



26 May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

Niyah Week

This week marks a very important milestone in our 3-Year Niyah project on Islamic Pedagogy. Our colleagues at the Centre for Islamic Thought and Education (CITE), at the University of South Australia joined us for a week of intense activities as we began our initial School Review.

Across the week the Niyah Project Team consisting of key CITE and MFIS staff conducted 6 professional development sessions. These were the 3rd in a series of workshops but were the first that were able to happen in-person, with the 2 previous in the series needing to be conducted remotely due to COVID restrictions. All teaching staff on all campuses participated in these workshops in order to develop their understanding and skills in implementing Islamic Pedagogy.

CITE staff also had the opportunity to meet parent focus groups from each campus, as well as student focus groups. Interviews with executive staff were also undertaken as part of the review. Another critical aspect of the review were 22 lesson observations conducted across the week. These were done by CITE staff to gain a picture of the current teaching and learning practices being undertaken on each campus. These have provided a wonderful insight for our CITE partners and I thank the teachers who generously participated in this process.

Niyah Week culminated with a parent forum session on Saturday 22 May which included members of the MFIS Board, Executive staff and our colleagues from CITE.

2022 Kindergarten Enrolment

This is a courtesy reminder to our families that the closing date for Kindergarten requests for admission applications will be closing soon. If you have a child turning 5 before 31st July 2022 and would like to enrol them in Kindergarten at Malek Fahd Islamic School in 2022, please complete a Request for Admission by visiting the Administration Office by **Monday, 31st May**

2021. Please note this is not a guarantee of enrolment, as all applicants will go through the interview process.

This is a very exciting milestone for you and your child and we welcome the opportunity to meet you both during the interviews which will be held early in Term 3. Children are expected to demonstrate, their ability to write, knowledge of the alphabet, numbers, colours and shapes, be able to recite Al Fatiha and one other short Sura, and be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills. Again, please remember the *closing date* for these applications is **Monday, 31st May 2021.**

School Leaders Award

Mr Dib and Mrs Nachar accompanied Greenacre School Captains to the 2021 School Leader awards hosted by MP Tony Burke on Friday 21st May. The ceremony was in recognition of their successful nomination and investiture. The event was held at Canterbury Boys' High School and included a morning tea and presentation with parents in attendance.

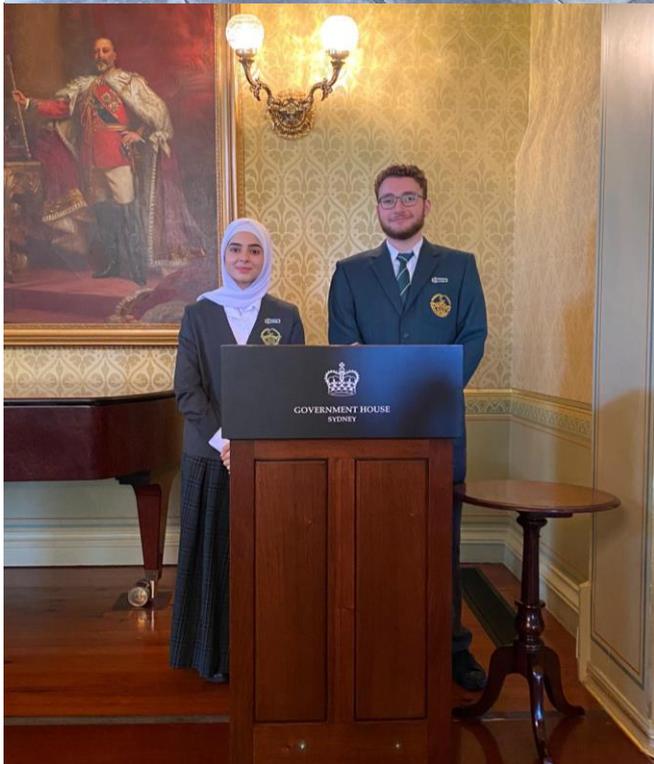


School Leaders visit to NSW Parliament

Our School Captains Bilal El-Hamawi and Sara Hamze from Greenacre Secondary participated in an all-day Parliamentary Education Program held annually to give Secondary School Captains in NSW an opportunity to meet members of State Parliament and draw inspiration from them as community leaders. Students

also observed a working session at Parliament House during Question Time.

Our captains also met other school captains from the Canterbury-Bankstown area and other schools in Sydney which was a valuable experience for them as our school leaders. The final session of the program gave our captains the opportunity to meet and hear the motivational words from Her Excellency the Honorable Margaret Beazley, Governor General of NSW.



Charity-During Ramadan at Malek Fahd.

One of the pillars of Islam is Alms, giving and feeding the poor and looking after the orphans in the community. To this end School supports seven orphans through Baitul Zakat in Lebanon, four by Greenacre Primary and three by Greenacre Secondary. Each orphan is paid \$600 for their upkeep and education for a year so \$4200 has been given to Baitul Zakat before Eid.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students and staff of Greenacre Secondary who raised \$2300. This money was sent through Human Appeal to Bangladesh to dig two wells, one with motor, tank and taps for a mosque with wudu facilities and the other with manual pump for a small village. A manual pump well was also donated to a community in Pakistan.

Hoxton Park supports four orphans through Human Appeal and have collected over \$3000 this year during Ramadan. \$2400 will go towards the orphans and the reminder has gone to the eleventh well that Hoxton Park are donating this year to communities in Pakistan.

Beaumont Hills organised coin donations during the Holy month of Ramadan and collected \$943 which will go to two orphans through Human Appeal in GAZA.

Some of the tin collections from the girl's section of the mosque amounting to \$687.93 was donated to the Rohingya Orphans through SADAQA Welfare Fund on 29th April.

All campuses are participating in the Food and Blanket Drive organised through the Wellbeing Coordinators to help a diverse group of people in need within the Australian Community.

*Mr Aiyub Ahmed
Deputy Pastoral and Community*

Girls in STEM Talk

The Technology Department recently organised a "Girls in STEM Talk" for the Year 9 and 10 girls. Ms Michelle Norton (Mechanical Engineer & 2012 F1 in Schools World Championship Winner - Australia) gave an excellent speech to our girls about STEM especially Engineering and Technology in STEM. This talk was very engaging as our girls saw the value of technology and engineering as a career option. Ms Norton has agreed to coach our Year 9 girls team who are currently preparing for the F1 in School competition in September at Mt Druitt TAFE. Science Teacher, Ms Jalloul will also be working with them. A huge thank

you to Mr Naidu and the team involved in making this a successful event.



“Thank You” Morning Tea

As a “thank you” gesture Greenacre Secondary Year 12 students organised a delicious morning tea to thank their Year 12 teachers for their extraordinary work during Ramadan. Members of CITE team were also invited to attend the morning tea which they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Nachar and all students and staff involved in ensuring a successful event.



Year 11 Chemistry Students Visit the Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour

Our Year 11 Chemistry students from all 3 campuses attended a most informative and valuable experience at the Australian Maritime Museum on Tuesday, May 18th. Students were given the opportunity to relate their studies on the corrosion of metals and its prevention to navy ships and had firsthand observations of artefacts from previous shipwrecks including the HMS Batavia.

Interactive lessons with maritime veterans provided an in-depth insight into metal corrosion and its importance to our daily lives. Australia’s rich maritime history was impressed upon the students by retired navy personnel. The highlight of the excursion was an onboard tour of the HMS Vampire, a decommissioned navy training ship from the 1980s. Students gain much on the day for their Chemistry Course and were given wonderful praise by the facilitators (and even the bus driver!) on their exemplary behaviour and conduct on the day.



Year 12 Geography Excursion

Our Beaumont Hills campus is pioneering our Senior Geography program with this year marking the first cohort of students to sit for HSC Geography exams. As part of the study of Geography students must undertake fieldwork to better understand the processes that shape both the natural and the human worlds.

Yesterday the students undertook fieldwork on the Northern Beaches of Sydney investigating the coastal dune systems of the Barrenjoey tombolo, at Palm Beach, and coastal erosion and management at Collaroy Beach. The fieldwork involved the students using geographical and scientific instruments to take measurements and undertaking observations of human impacts and the management strategies being used at each location.



H3 Homework Help Hub

Secondary parents are reminded that with end of Ramadan, Homework Help Hubs are operating again at each campus.

School Fee Reminder

A reminder to our parents and carers that School fees for Term 2 are due and payable. The prompt payment of these fees will ensure the school is able to continue to provide quality education for the students. For families that have balances outstanding from last Term, we ask that these fees are paid in full immediately to bring your accounts in order. The school thanks the parents in advance for their assistance in paying fees on time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Rixon'.

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal