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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

I am delighted to welcome parents, students and staff to Term 3. I look forward to another successful term. This is the final teaching term for our dear Year 12 students. We will continue to provide them with first class support, and we encourage them to aim for excellence. Thank you to all parents for your continued support.

Curriculum

Greenacre Secondary will be hosting two Parent information sessions this term. Both sessions will provide valuable advice and information for students and their parents. The first session will be held on Tuesday, 30th July for Year 10. The second session will be held on Monday, 19th August for Year 8. Both sessions are aimed at assisting students and parents with subject selections for 2020. Parents will be reminded with an SMS, newsletter and email.

The Trial HSC examinations will begin on Monday, 5th of August (Week 3). These examinations are structured and set to a similar standard to the HSC examinations scheduled to begin in October. The Trials will also serve as the final assessment task for each of your child's HSC subjects. These examinations should be used as a measure to determine the level your child is at and should be used as a springboard for final preparations for the HSC.

Parent teacher interviews were held during the final week of Term 2. It was a valuable opportunity for parents and staff to discuss academic progress. Thank you to all parents and staff.

Year 12 continue to have Morning/Afternoon/Saturday Classes for their subjects as required to consolidate the content coverage.

Careers Expo

Greenacre Secondary will be hosting the Annual MFIS Careers Expo at Greenacre Secondary, in the School Hall on Thursday 1st August (Week 2). Year 10, 11 and 12 students from all three campuses will be attending this event. They will have access to invaluable information, resources, networking opportunities and advice on future career prospects. Mrs Khalaf will bring many tertiary institutions, organisations and professionals to the event.

Term 2 Events

The following is a summary of some of the highlights in Greenacre Secondary for the second half of Term 2.

All four Year 11 classes attended the Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 27th June. This event was organised by the career's advisor, Ms Khalaf. I personally attended the event accompanying the allocated staff (Mrs Khalaf, Mrs Sidawi, Mrs Nachar, Mrs Bashir, Mrs Hamid and Mrs Parker) and the Year 11 cohort. The feedback from the students was extremely positive. The students were exposed to a vast amount of information and resources. They had the opportunity to network with various institutions and well-known companies.

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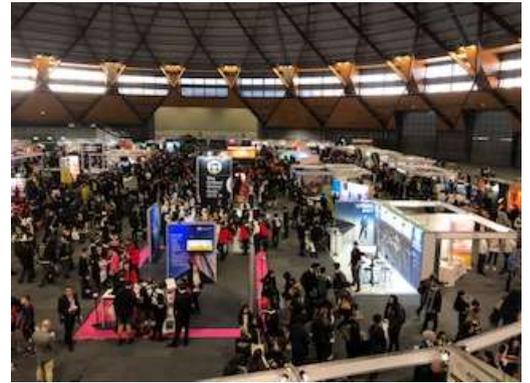
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A screening of the documentary "Before 1770" was held on Wednesday, 26th of June for Greenacre Secondary Students. It was an interesting and eye-opening film for our students. It was a good follow up from our Reconciliation Day assembly. Themes of tolerance were promoted. Refugee issues, knowing and understanding of people from different races were topics raised in the film.

Two music incursions took place in the Hall during Week 8 of Term 2: Year 7 on Thursday, 20th June and Year 8 had the pleasure of attending an Anasheed Performance by an Islamic Group on Friday, 21st June.



A School and Reconciliation assembly was held on Tuesday, 18th June. The Assembly on a Tuesday included special guest, Uncle Les who briefly spoke about his people's customs and traditions. He performed a smoking ceremony which concluded with the burying of the burnt leaves and ashes on school grounds. This ritual signifying wellbeing and respect to the spirits of the elders. The SRC again excelled in MCing the assembly.



The Greenacre Secondary End of Term Assembly was held on Friday, 5th July in the School Hall. The Assembly incorporated Refugee week presentations and acknowledgements. Academic, pastoral and sports awards were also presented to students. A Term 2 slide show was shown summarising the events of Term 2.

On Friday, 14th June Greenacre Secondary hosted The Biggest Moring Tea. It was a great event and well organised. Staff and students alike contributed to a most successful event. The morning tea helped raise funds close to \$9000 to provide much needed research into cancer prevention, detection, treatment and support. Below are some more photos, following on from Mr Rixon's report in a previous newsletter.



The Islamic Studies department conducted the final round of the Islamic studies competition on Monday, 1st July during period 1, this involved the Year 7 and Year 9 classes.



Mrs Kbbar and Mr Khoder continued with the senior student Nursing Home visits during the month of June. Sheik Fawaz accompanied them on a visit on Tuesday, 18th of June. Opportunity to participate is extended to all Year 12 students. The response from the students has been excellent and they are embracing the experience. They spoke to a Muslim lady who was most pleased to see the students and the School chaplain, Sheik Fawaz.

Refugee soccer match

MFIS Greenacre Campus – Refugee Week charity soccer match – English Initiative

On the 1st of July 2019, Year nine students at the Greenacre campus participated in a charity soccer match to raise awareness for “**Refugee Week**”. This English initiative was created to celebrate all of the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society, as well as to educate and help people better understand the many challenges, they face in their day to day lives.

We would like to express our enormous gratitude towards all our wonderful staff and students who participated on the day, as well as those who have generously donated to this amazing cause. All contributions made on the day have been donated to AusRelief which is a committed Non-For-Profit Charitable Organization dedicated to alleviating poverty, sickness and living conditions to those in need.

A big thank you to Ms Husari for leading this great initiative.



Greenacre Secondary will be participating and is looking forward to the Whole School (All three Campuses) Year 12 Graduation Assembly at The Quay Centre in Home bush during Week 10, Tuesday 24th September of Term 3.

One of the major events on our sporting calendar is the Athletics Carnival. It will be held during Term 3.

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>

Year 10 Vaccinations

Please note that all Year 10 students with consent will be administered the Meningococcal Vaccine in Term 3, Week 2, on Wednesday **July 31st, 2019**. This is a one-off immunisation for all Year 10 students.

The vaccination cards will be handed to students during Week **1, Tuesday 23/7/19, first day back to school of Term 3**.

Yours Sincerely

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