know if their details have changed.

The Big Science competition

The Big Science competition was held on Monday, 20th of May for participating students in Years 7-10. This is an online test, it's a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, not just factual recall. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting)

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Waverley College Visit

On Thursday 2nd of May 2019, Studies of Religion HSC students from Waverley Boys College attended Malek Fahd Islamic School for an interfaith dialogue session and collaborative learning session for 2 unit HSC Studies of Religion. The teachers from Waverley College Dominic Hearne and John Paul joined with Sheikh Khalid and Ramsay Hussein to share knowledge and insights with relation to SOR with the students. Sheikh Khalid gave a presentation on Hajj and Mr Ramsay Hussein gave a presentation with relation to Islamic ethics. The students then had time to dialogue and enter into multi-faith discussions based on SOR examination responses. At the completion of the day the Waverley College students and teachers visited the school mosque to observe prayers and have a tour of the mosque by Sheikh Fawaz. The students and teachers from both schools really enjoyed each other's company and learnt a great deal about different faiths.



Yr12 Legal Studies excursion

On 29th of May 2019 year 12 legal studies students from Malek Fahd Islamic School attended the local and district courts of the Downing Centre in Sydney as part of their HSC studies with relation to the criminal justice system. Mr Hussein and Mr Roubaie attended the excursion. The students enjoyed the experience of seeing actual criminal trials taking place in both local and district courts.



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Ramadan Room Decoration Competition

Ramadan Room decoration competition ran during weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2. Winners will be acknowledged during the next school assembly and a slide show presentation of all the decorated rooms will be produced and shown.



Islamic Studies Quiz

The finals of the Islamic Studies Trivia were held on Monday and Tuesday (3rd and 4th of May).



Ramadan Quran Recitation Competition

The Ramadan Quran recitation competition Finals were held in the Greenacre Secondary Mosque on Wednesday, 29th of May. Finalists from all three Campuses gathered to determine each Year level champion. The Islamic studies department oversaw the competition which began at the start of Ramadan.

The winners for the above mentioned competitions will be announced in the next newsletter. Thank you to all students and staff for their participation and assistance in managing the Ramadan events.

Greenacre Secondary will be having an Eid Morning Tea for the students during an extended recess on Friday, 7th of May. Students will be asked to bring in a plate of sweets and other gastronomical delights on the Day.

Winter Blanket and Food Drive

The Winter Blanket and Food drive continued for the majority of the month of Ramadan concluding on the 24th of May. Our Greenacre Secondary students have been very generous, contributing a range of food items and blankets. The donated items were passed on to Brothers in Need, a respected charity providing for the less fortunate in our community.





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Greenacre ANZAC Commemoration Assembly

Our school was lucky enough to have veterans, Terry Corcoran, John Woodley, Chien Nguyen and David Morris from the Bankstown RSL facility visit our school on Wednesday, 1st May 2019 and address students and staff about the significance of ANZAC day at the assembly. SRC members also played an important role in helping the School commemorate our soldiers who fought at Gallipoli during The Great War. On this day, we remembered all those who served our nation in times of war. We remembered with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship and acknowledged the losses and sacrifices of their families.



English Department News: S. Naser, English Coordinator.

Term 2 has been a busy one with a number of events in the English faculty. These include excursions, incursions and competitions. The Bell Shakespeare performers wowed our students with a humorous journey into Shakespeare's plays on the 15th of May. It was great to see teachers from other faculties as well as students engage with the actors and enjoy the performances.

The Year 11 Advanced English class were fortunate enough to attend a performance of Shakespeare's *Othello* at the Seymour Centre in preparation for their Shakespeare study in Term 3. They also attended the Sydney Writer's Festival and had the opportunity to listen to notable writers discuss their writing process before purchasing their books.

I was pleased to see students enjoy English outside the classroom and I look forward to more of these opportunities in the near future.

Year 8 Incursion: Wednesday 15 May 2019

"Words, words, words- the amazing play acted by the talented Bell Shakespeare came to Malek Fahd as 3, to portray the astonishing work of William Shakespeare. They touched on the multiple techniques that Shakespeare often used throughout his work. As well as being very educational, it was exceedingly hilarious and an engaging experience. This was extremely helpful as it helped us utilise the many devices we learnt in our own ways. Upon our exit a whole world of words, words, words was thrust upon us!" (Abdul-Kareem Kheir 8B1, Ahmed Hafiz 8B1, Abdullah Arja 8B2)



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Year 11 and 12 Advanced English Incursion

"On Wednesday 15 May 2019 Bell Shakespeare performed 'Shakespeare: The Human Experience'. Overall, the incursion was a very enjoyable and educational experience, which was surprisingly funny and drew out a lot of laughter from the audience, whilst also assisting with our understanding of the HSC Common Module." (Louay Mehieddine, 12B1)

"The Bell Shakespeare performance on the human experience consolidated something for me that I had learnt at the very beginning of high school. It taught me again that the reason why we still study Shakespeare today is because each of his storylines are templates and each of his characters are moulds mirroring the basis of every incident and person we come across or know in our own lives. The story of a delirious queen or the social dilemmas of a discriminated merchant isn't so far off our own story. Shakespeare's stories are the souls of the past, the shape everything and everyone we observe today." (Areebah Hossain, 11G1)



Year 11 Advanced English Excursion

On Friday 3 May 2019 Year 11 students went to the Sydney Writer's Festival at The Concourse, Chatswood.

"I went to this excursion thinking that I will learn how to write- that all four authors will detail for me the entire process of writing. I was very wrong. I realised that every author was successful because they were just people insistent on telling their own stories, their real life personalities embodied their voice in their writing completely, making all of them exclusively unique...once we are personal in our writing and share it with the world, we'll realise that it's universal- that everyone can relate. Censoring ourselves is censoring our potential." (Areebah Hossain, 11G1)



ISD Cross Country

The ISD Cross country championships were held on the Wednesday, 29th of May. Our age champions pitted themselves against other schools in the zone. A big congratulation to the following students who achieved excellent times that will take them to the next level of competition: **Ali Hamze (11B2)**, **Khalid Mohamed (11B2)**, **Mayez Hijazi (11B1)**, **Mohamed Salim (8B2)**, **Ahmad El Helou (7B3)** and **Jayda Derbas (7G3)**. We wish them all the best for Thursday, 6th of May when they run in the AICIES representing our School.



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Camps 2019

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.

Students are being dropped off before supervision begins at times as early as 7:30am. Students who are early need to be supervised by their parent. Chullora market place has made MFIS aware that young students are walking around without parents.

Students travelling via Bus

Bus Services have requested that I inform parents and students of the significant change created by the introduction of the 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://ssts%1fapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace)<https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ReplaceCard.html>

Farewell Ramadan! Eid Mubarak to all and Inchallah you have a joyous day with your families. The School will be closed on Wednesday, 5th and Thursday, 6th of June for Eid ul Fitr celebrations. Malek Fahd Greenacre Secondary will return to normal school hours from Friday, 7th of June with finish time of 3.30pm.

Yours Sincerely

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