



17 September 2019

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

### **Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Sydney Olympic Park, 11.00am**

All Kindergarten to Year 12 students from the three Campuses will be attending the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony at the Quaycentre, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park. Together we will celebrate and acknowledge the hard work and academic excellence of our 2019 HSC cohort from Greenacre and Beaumont Hills.

Students will be transported via buses to and from the venue. The presentation commences at 11.00am and will finish by 1.00pm. Students will then be transported back to school for lunch and afternoon classes. There will be no supervision for students back at the School during the presentation of awards. Permission slips have been sent home with students and via email. Please ensure all permission slips for travel to the Quaycentre are signed and sent back to the School as soon as possible, if you have not done so yet.

We welcome parents, particularly of our Year 12 students to join us for the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony.

### **Year 12 Graduation Dinner Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

On the same evening of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we will have the opportunity to formally celebrate our Year 12 students from Greenacre and Beaumont Hills with a dinner at The Renaissance, 3 New Street East, Lidcombe. It will commence at 6.30pm and all Year 12 parents are invited. Tickets are available for sale from the Administration Office at Greenacre Secondary and Beaumont Hills campuses.

### **Leadership**

Malek Fahd Islamic School is on the move, I am so proud of that. I write to share with you some decisions on leadership directions for 2020.

Due to the continuing growth of the School there is a need to expand middle management, at Greenacre Primary and Secondary Campuses and Hoxton Park



Campus with newly created positions to commence in 2020. After discussions with the Executive, the following positions have been confirmed:

They are:

**Deputy Heads of Campus (Each for Greenacre Primary, Greenacre Secondary, Hoxton Park).** Beaumont Hills already has a similar role undertaken by Mr Shameem. The roles will be to support the Head of Campus, and the Deputy Principals, in all aspects of the operation of the Campus and the strategic directions of the School.

**Primary (Greenacre) – Stage Co-ordinators (Early Learning Stage 1 - Kindergarten to Year 2, Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4 and Stage 3 – Year 5 and 6).** The **Stage Co-ordinators** will support the Head of Campus to build the curriculum across each academic Stage of Primary at Greenacre. The Stage Co-ordinator would have some further responsibility for staffing and high-level discipline matters. The current position of **Primary Year Co-ordinators** will remain. The Year Co-ordinators would focus on student welfare and discipline as well as curriculum delivery needs at the particular Year level.

**Head of History** - In 2020 the very large department of HSIE will break into two sections; History and Social Sciences. Ms Rajeshni Ali will maintain the Head of Social Science. We will be advertising for a Head of HSIE (History).

**Mathematics Assistant Coordinator and English Assistant Coordinator** to support the Heads of these subjects.

There are a number of other positions that are being developed and advertised. These are certainly exciting times for Malek Fahd Islamic School. These significant leadership roles, introduced for 2020, is advertised both internally and externally, in the SMH, Seek.com, Job Search and LinkedIn.

*Mr Bruce Rixon, Principal*

**Lego Robotics Club - Mr Aqeel Mukaddam, MFIS Robotics Team Coach**

This year, Malek Fahd Islamic School introduced its first Lego Robotics Club for the students Greenacre Primary. The college was very fortunate to receive the Google Education Grant. The grant allowed the school to receive the robotics kit and entry into the first Lego League Challenge (FLL) that will be happening in November 2019 at Macquarie University.

The School invited students from Year 6 to join the Robotics Club and many students expressed an interest to join the club. This year we have selected 10 students from Year 6 to start the club and this number will increase next year. The objective of the Robotics Club is to introduce and improve students' coding skills, logical reasoning, creativity, team-building and problem-solving skills. The club meets once a week after school for one hour. The students are already enjoying the Robotics Club.

We are half way into the challenge preparation and during this time students have assembled the robot and started to create programs to direct the robot to complete the assigned task. In the next, few sessions students will be using sensors, color sensors, ultrasound sensors and gyro sensors to create the advanced program, which allows robots to make the decision based on the certain conditions. In addition to the programming team, students are also learning about social skills of gracious professionalism, team building and cooperation.



I would like to thank our Principal, Mr Rixon for providing permission and support in starting the first

MFIS Robotics Club and Ms El-Ahmad for her support and encouragement of the students and the club.

**2020 Kindergarten Parent Information Session - Ms Pinad El-Ahmad, Head of Campus Greenacre Primary**

Parents of Kindergarten children starting school in 2020, were invited to attend a Parent Information Session last week at the Greenacre campus. The gathering was opened with a recitation from the Quran by our current Kindergarten student, Fida Haj Younes. This was followed by Tahmid Mustakim who made dua, to encourage growth and success, and then Ayaan Islam welcomed all the parents. Mr Rixon welcomed the parents and spoke about the growth and improvements the school is experiencing and the expansion of Learning Support. I spoke to parents about the School's expectations for students and parents and explained several relevant aspects of primary school that will hopefully make the first day of School the beginning of an exciting educational journey for the children. Ms Moodley, the Kindergarten Coordinator described the teaching and learning activities that Kindergarten students get to experience. She also displayed items such as lunch boxes and bags that are preferred. The session ended with the Kindergarten students reciting the 99 names of Allah, led by Ms Afiouni. At the end of the gathering, parents had the opportunity to look at the displays of all the work students have undertaken so far in Kindergarten. Thank you to the parents who attended, we wish you and your child a successful school year in 2020.

The Kindergarten orientations provided parents and our future kindy students a glimpse of formal school life. These are an important part of Kindergarten because it allows staff to gauge the learning capacity of the children. Teachers will also use their knowledge and skills to cater for the needs of students be it academic or social. Seeing the new students walk into the classroom and immediately engage with the planned activities impressed everyone. It is very important for parents to understand that teachers cannot be chosen for students, rather staff will use their observations and knowledge of the children to provide the best possible outcome for the students. Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park campuses are holding the Kindergarten Orientations early next Term.





### Greenacre Primary Athletics Carnival

The Greenacre Primary Sport Carnivals kicked off this week with Year 5 and 6 starting the competition. The start of Spring provided perfect weather for what was a very successful day for all. A big thank you to all the staff who ran the events, ensuring that the days' schedules ran seamlessly and on time. Their cheerful spirit enthused the students making it a wonderful day for all. The students – and teachers – took part in a range of athletic activities including: 100m race, 200m race, Long jump, High jump and Tug of war. The K – 2 and Year 3 and 4 Sport Carnivals took place last week, and winners will be announced in the near future. Good luck to all and "Go Mena! Go Safa! Go Marwa! Go Medina!"



### Gala Day

We were invited to the Wanderers Gala Day held at Jim Ring Reserve on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Both boys and girls teams from Years 5 and 6 played extremely well, making it to the quarter finals, only to be knocked out by their opponents in the final seconds of the game. Well done to all players and we look forward to next year.



### Globalart Competition 2019 - Ms Mehar Khan, Head of Campus Beaumont Hills

I am pleased to inform you that a Year 5 student from Beaumont Hills Campus, Arisha Maswar represented Globalart Rouse Hill, to compete in the Globalart 2019 Australian National Competition. Globalart is an international art enrichment centre with programs available in 18 countries with over 600 centres. Arisha won the competition in Group C for her age division in the Fo Guang Three Acts of Goodness Children's Drawing Competition. She received the Buddha's Light Award (highest award). Arisha will be representing Australia for the International Competition held in Singapore on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019. A huge congratulations to Arisha for this tremendous effort and what a great honour to be representing Australia.



### Voices in Bloom Public Speaking Competition

A few of the Beaumont Hills Campus high school students participated in the Hills Shire Council's Orange Blossom Festival: Voices in Bloom Public Speaking Competition. I am proud of all participants and wish to congratulate Hajeera Ahonzada of Year 10 and Mubarak Tajudeen of Year 9. Mubarak's speech was titled Why Bother? He received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the junior division. Hajeera's speech was titled Poverty is not a State of Mind and she received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the senior division.





### **Liverpool Community Recognition - Ms Mona Kassem, Head of Campus Hoxton Park**

Last Friday, MFIS Hoxton Park was honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Liverpool City Mayor, Wendy Waller in recognition for work in contributing towards the improvement of the Liverpool community. We would like to thank the Liverpool City Council for providing the support and the fund to undertake the School Garden project.

The garden project has also been making good progress, with a variety of vegetables and herbs being planted and cared for by our students. We are also excited about the addition of a new compost bin into the School Garden Area. Composting provides an important opportunity to get the students involved in recycling food scraps, encouraging sustainable practice, reducing waste and saving the environment.



### **Hoxton Park Athletics Carnival**

Malek Fahd Hoxton Park held its Yearly Athletics Sports Carnival on the Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August at the Dwyer Oval Athletics Field. The Sports Athletics Carnival provides many opportunities for the students to exercise and display their physical abilities. All the students from Kindergarten to Year 11 participated in the events organised by Mr Makki. The grandstand was packed with the students and parents cheering for their teams, full of enthusiasm with colourful t-shirts, painted faces, banners and creative posters all representing their team houses. To conclude the day's events it was exciting to see some parents and some teachers race against each other in a running race.



### **ISD Athletics Championships**

Selected High school students participated in ISD Athletics Championships. It was a great success. The following students were presented with ribbons.

Year 7: Osman Fatty was awarded 1st in Long Jump he has made it through to AICES for 12yrs Boys Long Jump. Congratulations to Osman, we are proud that he is the first in representing ISD at the AICES Athletics Championships from our campus.



### **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>

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal