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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

### Email Accounts for Secondary Students

Malek Fahd Islamic School is delighted to advise you that Year 7 to 12 students will be getting their own School email address and computer login details to use School computers for learning purposes. The internet provides an opportunity to enhance students' learning experiences allowing online communication links students to a collaborative learning environment resulting in enhanced learning outcomes.

Responsible use of Information and Technology services at School by students, with guidance from teaching staff, will provide a secure and safe learning environment for all students. The School's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Email Policy and Agreement was sent to all Secondary parents via email. Hard copies were sent with students. We expect appropriate and acceptable use of Malek Fahd Islamic School computer facilities, internet and email for the purposes of fostering educational activities at School. Please read, sign and return this Policy to Homeroom Teachers as soon as practicable.

Student email and login will not be provided to students until this form is completed and signed by both the student and parents. We are currently working on the development and implementation of a student / parent portal whereby curriculum and other items will be attached. Thank you for supporting the School in its initiatives to enhance student learning experiences.

### Book Week Celebrations 2019

Term 3 is heavily focused on literacy, and many of our class and extra-curricular activities are integrated with Book Week. This year the theme is "Reading is my Secret Power", and the Primary School Library arranged a wonderful display showing off the theme. K – 6 classes also participated in a new initiative of Reading Buddies. For this, upper primary classes paired up with the infant classes for library time, and broke up into pairs, whereby the older students read story books to their younger buddy. Ms El-Ahmad also had lunchtime reading sessions where she read *Noni the Pony* to K – 2 students, *Pippi Longstockings* to Years 3 and 4 students and *Treasure Island* to Years 5 & 6 students.

Year 2 are studying fairy tales this Term and participated in the incursion Fairy Tale fiasco which has become a fixed favourite in the Year 2 calendar.

### Greenacre Primary Book Character Parade

The Greenacre Primary School celebrated Book Week with an atomically awesome Book Character Parade. On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, in a packed assembly area, many of our favourite book characters stepped out of their pages and into our assembly area. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 dressed up, our staff, including our Admin and School Nurse, got into the spirit of the day by getting dressed up as their favourite story book character. Students and teachers paraded class by class around the courtyard to the applause and appreciation of their peers, staff and parents. The Parade was opened by the MC, Pippi Longstockings, who was then followed by many of the characters that we have grown to love. Shrek also made a special appearance and was cheered on by the crowds as he energetically danced around the playground. The creative costumes worn by the students and staff are a demonstration of how books are such a big part of our lives. Thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful day!





## Beaumont Hills Scholastic Bookfair and Character Parade

The Campus hosted the Scholastic Book Fair again this year as part of Book Week. The Campus will receive almost \$1800 (35% of sales) worth of books for the Campus library. Students in both primary and secondary, have been involved in various Book Week events to promote the love of reading. All students from K-11 dressed up as their favourite book character or superhero for the Character Parade on 21<sup>st</sup> August. John Larkin, a well-known and respected author, visited the Campus and delivered an amazing presentation for students in Years 6 -11. A huge thank you to the Scholastic Book Fair committee, English Faculty and the Campus Librarian for their effort in making this possible.



## MFIS Greenacre Annual Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held over two days, the girls on 21<sup>st</sup> and boys on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August at Sydney Olympic Park Warm Up Track. The house competition was very competitive with all students giving their best in a wide range of events. Track events included 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m as well as field events with shot put, discus, javelin, high jump and long jump. The winning sport houses were Safa (girls) and Mena (boys). Congratulations to all competing students and the teachers who officiated, coached, organised and encouraged our students. Successful students who won their events will represent Malek Fahd at the ISD Athletics Carnival on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> of August at Sydney Olympic Park.



### Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

Age Group	Girls	Boys
12 Years	Jayda Derbas	Muhammad Ali Shahza
13 Years	Aisha Sabouh	Seyit Demirtas
14 Years	Jaidika Kairu	Abdul-Karim Kheir
15 Years	Shadia Naboulsi	Jad Kodr
16 Years	Layla Affiouny	Tausif Islam
17+ Years	Not Awarded	Aashir Ali

*Ms Mitchell & Mr Merhi – Sports Organisers*

## Careers Day 2019

Our 2019 Careers Day took place on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Students from Years 10 to 12 across our Greenacre, Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park campuses had the opportunity to speak to Universities, TAFE and Colleges as well as our alumni. This allowed them ask various questions about the career path they are interested in and others they may not even have considered. Students had the opportunity to speak to ambassadors from University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, UTS, Western Sydney University, Australian Catholic University, University of Notre Dame, Macquarie University, Western Sydney College, Australian College of Applied Psychology, Australian College of Physical Education and TAFE.





The Universities commended us for our well behaved and polite students. I would like to thank our alumni for giving up their busy time at work and University to speak to and advise our students on their chosen career path. Overall the day was a success as students found it beneficial for their subject choices and University applications.

*Ms Khalaf, Careers Advisor*

### **Jeans for Genes Day**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2019, MFIS participated in 'Jeans for Genes Day'. It was a day to bring awareness to childhood genetic disorders. During the week students were encouraged to help raise funds for the Children's Medical Research Institute by purchasing branded merchandise. A former student Ibrahim Darwich visited and spoke to the Year 11 students about his genetic disorder known as Muscular Dystrophy. He spoke about his life and how his outlook on life is always positive. Ibrahim did not let his disorder hinder him from achieving his goals. He has 4 University Degrees, including a Masters degree. Our second guest was a gorgeous little four year old Nadia who was born with Down Syndrome. Her inspirational mother Najat spoke to the Year 10 girls about Down Syndrome and her journey as a mother of a child with special needs. Both guests were very inspirational!



It was an enjoyable and successful day! During recess both students and staff enjoyed purchasing the scrumptious cakes and cupcakes generously donated by students. Krispy Kreme donuts were also a crowd pleaser! Total raised in Greenacre Secondary was \$4035. However together with Primary, we raised an impressive amount of \$6268. Thank you to all the wonderful staff that assisted on the day and for their generous donations.

*Ms Hanade Saddik, Welfare Coordinator*

### **Hoxton Park Multicultural/Abaya Day**

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, Hoxton Park students participated in celebrating Eid at school through the participation of Eid activities. The steps for Hajj were modelled in the School hall for students to see. With the help of Mr Tahseen students were educated about the steps people carry out at Hajj. Primary students enjoyed practising

Tawaf and enjoyed a sip of Zam Zam. Students wore lovely multicultural outfits and donated generously towards the event. The school raised \$508.05 on this day.



### **Auburn Gallipoli Mosque Visit**

Malek Fahd Hoxton Park Year 3 to Year 6 students were given the opportunity to go to Auburn Gallipoli Mosque on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August whereby they were given a guided tour and were informed about the history of the mosque. Whilst the students were there, they were also given an insight of the many functions which the mosque provides to the local community. Students learnt more about charity and how to make donations to charitable organisations. They also learnt about the architecture of the Mosque and had the opportunity to pray the Duhar prayer. Students were also given a lesson on the history of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and were offered Turkish delight for morning tea.

### **Beaumont Hills Stage 3 Camp to Bathurst**

The Stage 3 students left for Camp on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. They stopped at Echo Point (Three Sisters) for morning tea and a tour of the area before heading on to the Bathurst Goldfields where they spent some time panning for gold. They got an opportunity to make damper and then headed to their Newhaven accommodation for the night. After breakfast, they left their Newhaven accommodation and headed towards the historic Hill End Village. Everyone was in high spirits despite the cold and thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.





## **Independent Schools 7 a side Rugby League- Jamison Park, Penrith - 19 August 2019**

Malek Fahd entered three teams (13 & 15 Year Boys & 16 Year Girls) in this Gala Day for the first time.

The 15 Year Boys team, coached by Mr Merhi won their division and in a fine display of skills and athleticism defeated Lakes Grammar 40 - 10 in the final. The boys were presented with individual trophies and Captain Jad Kodr accepted a trophy for the school. The team was recognised by the coach of Lakes United in an email to our Principal, Mr Rixon where he complimented the boys on their outstanding skills, sportsmanship, humility and manners. Congratulations to Ibrahim Taleb, Daniyal Naeem, Hussam El Masry, Fady Alameddine, Zayd Baghdadi, Jad Kodr, Hamzy Hussein, Abdulkader Melhem, Aymen Elmir and Mohamad Kurdi.

The 13 Year Boys team tried and gave a good account of themselves in all four games, displayed good skills and are looking forward to their next opportunity.

The 16 Year Girls team had trained regularly prior to the Gala Day and improved in each of their four games. The team adapted well to seven a side Rugby League and their ball control and support play was a feature of their play. It was most pleasing in the last game when their opponents were two players shot through injury, our girls volunteered to play for the Central Coast team against their peers. A great demonstration of sportsmanship by the whole team. Congratulations to all participants especially the dominant performers: Mai Dib, Isha Arja, Sarah El-Khatib, Nesreen Al-Mesaimi, Rayanne Bizri and Shadia Naboulsi.

*Mr Spotswood – Head of PDHPE*

### **LMA Tri-sports Gala Day**

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> of August, we had a very successful gala day hosted by the LMA. It was a Tri-sports Gala Day consisting of soccer, cricket and basketball. Two of our teams made it to the finals with our Year 10 team winning the senior competition and were awarded a trophy.



*Mai Dib 10G3*

### **ISD Soccer Gala Day**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, Malek Fahd Islamic High School attended the annual ISD Soccer Gala Day in Queens Park, with Mr Afiouni and Ms Battaglia. A girls and boys senior

teams were selected and demonstrated admirable pride, sportsmanship and teamwork. All students represented the school respectfully and looked wonderful in their new sports jerseys.

The competition was tough with many strong schools from the Independent Schools District attending. Both the boys and girls team only lost one game, and by a small margin. Unfortunately, due to the point scoring system neither team made the grand final but were placed third amongst both pools. There were many stand out players on the day, and some great plays from both the defensive and attacking positions. Both teams also improved from last year, and interestingly our girls' team defeated the eventual grand finalist.



*Ms Battaglia and Mr Afiouni - PDHPE*

### **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/>  
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Kind regards,



Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal