



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope all families enjoyed Eid Ul Fitr celebrations. Inshallah wishing everyone peace and prosperity. We also keep our brothers and sisters in Palestine in our thoughts and prayers. We are halfway through term 2 and students should be settling back into the normal school day routines. Five weeks into the term, Greenacre Secondary has completed and achieved so much in this time. This Newsletter highlights just a few of the many events that took place at Greenacre Secondary and also some of the events that our students participated in off campus during the first half of Term 2.

## Curriculum

The year 7 and 9 students completed their NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The students undertook the tests with minimum of fuss considering the timing of the exams falling towards the end of Ramadan and around EID. I am confident results will be most pleasing.

The Half-Yearly examinations for years 7-10 commenced on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Timetables were issued well in advance. Reports will be issued to parents towards the end of term 2.

Mr Naidu and The Technology Department organised a "Girls in STEM Talk" for the Year 9 and 10 girls. Michelle Norton (Mechanical Engineer & 2012 F1 in Schools World Championship Winner- Australia) gave an excellent speech to our girls about STEM, especially Engineering and Technology in STEM. This talk was very engaging as our girls saw the importance of technology and engineering as a career option. Michelle has agreed to coach our Year 9 girls team currently preparing for F1 in School competition in September at Mt Druitt TAFE. Ms Jalloul is assisting with the girls team as well.



Greenacre Secondary Staff and students engaged with the CITE team from the University of South Australia during week 5 of the term. The CITE team conducted lesson observations, held staff focus groups, held student focus groups and they also delivered the third twilight session in the Islamic Pedagogy series to the Greenacre Secondary staff.

Homework Hub has resumed at Greenacre Secondary Campus. The Hub will operate in the Secondary Library commencing at 4pm. From the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May it will run every Monday and Wednesday afternoon through until the end of Term. Students must submit a signed permission note for each session they attend. These slips are to be given to the Secondary Library staff at least 1 day before the students attend the Hub. Please note that the students may only leave at 5pm, 5:30pm or 6pm and please ensure that students are collected promptly from the front gate.

### **Greenacre Campus**

405 Waterloo Road, GREENACRE NSW 2190

PO Box 5548

CHULLORA NSW, Australia 2190

T (02) 8732 7800

F (02) 9742 3201

E [admin@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

### **Hoxton Park Campus**

210 Pacific Palms Circuit,  
HOXTON PARK NSW 2171

PO Box 283

HOXTON PARK, NSW, Australia 2171

T (02) 8783 5190

F (02) 8783 5187

E [admin\\_hp@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin_hp@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

### **Beaumont Hills Campus**

20 Mungerie Road, BEAUMONT HILLS NSW 2155

PO Box 6486

ROUSE HILL, NSW, Australia 2155

T (02) 8814 5282

F (02) 8814 5283

E [admin\\_bh@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin_bh@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

## Student Leadership at Greenacre Secondary

The Welfare coordinators and the Year advisors have appointed Home Room captains and grade captains from each of the Years 7-10 boys and girls cohorts. These appointments are a part of the support and initiatives offered by our welfare team aimed at empowering the students and developing their leadership skills. It provides an excellent opportunity for aspiring students to contribute positively towards their school. These positions are for one term, we will have new appointments in term 3.



Mrs Parker accompanied the school captains; Bilal Elhamawi and Sara Hamze to Parliament house on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This Secondary Schools Leadership Program offers a civics and citizenship angle. It gives Year 12 leaders an opportunity to develop their knowledge of the Australian government system and parliamentary proceedings and gives them an insight into the role of the governor.



Mrs Nachar and I accompanied the school captains to the 2021 School Leader awards hosted by MP Tony Burke on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The ceremony was in recognition of their successful nomination and investiture. The event was held at canterbury boys' high school and included a morning tea and presentation with parents in attendance.



### Quran competition 2021

Greenacre Secondary hosted the Quran recitation competition during the month of Ramdan on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Students from the Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park campuses travelled to Greenacre to vie their Quran recitation skills against our students. **Notable mentions from Greenacre Secondary: Muhammad Talha Adnana Year 7, Wasim Hossain Year 8, Nader Hammoud Year 8, Abdurahman zoud Year 9, Mazaya Salsabil Year 9, Abu Bakr Kherkhah Year 10, Ayat Imran Year 10, Salman Ahmad Year 11, Samia Arshad Year 11, Manahil Aslam Year 11, Jamilatou Issa Ishaka Year 12, Mohammed ELBahri Year 12.**



## Year 12 Breakfast

A Thank you Year 12 Morning Tea, which was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May in recognition of the students' extraordinary work during Ramadan. Mrs Nachar, Staff, and students all contributed ensuring a most successful event.



## Winter Can/Blanket and Food Drive

The Winter Blanket and Food drive continued for the of the month of Ramadan and concluded just after Eid. 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. Students will be selected to experience the process of distributing the food packs to the homeless.

## Reminders

### Mobile Phones

I would like to remind parents about students accessing their mobile phones without authorisation from staff. The misuse of mobile phones has the potential to adversely impact the wellbeing and learning outcomes of our students. As such, to ensure a safe learning environment for all students, the school's stance is a zero-tolerance approach towards the use of mobile phones by students. Under no circumstances are students permitted to use mobile phones inside school grounds. They must be switched off and placed in their bags or lockers.

In the event that a student is caught with, or using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated for the day, the student will receive an afterschool detention and parents/guardians will be called to collect the device. If the same student is caught using a mobile phone a second time, they will receive a second afterschool detention, and this will automatically lead to a suspension. The device will also be confiscated, and parents/guardians will be notified to collect the device.

Contact with parents in the event of illness or other urgent matter will be managed through the school office after a student has been referred to or attended the sick bay for treatment or assistance. Should a parent need to contact their child during school hours, they must do so through the front office, and should not contact the student's phone. We look forward to your cooperation.

### 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](mailto:ali@mfis.nsw.edu.au) or Deputy Head of Campus Ms Nachar [lnachar@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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.

## **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/](http://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>

Dear Parents,

We are trying to show a true calculation of students utilising bus services. This requires students to tap on using their opal cards. Without OPAL data we are unable to show the need for more buses. Please ensure your children TAP ON always, if you do not have an OPAL card please go to [opal.com.au](http://opal.com.au) and apply.

Thank you.

## **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.*

## **Ramadan Decoration Competition in pictures**



Yours Sincerely

Ali Dib  
Head of Campus Secondary