



13 November 2019

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

We are all acutely aware of the devastation which the recent fires are having on people and property, particularly in NSW and QLD. The poem *My Country* (extract below), written in 1908 and penned by Dorathea Mackellar following a trip to England, draws a comparison between Australia and England, acutely captured the landscape of Australia. This week the concern for fires and the potential devastation, together with the stretched resources of the Rural Fire Service, resulted in my decision to close Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills Campus on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. With concerns for their safety, Year 6 students from Greenacre and Hoxton Park, who were attending their Camp at Summerset were called home on Monday evening. I thank all staff, parents and students for their support and understanding that this disruption may have caused. The School will be writing to parents to outline the refund for the Camp.

### Donation Opportunity

Malek Fahd Islamic School is known for its generous spirit and open heart. We wish to do our part to support the needs of those who have been so badly affected by the fires. The School would like to offer support to the victims of the rural NSW drought-stricken residents who are now battling further loss due to the bushfires. There are a number of opportunities to support in a very practical way.

As an immediate opportunity, due to the very tight timeframe of two days, an email was sent to Greenacre Secondary and Primary parents late Tuesday afternoon requesting certain items to be presented to Greenacre Administration by this Thursday. This fund raising is in conjunction with Canterbury Bankstown Council and Light House Community Support. We are asking for donations for the following items: Water, Long Life Juice, Canned Food, Nappy Wipes etc.

Light House Community Support will be travelling to Taree on Thursday for distribution. Another opportunity for our MFIS community will be to bring water, long life juice, canned food to your respective

campus by Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will arrange for these items to be collected and distributed.

A further opportunity to donate to any of the accounts listed below.

1. Account Name: Brothers In Need Limited;  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia; BSB: 062 111; Account Number: 1107 3640;  
Account Type: Society cheque account;  
Reference: Bushfires
2. Account Name: National Zakat Foundation Incorporated; Bank: Commonwealth Bank;  
BSB: 062 196; Account Number: 11378252;  
Reference: Bushfires
3. Donate online at: [payment.nzf.org.au](http://payment.nzf.org.au) 100% Tax deductible; Brothersinneed National Zakat Foundation; Australia, NSW, QLD  
Reference: Bushfires #Drought

### Remembrance Day and End of 2019 HSC Examinations

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November was a memorable day for at least two reasons. It was Remembrance Day, the day the Armistice was signed to mark the end of the First World War, known as the Great War, the war to end all wars. It was a time where the school community remembered the sacrifice of so many, not only during WWI, but also where servicemen and women place themselves in danger for the betterment of the lives of our children. The other memorable reason, it was the final day for all students who attempted their HSC. I wish them well and every success for their eagerly awaited results due mid-December.

### MFIS Annual Presentation Days

As the year draws to a close it brings with it a chance to stop and celebrate the terrific things the students and School has achieved and tangibly acknowledge the academic and leadership of students. To this end, I would like to invite you to the upcoming Malek Fahd Islamic School's Annual Presentation Days.

1. Beaumont Hills Primary, K-6 Presentation will be held on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019** at 20



Mungerie Road, Beaumont Hills, commencing at **9.30am for K-2** and **10.30am for Yrs 3-6**.

2. Beaumont Hills Secondary, 7-12 Presentation will be held on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November** 2019 at 20 Mungerie Road, Beaumont Hills, commencing at **9.30am**.
3. Hoxton Park Whole School, K-11 Presentation will be held on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November** 2019 at 210 Pacific Palms Circuit, Hoxton Park, commencing at **9.00am**.
4. Greenacre Primary, K-6 Presentation will be held on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** 2019 at 405 Waterloo Road, Greenacre, commencing at **9.20am for Years 3-6** and **10.30am for Year K-2** in the Secondary Hall.
5. Greenacre Secondary, 7-12 Presentation will be held on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 2019 at 405 Waterloo Road, Greenacre, commencing at **10.00am**.

### Pink Ribbon Day

Malek Fahd Islamic School participated in raising awareness about breast and gynaecological cancer at the various campuses. To further this important cause, the Wellbeing Team held an event to raise funds for prevention programs, support services and vital cancer research. A special thank you to Ms Hanade Saddik for championing this course and the Wellbeing/Welfare team for the leadership in this area. Executive staff, teachers, students, welfare and the sheikhs supported the cause by wearing pink on the day and spray painting their hair pink. It was a wonderful sense of School spirit. Greenacre Secondary raised \$1320 for this most worth cause.



### Prefects Afternoon Tea

I am delighted to inform you that our School Captains and Vice Captains of Greenacre and Beaumont Hills campuses were invited by The King's School and PLC Sydney for a Prefects Afternoon Tea. The leaders enjoyed the visit and had the opportunity to discuss with other School leaders on how student leadership can create a school environment of inclusivity and equality.

### GRIP Leadership Conference

On 6<sup>th</sup> November, Student Representative Council leaders from all secondary campuses came together for an important training for their role as school leaders. Students who attended came away with new skills, new perspectives and new ideas for making a positive contribution as a leader. Student leaders also networked with over 1000 student leaders from various schools in the region.



### Year 7 to 10 Examination

The Years 7 to 9 students across all three campuses commenced their Yearly Examinations this week which will conclude on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. The Year 10 students have concluded their Yearly Examination and are on Work Experience for the week.

### 99 Names of Allah

Many of our Kindergarten students have successfully memorised the 99 names of Allah. Last week these students were presented with a special trophy acknowledging this significant achievement. Congratulations to you all.





### Re-Enrolment Forms

All parents are reminded to submit their child/ren's Re-Enrolment forms to the Administration Office as soon as possible to secure their enrolment for 2020.

### School Fees

The School year is quickly coming to an end. All parents are reminded that the final Term's School fees is now due. Please finalise any overdue accounts immediately.

### 2020 Term Date

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2020. These dates have been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Wed, 29<sup>th</sup> January to Thu, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Term 2 - Tue, 28<sup>th</sup> April to Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Term 3 - Tue, 21<sup>st</sup> July to Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Term 4 - Tue, 13<sup>th</sup> October to Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### School Uniform

Parents are requested to make an appointment for fittings and uniform purchases via calling on 0498 518 916 or email [malek.fahd@midford.com.au](mailto:malek.fahd@midford.com.au). You are also welcome to purchase uniforms online at your convenience. Your order will be filled when the store is next open.

Website : <https://schoolshop.midford.com.au/login/>  
passphrase: malek1989

### My Country

The poem **My Country**, written in 1908, penned by Dorathea Mackellar following a trip to England, in which she was drawing a comparison with Australia and England. Below are two stanzas from this wonderful poem.

I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror –  
The wide brown land for me!

Core of my heart, my country!  
Her pitiless blue sky,  
When sick at heart, around us,  
We see the cattle die –  
But then the grey clouds gather,  
And we can bless again.  
The drumming of an army,  
The steady, soaking rain.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal