



30 April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaykum WRWB,

### ANZAC Commemorations

ANZAC commemoration assemblies were held at all four campuses. It was an honour to have Returned Servicemen from the Bankstown RSL attend our assembly at the Greenacre Secondary Campus who shared their ANZAC experiences with our students. HSIE teacher, Mr Kurt, also gave a Turkish Australian perspective of the ANZAC campaign and impressed us all with the universal values of mateship and camaraderie amongst the Australian diggers and Turkish soldiers during the war at Gallipoli. Values that live on way after the war and unite us as Australians in peace.

Hoxton Park students joined with teachers and also invited guests to commemorate ANZAC Day in an assembly which was reverent and solemn. The commemoration was marked by speeches by our honoured guest, Deputy Mayor of Liverpool Council, Cr. Mazhar Hadid. We both acknowledged the special place that ANZAC Day has in bringing community together. Guest speaker Ms Alana Divett, a RAAF servicewoman who was involved in active duty, gave an engaging speech via video about her duties in maintaining the aircraft of the RAAF.



## MFIS Iftar Dinners

All Campuses have organised Ramadan Iftars and so far, the turnout has been overwhelming from parents and students. Hoxton Park and Greenacre Primary Campuses held their Iftar this week with a warm and family-oriented gathering to break fast with students, parents and staff. The highlight of the evening was the wonderful and melodious Nasheed performances by the Primary choir. It was a valuable opportunity for the up and coming school leaders and the primary SRC team to be engaged in leading their campus. They displayed great confidence and leadership skills on the night. A delightful banquet was served to guests by primary staff and enjoyed by all. The coming together of our school community was warming to see after the pause of 2020 due to COVID restrictions, we are grateful and fortunate indeed.



Malek Fahd Hoxton Park had the wonderful opportunity to host its first Iftar dinner for their students, families and staff. The Iftar dinner created a warm and inviting environment for all those who attended as we gathered to pray, recite dua and break our fast together.

A vast variety of food was donated by our staff as well as catered during the evening for everyone to enjoy.



## Quran Competition

As part of Ramadan initiative, the school organises Quran competition every year to encourage Kindergarten to Year 12 students to recite and memorise as much Quran as possible. Selected students will represent the grade and the winners from each campus will attend the finals at Greenacre campus on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May** where a panel of Sheikhs will judge and finalise winners per grade. Awards will be presented to students during the School assembly.

Each campus is also organising their own Islamic Trivia and finals will be held at their own campuses.

### School Survey

As advised by the MFIS Board in the 1 February 2021 Information Update, the Board is surveying parent, staff and student views about the School to help inform the Board's strategic directions. Thank you for completing the parent surveys.

Students of Year 5 to Year 12 will be completing the online Student Survey over the next fortnight.

### Parents Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 10am to 12pm – Greenacre Secondary Hall.

Dr John Bennett and members of the Board, along with Professor Mohamad Abdalla, Dr Nadeem Memon and Mr Dylan Chown of University of South Australia's, Centre for Islamic Thought and Education, will have the opportunity to meet with parents to discuss important School matters.

Please save the date in your diary. Further details will be forthcoming from Dr Bennett.

### 2021 NAPLAN

As previously advised, due to the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays, NESA has approved the School's request to change the 2021 NAPLAN dates. Please see table below for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN:

#### NAPLAN 2021 paper test timetable for MFIS.

Year	Tuesday 11 May	Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May
Year 3	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 45 minutes	Numeracy: 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions:4 5 minutes Writing:40 minutes	Reading: 50 minutes	Numeracy: 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes

Year	Tuesday 11 May	Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May
Year 9	Language conventions: 45 minutes Writing: 40 minutes	Reading: 65 minutes	Numeracy: 65 minutes

### Parent Portal

The parent portal is up and running. It keeps you up to date with information regarding your children. The features of the parent portal are:

- Newsletter communication and general correspondence
- Parent Teacher interview appointments
- Secondary student timetable
- Student absence notifications
- Academic reports

Many families have registered for the parent portal over the Term break. We encouraged all the parents to register for parent portal by visiting the link below.

<https://mfis.sentral.school/auth/portal>

Please email our IT staff if you need any assistance. The email for IT is: [itsupport@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:itsupport@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

### School Fees

Term 2 school fees statements have been issued. The school fees are due for payment at the start of each term. 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,



Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal