



25 September 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

It has been a very big term for staff and students of all three campuses. So many wonderful and varied educational experiences have taken place, from assessments, HSC Trials and Preliminary Examinations, excursions, fundraising events, Eid celebrations, sporting gala days, news of the successful restoration of Commonwealth funding and Year 12 celebrations.

Funding

Two weeks ago School Chair, Dr Bennett, announced the successful restoration of the Commonwealth funding. Following the news of funding I wrote on behalf of the School community to the School Board: *"I wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for your diligence, dedication and passion to secure the long-term future of Malek Fahd. The journey has been long, at times tedious, frustrating and demanding, yet your persistence and focus, along with sound wisdom of judgement, has proven the difference. Students, parents and staff have shown great faith in your directions and decision making. They have remained faithful and true; indeed, during this time the student numbers have grown. I am very proud to be part of this journey and be Principal of this remarkable school and our community. Thank you and congratulations."*

On behalf of Malek Fahd I thank Dr Bennett and the entire Board for all their efforts and fine leadership of our School.

Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony

This was a wonderful occasion where we had the opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and thank the outstanding academic levels and involvement in community service of our Year 12 students. The prize-giving ceremony was the first of its kind at Malek Fahd. All Kindergarten to Year 12 students from the three campuses, came together to attend the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park. It was a great success, students engaged in the assembly and the behaviour was excellent.



Special guest such as Mr Jihad Dib MP, Ms Tania Mihailuk MP, Mayor, Khal Asfour and Chair, Dr John Bennett amongst others joined us to congratulate and present awards to our Year 12 students. How fitting it was to have our special guest join us to celebrate the first graduating students from Beaumont Hills; the 20th graduating students from Greenacre; to formally acknowledge the fine work of all our staff; celebrate the 30th year of our wonderful School; and celebrate the wonderful news of the restoring of the Commonwealth funding.

I'm delighted that all campuses were involved in some way. The combined choir, (thanks to Ms Petrova and Ms Colledge) and the drumming (thanks to Ms Barker) were superb. The programming, prizes, photos and videos were well received.



Careful planning for the event ensured smooth operations. The logistics of transporting students from each campus and arranging student seating was led by Mr Lord, ably assisted by Ms Haq, Ms Ali and Mr Aktypis. The program for the day was organised by Ms Kbbar, Head of Wellbeing. Librarian Ms Thomas arranged the purchase of prizes. There have been many very positive comments from students and staff. The seed has been planted for this to be an annual event.





Special congratulations to Mahdhi Zaman of Greenacre Secondary for being awarded the Dux of 2018 Award.

2019 School Captains

I am proud to announce our incoming School captains for 2019 are Ahmed Abid and Yasmine Bizri of Greenacre Secondary Campus, Medhet Omer and Ayesha Rajwani of Beaumont Hills Campus and Isaac Al-Mohammad of Hoxton Park Campus. Congratulations to all. The Vice Captains for Greenacre Campus and senior SRC will be announced early Term 4. We wish them every success in their role as leaders of our very fine student body for 2019.



Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Our Year 12 parents joined us to formally celebrate and farewell our Year 12 graduating students of Greenacre and Beaumont Hills campus with a formal dinner on 18th of September at Villa Blanca Reception. It was a wonderful send-off for students with more than 370 parents, friends, Board and PAC members and staff. The evening began with a beautiful Dua by Sheikh Fawaz and a Quranic recitation by students Mohammad Chami and Reem Hassanin. Dr Bennett, Dr Fariha Dib, Mr Dib, Mrs Khan and I addressed the graduates.



Each graduate was presented with a certificate of graduation. The Year 12 Captains, Jahin Tanvir and Yasmeen Ghamraoui (Greenacre) and Usaim Shakoor (Beaumont Hills), recalled memorable moments of their schooling at MFIS, provided entertaining commentary on what the future has in store for graduating students and thanked their parents and teachers for shaping their lives. The night concluded with video snapshots of students' experiences.



A special thank you to all staff who helped make this night possible. Our Heads of Wellbeing, Mrs Kbbar, and Mr Khoder were outstanding in the planning to ensure the evening was such a success and a memorable event for your students and parents. Heads of Campus Mr Dib and Mrs Khan were excellent MCs.

Fund Raiser for Drought Relief

The news of the plight of farmers has been on everyone's mind. This **Friday will be a MUFTI Day** for Greenacre and Hoxton Park campuses where students will be asked to bring a gold coin. All monies will be donated to the Drought Relief fund through Human Appeal. A separate letter will be sent out by your respective Heads of Campus. Beaumont Hill campus have already fundraised and donated the funds to Buyabale.com.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday, 3rd of August, our school held 'Jeans for Genes Day' to fundraise for this very important cause with a gold coin donation. All three campuses took part, some hosting cake stalls and sold merchandise. I am delighted to report that **our school ranked 1st** amongst many schools in fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day. Total amount raised \$4532 which is a tremendous effort.

2018 NAPLAN Results

The School has received all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN results. The individual results have been sent home with your child/children. I am excited to inform you that the overall results of our students are very pleasing. An analysis of the result will be undertaken to obtain a more detailed outcome.

ALLWELL Results

Students of Years 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, have or are undergoing the Allwell academic assessment. The results of this test will assist the School to ascertain the best way to support your child's future education. If your child is identified as one of the students needing additional support, then you will be contacted to seek permission for further testing by a qualified Psychologist. The testing is fundamental to promoting your child's growth, development, learning and future progression.

Year 10 Market Day

The Year 10 Commerce students from all campuses hosted their very first Market Day on Wednesday, 12th September. Various food stalls were set up, ranging from Burgers to chocolate waffles. Commerce students contributed towards a successful result. Any financial transactions incurred by the students will be returned and all profit will be donated towards the drought relief for our farmers.

What Matters? Writing Competition

Recently some of our students participated in the Whitlam Institute *What Matters?* Writing Competition.

What Matters? is part of the Whitlam Institute's student civics and citizenship program. Nineteen students from Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in the competition where they were asked to answer the question of 'what matters' to them, their family, community, country and world. In total there were over 3600 diverse entries which covered topics including gender equality, relationships and consent, refugees, indigenous recognition and reconciliation, animals and their natural world, and inter-generational tolerance.

Ms Naser, Head of English.

Bstreetsmart Road Safety Excursion

On the 30th of August, the Year 10 cohort attended an Bstreetsmart excursion to Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park as part of the PDHPE program. Bstreetsmart activities are aligned to the PDHPE syllabus and propose and present strategies to promote safe road use, attitudes and behaviours. This road safety program aims to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers. Bstreetsmart provided our students with first hand experiences and:

- An understanding of their responsibilities as a driver and as a responsible passenger
- Information and strategies to avoid serious injuries and death
- Information on how to reduce risk taking behaviour through greater awareness of the consequences of distracted driving, inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving and driver fatigue.

Overall, it was a very entertaining, confronting and informative excursion.

Nadine Mohammed 10G2



Skoolbag App for Parents

Malek Fahd Islamic School has launched a new way to communicate with our parents. The school has recently introduced the SkoolBag app as a way to allow parents to stay up-to date with newsletters, school events and notices. For you to be able to receive these notifications you will need to install the SkoolBag app on your phone and register. Instruction on how to do

this can be found on the following website and the attached flyer below:

www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/

When searching for the school to add please make sure you type in Malek Fahd Islamic School and follow the steps to register.

Parents driving through the School

It has been brought to my attention that the majority of parents driving through the School carpark are using their mobile phones when passing the children on the pedestrian crossing in the morning and in the afternoons. In addition to this dangerous behaviour, a few parents also drive 40+ km/h towards the Exit Gate. We request that all parents follow the driving laws and abide by the School rules to keep our children safe and to avoid any incident/accidents.

School Uniform Shop Appointments

All parents are requested to make an appointment for back-to-school 2019 and new enrolment uniform fittings. Call the Uniform Shop now on **0498 518 916** or email malek.fahd@midford.com.au to arrange an appointment. Due to the high volume of uniform fittings at this time of the year, we need to emphasise the importance of having an appointment to avoid lengthy waiting times. We normally allow 30-40 minutes for a new student fitting, so please book now to have the peace of mind of a smooth and pleasant uniform fitting. Appointments will be commencing in October. Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop will **close for the school holidays on Friday, 14th Dec 2018** at 3.00pm.

Additional Holiday Trading Hours: Mon 14th Jan 2019 to Tues 29th Jan 2019 (9.00am to 3.00pm)

You are also welcome to purchase **uniform online** at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

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

Uniform Shop Contact Details

Phone: 0498 518 916

Email: malek.fahd@midford.com.au

2019 Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2019. These dates have also been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Wed, 30th January to Fri, 12th April 2019

Term 2 - Tue, 30th April to Fri, 5th July 2019

Term 3 - Tue, 23rd July to Fri, 27th September 2019

Term 4 - Mon, 14th October to Wed, 4th December 2019

School Holidays

The last day of School for Term 3 is Friday, 28th September. Students will return to begin Term 4 on Monday, 15th October 2018.

Thank you for a great Term. I wish everyone a safe, happy and restful holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th October for a bright and refreshed ready for a strong academic Term 4.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal



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