



26 July 2019

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Welcome back to an exciting and eventful Term 3! I hope everyone had a relaxing break and ready to start Term 3 full of enthusiasm.

Careers Expo

Greenacre Secondary will be hosting the Annual MFIS Careers Expo at Greenacre Secondary, in the School Hall on Thursday 1st August (Week 2). Year 10, 11 and 12 students from all three campuses will be attending this event. They will have access to invaluable information, resources, networking opportunities and advice on future career prospects. Mrs Khalaf will bring many tertiary institutions, organisations and professionals to the event.

HSC Trials

The 2019 HSC Trials will commence on Monday 6th August and will conclude on Wednesday 21st August. Examinations in the morning will begin promptly at 8:30am and afternoon examinations will start at 12:30pm. Students will attend in full school uniform. The Trials will familiarise students with the format of the HSC Examination. Upon completion of the examination, students may go home. Normal classes will resume on Thursday 22nd August. A copy of the Trial Examination timetable has been distributed to students.

Upcoming Wellbeing Initiatives

Year 7 Elevate Workshop

Year 7 students will participate in a follow-up Elevate Study Skills Workshop on the 8th August. The workshop will focus on further development of study skills which is much needed given the transition from primary to secondary and the forthcoming yearly examinations. The purpose of this workshop is to provide our students with effective and practical strategies to improve their study skills. These workshops help students of all abilities to develop habits which facilitate more effective learning, improve learning outcomes and increase overall student performance.

Aged Care Visits

Senior students will continue to participate in visits to BUPA Aged Care Bankstown. These visits have proven very popular amongst students. Many students have already visited numerous times and have shown



exemplary behaviour and empathy. The elderly residents thoroughly enjoy the company of our students. Our students provide companionship, play board games, help with gardening and arts and crafts activities during visits.

Jeans for Genes Day

Students will be participating in Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 2nd August. Jeans for Genes was established in 1994 by Children's Medical Research Institute to fund revolutionary research that helps diagnose, understand, and find cures or treatments for conditions affecting kids, including genetic diseases, cancer, and epilepsy. Students are encouraged to come dressed in denim in exchange for a gold coin donation. A cake stall will also be held at recess and lunch and merchandise will be sold to help raise money for such an important cause. We thank Ms Hanade Saddik for her leadership of this event.

Ms Houda Kbbar, Head of Wellbeing

National Tree Day - Friday, 26th July

National Tree Day was co-founded in 1996 by Planet Ark and Olivia Newton-John. It has now grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event. It marks the start of a long-term environmental program in engaging the students in a fun, hands-on activity that will reinforce their environmental learning and contribute to the beauty of the school grounds. Today at the Hoxton Park campus, with the generous donation from our local Bunnings Warehouse, our students got their hands dirty planting a variety of native shrubs at our school garden area. The event proved to be a success, and the students enjoyed learning about planting and taking care of our environment. Students from all campuses will be learning about sustainability, conservation and the importance of trees in the coming weeks.



Solutions Summit 2019 to End Violence against Children and Young People

Two students from the Beaumont Hills Campus, Ayesha Athar and Mubarak Tajudeen with Ms Lorizah Usman, attended the Solutions Summit 2019 to End Violence against Children and Young People held at the SMC Conference & Function Centre at 66 Goulburn St, Sydney on Friday, 26th July. Ayesha and Mubarak had the opportunity to speak at the conference after hearing directly from experts on solutions to reduce violence.

Beaumont Hills Public Speaking Competition

Years K-6 students will participate in a Public Speaking competition. They will need to present a speech to their class. One student will be chosen to represent their class in the grade competition. The topics with further details will be sent home soon with the finals being held in Week 6.



LMA School Programs

The students from year 7-11 have participated in the following LMA programs: Stand Tall, Speak Out! A poetry competition, where MFHP students competed against 25 other students from various schools. MFHP students presented outstanding poems. First place winner was, Mya Darwich of Year 9 and runner up was Dyala Hamoud of Year 10. They both received gifts from the organisers and their poems will be published in a book and distributed to other schools in the community. They were acknowledged for their excellent achievements at our School Assembly by Mr Rixon and Mrs Kassem. Another competition MFHP student participated in was to design a plant in a jar and again one of our students, Swaleha Ali in Year 10, was awarded the first prize.



After-School Sports Program at Greenacre

Students in Years 7 – 10 have the opportunity to take part in the After-School Sports Program. The program will run from 3.40pm to 4.20pm. On Tuesdays, Futsal is offered to the Year 9 and 10 group and on Thursdays, Year 7 and 8 students can take part in OzTag. Students will always be supervised by a teacher and all students must be in full sports uniform including shoes.

Parent Advisory Committee

MFIS Parents Advisory Committee would like to invite parents from various campuses to join and participate in the committee. The Parents Advisory Committee meets once a month for a couple of hours at various campuses to discuss a variety of issues relating to the campuses, school and education. We also have facilities for Audio/Video conferencing for participants who are not always able to attend the meetings. If you would like to join the committee, please send resumes/biodata to the PAC Chair, Mr Kamal Mahmoud via email: pac@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

Students Travelling via Buses

Bus Services have requested that I inform parents and students of the significant change created by the introduction of the School Opal cards. Students need to tap on and off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

If your child does not have a School Opal card or their details have changed then please visit www.opal.com.au/en/aboutopal/opal-for-school-students/ Damaged or lost School Opal cards can be replaced by completing the form found at [<https://ssts%1fapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace>][https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/Replace Card.html](https://sstsapply.transport.nsw.gov.au/ApplySSTS/ReplaceCard.html)

School Uniform

Parents are requested to make an appointment for fittings and purchase of uniforms via calling on 0498 518 916 or email 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

Update of Parent Email Addresses

To improve communication with parents, all School newsletters will be sent out to parents via email and through the Schoolbag app. If you are not receiving the Newsletter or know of someone who isn't, please contact the Administration Office to update your email contact details. Newsletters are also available on the School website.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal