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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullhi wa Barakaatuhu

Appointment of Deputy Head of Campus at Hoxton Park Mrs Kate Mitchell

I Mr David Hamper recently had the honour of chairing the selection panel for the new Deputy Head of Campus at Hoxton Park.

I am pleased to announce to the Hoxton Park community the appointment of Ms. Kate Mitchell to the position of Deputy Head of Campus. Ms. Mitchell was the standout candidate in an exhaustive recruitment process. There were two rounds of interviews and presentations with panels chaired by me and including the Heads of Campus at Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills. Mr. Terry Lidgard, a former Principal of a large independent school, also was on the panel. The panel carefully considered a significant number of applications, including those from educators in other schools and from overseas. At the end of the process, Ms. Mitchell's considerable experience in student care, her extensive knowledge of the School with more than 20 years of service to MFIS and her passion for supporting students in their learning inside and outside of the classroom made her the ideal candidate. Ms. Mitchell will support Ms. Kassem in leading Hoxton Park into an exciting period in the Campus's history. I am sure you will join me in wishing Ms. Mitchell every success in the role.

All of us who had privilege of being part of the selection panel know that she will make a wonderful contribution to the Campus. As you may know Ms. Mitchell is Mr. Rixon's wife. It was for this reason that I chaired the panel and in consultation with the Board Chair made the appointment of Ms. Mitchell as Mr. Rixon immediately excluded himself from all parts of the process when she applied for the position.

Mr. David Hamper (Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning)

Upgrades

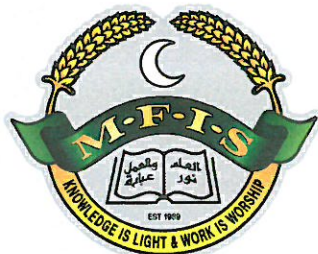
Our facilities manager and I have been busy this term planning for the growing campus needs for 2020. We proposed that the following projects are completed by the start of 2020 school year: a larger staffroom, 3 extra classrooms, secondary study area, larger library and possibly a new administration office layout.

Currently we have had a new school hall and security cameras installed in various areas of the campus.

SRC GRIP Leadership Conference

High School SRC students attended a GRIP Leadership Conference on 6th November at the Quay Centre in Homebush. The GRIP Leadership Conference is a unique conference that concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their roles as school leaders. It is a practical and interactive conference, empowering secondary student leaders with skills, strategies, ideas and understanding they need to make an immediate and significant contribution to our school community.





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End of Year Presentation

On the 29th November, Malek Fahd Hoxton Park held a spectacular End of Year Presentation where we all came together to celebrate the achievements of our school and our students. We had a great turn out with many families attending the presentation. We were privileged to have the Deputy Mayor, Mr Ali Karnib attend this event. The support of the Mayor Ms Wendy Waller and Deputy Mayor Mr Ali Karnib towards our school has been outstanding. They have been supporting us with the garden projects run by the teachers and students at the school. We were lucky to be given the opportunity to show Mr Ali Karnib how outstanding our campus is and how fast it has grown in such a short time. Mr Karnib along with our Wellbeing Coordinators Mr Khodar, Mrs Kabbar, our Executive Principal Mr Rixon and Sheikh Abdul Salam helped in the presentation of awards, trophies and medals. The students enjoyed their support and company at the event.

Yr 6 Graduation day – 29th November

I would like to congratulate all the graduates again for successfully completing Year 6 their Primary education and welcome you all into High School what an amazing milestone to cross. I wish you all success in the journey that you will embark at the beginning 2020 Inshaa Allah. The Year 6 graduation was beautifully set up and organised for our Year 6 students to celebrate such a great milestone in their lives. The catering was amazing, and I would like to thank all that contributed to the catering that includes a couple of our beautiful parents too. One of our parents Ms Al Hallak made a beautiful pasta dish and we would love for her to share the recipe with the school. Thank you all very much!

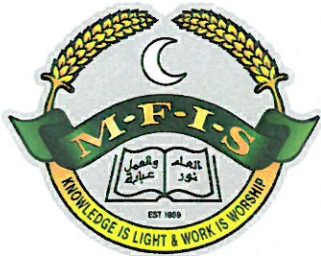
STEAM

Mr Hamper, Ms Samar and Mr Makki commenced working with KA on their STEAM project. The students were introduced to the project by learning the meaning of STEAM Science, Technology,

Engineering, Art and Maths. The First Session was a theory lesson- students learned about the equipment they will be using, Trundle wheel, Measuring tape, Pencil and calculator. They were inducted on the program outcomes and expectations. The Second Session was a practical session- student used the trundle wheel to measure the Length and Width of the soccer field and filled in the measurements in their workbooks. The students then came back into the classroom and learned how to work out the Perimeter of the soccer field comparing a Professional Soccer Field Real Madrid FC to Malek Fahd Hoxton Park FC. The students have learned how to write down the formula for Perimeter and the formula for Area which in turn, has taught them how to work out the Area of the soccer field and many more other learning that took place.

Merit Certificates were handed out to all the KA students thanking them for their contribution and efforts to the STEAM project. The following weeks plan was continuing the STEAM project with building a model soccer field.





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Yr 7 - 11 Black Dog Institute – 8th November

Through Malek Fahd's fundraising event we were able to raise \$403.60 that went to the Black Dog Institute. Your generosity will help the Black Dog Institute continue to grow and expand their education programs, providing the latest in mental health knowledge to schools, communities, health professionals & workplaces. Thank you to all that have contributed to this important cause.

Inter campus Swimming carnival

On Monday 25th November, Year 5 & 6 students from Hoxton Park joined other Year 5 & 6 students from the Greenacre and Beaumont Hills Campus' for a day of swimming competition. The day also allowed for students from the three campuses to spend time with each other as well as compete in a fun filled friendly atmosphere. Apart from the swimming competition, children also had opportunities to take part in racing uphill, play in the water fountains and have a picnic with their friends. It was an amazing effort by our students from the Hoxton Park Campus as they succeeded in winning 3 prizes from an assembly of approximately 450 students from the three campuses. The students participated in very close elimination rounds to beat off the challengers by differing margins until the finals which were close calls all round. Sheer determination saw students achieve their personal best in front of cheering schoolmates and classmates. Accomplishments were as follows;

1st Prize - Inaam Muhieddine (Year 6 Girls)

3rd Prize – Sajid Sarwar (Year 6 Boys)

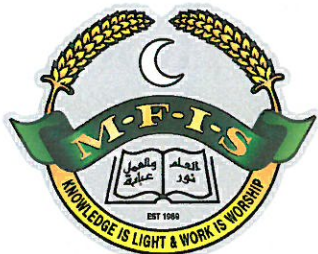
3rd Prize – Hend Rifai (Year 5 Girls)

It is pleasing to note that our children are doing well in activities outside the classroom as well.



PSSA (Primary Years 3-6)

Our first year PSSA has been a great success in 2019 at MFHP. We entered two seasons this year. In Season 2 the boys played Junior and Senior soccer



and the girls played Junior and Senior Oz tag. In Season 3 the boys played Junior and Senior touch football and the girls played junior and Senior cricket. Ms Molina coached and supervised the Boys soccer and girls cricket teams and Mr Makki coached and supervised the girl's oz tag and boys touch football.

We had 48 students from Year 3-6 compete on a Friday afternoon for 10 weeks each Term. The students trained once a week enjoying and learning the skills needed to help them to compete with confidence. The students developed their fundamental movement and sports specific skills. They appreciated working as a team which helped them build comradery and enhance their team work skills. They improved week by week and they really enjoyed representing MFHP. They have benefited from this program as it helped them deal with losses and adversity as well as building resilience, discipline and perseverance. They have represented their school with pride and honour.

Primary - Wellbeing/Homeroom initiatives

The topics for the Primary Homeroom Bulletin have been about Being Mindful, Acts of Kindness, Being Assertive and Seeking help and support. Every morning staff discuss and complete various speaking and listening activities. In terms of wellbeing, this has had a positive effect on our students as they continue to learn more about relevant topics which are related to their social, mental and physical wellbeing at school.

Secondary - Wellbeing/Homeroom initiatives

The month of November began with its wellbeing focus of: **Time management**. Students were provided with seven time-management tips. **Stress Management** was the wellbeing focus of the second week of November. There are four primary types of symptoms of stress: physical, emotional, cognitive and behavioral. The week's bulletin included some useful stress management techniques that teachers used with their class to help alleviate exam stress.

The homeroom bulletin focus for third week of November was **respect** - acknowledging and maintain healthy relationships. It is a part of our lives and can affect our wellbeing and mental health.

Yr 7-10 Amity Oz Tag Gala Day

On Thursday 7th November, Year 7-10 students participated in the Amity Oz Tag Gala day. We were invited to attend by our neighbouring school Amity College. Four teams were entered - the boys and girls under 15's and Open teams. This event was held at Brownes Farm Reserve in Hoxton Park, next to our school. We had a wonderful day with our year 7- 10 high school students. They were challenged on the football field and they showed great resilience to deal with the better opposition. The students were well behaved, and they participated with enthusiasm and grit. It was a wonderful experience for our students to be involved with our local community in participating in sport and physical activity.

Recycling

Nearing the end of the year students have been able to successfully raise funds by recycling their plastic bottles. After only two pick-ups the students were able to raise over \$100. These funds can be used for future SRC events.

Students have also participated in a paper recycling program. Students are now getting more aware of the importance of recycling and how we can impact our environment.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer holidays and I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting and new academic year.

Ms Mona Kassem
Head of Campus