



01 April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

This is the last day of Term 1 and during this term so much has been achieved across the three campuses. I commend and thank everyone for all the amazing achievements that have been realised.

Early finish of School during Ramadan

Ramadan timetable will commence on Tuesday, 20th April. We will be concluding school at 1.50pm for K - 2 students at Greenacre Campus and 2.00pm for all students at Beaumont Hills, Hoxton Park and Yrs 3 - 12 at Greenacre Campus. I thank Mr Lord for the arrangement for buses.

Please join our **IFTARs** that will take place at each Campus on the following dates:

Greenacre Campus

Secondary: Years 7-12 – Wednesday, 21st April
(will be hosted by the MFIS SRC Team)

Primary: K-6 – Thursday, 29th April

Hoxton Park Campus: Wednesday, 28th April

Beaumont Hills Campus: Friday, 30th April

We encourage parents and students to contact the Administration Office to purchase tickets as soon as possible due to limited seating available.

Ramadan Initiatives

Students across the three campuses are involved in numerous activities to celebrate the month of Ramadan in line with our core values of the faith, such as, kindness, forgiveness, empathy and charity.

While **Eid** has not yet been confirmed, Sheikh Fawaz will advise me once Ramadan commences and I will, then advise the School Community.

Change of Date for 2021 NAPLAN

Due to the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays, NESA has approved the School's request to change the 2021 NAPLAN dates. NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will commence in week 4 of Term 2 but will conclude in week 5.

NAPLAN 2021 paper test timetable for MFIS.

Year	Tuesday 11 May	Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May
Year 3	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 45 minutes	Numeracy: 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions:4 5 minutes Writing:40 minutes	Reading: 50 minutes	Numeracy: 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes

Parent Portal

Malek Fahd Islamic School is excited to introduce a new communication channel, the Sentral Parent Portal. The objectives of the Portal are to provide accurate and timely information and to inform parents about the day-to-day activities of the school. The information provided will include:

- Newsletter communication and general correspondence
- Parent Teacher interview appointments
- Secondary student timetable
- Student absence notifications
- Academic reports

A letter containing the registration details will be sent separately.

WELLBEING CORNER

Ramadan Preparation and Reflections Before Its Arrival



Ramadan is one of the eagerly awaited months of Islamic calendar. The month is full of blessings and mercy. Therefore, it is important that Muslims try preparing for the month beforehand, so that the transition remains easy for them and they make the most out of the month.

Before the arrival of the month, it is important that a Muslim prepares by reflecting on all that the month means and how one can extract the maximum blessings and mercy from it. The lines below discuss the importance of the month of Ramadan, the way a Muslim must reflect upon it and how one should prepare for it before it actually arrives.

Importance of Ramadan:

There are numerous hadiths of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and ayahs of Quran that emphasize the importance of Ramadan in Islam. For the sake of general understanding, the ayah of Quran that stresses on the importance of Ramadan is mentioned below:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى
الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

“O you who believe! Observing al-sawm (the fasting) is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become al-muttaqoon (the pious).”
(2:183)

From this ayah of Quran, it becomes clear that fasting is nothing new or special that was bestowed upon Muslims, rather the earlier nations of the earlier Prophets also kept fast. Moreover, in this ayah Allah Almighty also mentions the objective of fasting in Ramadan, and which is to increase piety. Therefore, for Muslims fasting is of great importance as it helps them purify their souls and transcend to a higher level of piety.

Have the Right Intentions:

The first thing that Muslims need to do in preparation for Ramadan is have the right intentions. You must really intend to make the most out of this month so that you will be able to enjoy Ramadan and gain the blessings it offers.

Reflecting Upon Ramadan:

1. *Firstly*, in Ramadan, Muslims pray extensively, therefore, it is quite natural that this month presents a chance for increasing the reward balance and seeking forgiveness for the sins that a person has committed.
2. *Secondly*, the hunger and thirst in the month of Ramadan help a Muslim relate with the other people in the world who are less fortunate and don't have access to basic needs.
3. *Thirdly*, when a Muslim goes through the day with limited energy, although it affects them at a physical level, the real effect of it is seen in the person's attitude making them more humble and patient. Therefore, during a fast, a Muslim is supposed to be at the best of his or her character in terms of patience and humility.

Ms Houda Kbbar

Virtues of Ramadan

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated; "Allah's Messenger said; 'When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of Jannah (Paradise) are opened and the gates of Jahannam (Hell) are closed, and the shayateen (devils) are chained up."

The gates of Jannah (Paradise) are opened in this month because a great deal of righteous deeds are performed, and as an encouragement for those who seek Allah's reward. While the gates of Jahannam (Hell) are closed because only a few sins are committed by the believers. The shayateen (devils) will be chained that they may not have the influence on the believers by whispering to them and misguiding them, that they might ordinarily have during the other months of the year.

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said; "Allah has said; 'All the deeds of Adam's children (all mankind) they do for themselves, except fasting which belongs to Me and I will reward for it. Fasting is a shield (against the Hell and against the committing of sins).

The month of Ramadan is a gift from Allah SWT which allows us to increase our rewards in our every action performed during this month.

Ramadan Mubarak to you all and may Allah accept your fasting and all your prayers.

Sheikh Fawaz, School Chaplain

Commencement of Term 2

The Staff Professional Learning Day will be held on Monday, 19th April. Consequently, students will return to school to commence Term 2 on **Tuesday, 20th April.**

Just over a year ago COVID-19 emerged and changed the world. As will all schools MFIS was impacted. We have been able to turn this very difficult situation to our advantage, particularly the integration of IT across all year groups. COVID is still with us and I do ask that we remain vigilant. We have gradually commenced bringing the school back to normal with parents engaging in school events, however, we continue to act with caution. I thank all parents for your assistance and support for the School as we undertake each event.

Thank you for your support and encouragement during the Term. I wish you a restful, happy and safe holiday and Ramadan Mubarak to you and your family and look forward to seeing you at one of our Iftar dinners.

Ramadan Kareem!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Rixon', with a large flourish above the name.

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal