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NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

2018 School Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report for Malek Fahd Islamic School has been completed and may be found on the School website. The Annual Report is a requirement of all schools, Australia wide, by the Commonwealth. The fourteen subsections found in the Report are provided by the Commonwealth for schools to respond. I hope you enjoy the reading of the success of our very fine School.

Term 2 Holidays

Term 2 holidays will commence on Monday, 8th July and end on Monday, 22nd July 2019. Students will return to begin Term 3 on Tuesday, 23rd July. All parents please note, Monday 22nd July is a Professional Development Day for Staff. The last day for Term 3 will be Friday, 27th September 2019.

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.

Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports for Kindergarten to Year 12 are finalised across all campuses. The information in the reports assist parents in understanding the educational growth of your child. Please feel free to contact your respective teacher, Co-ordinator or Head of Campus should you require further explanation of the information in your child's report or the academic progress of your child.

MFIS Year Book

We are proud to announce that our school has produced the Year Book for 2018. Each family should have received a copy this week. It captures some of the memorable

moments the students took part in, both curricular and extra-curricular. We would like to thank our Heads of Campus, their teachers and the SRC for organising the variety of activities and learning experiences. We would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Parker and Mr Khoder who spent tireless hours during the whole process in bringing the Year Book to realisation.

Scholarship

Part of the School's Strategic Plan was the introduction of a Scholarship Program. I am delighted to inform you that we have received several expressions of interest from parents for the various categories. These have been reviewed by a panel which consist of Sheikh Fawaz, Mr David Hamper, Mr Aiyub Ahmed, Mr Dennis Aktypis and input from the Heads of Campus. I will be informing the successful candidates in the very near future.

Saturday Classes for Year 12 Students

Saturday tutorial classes were organised for both Advanced and Standard HSC Mathematics students in Weeks 8 and 9, Term 2, and Week 1 of Term 3. These additional tuition classes had been requested by a few students and parents to revise the content and attempt past HSC papers in preparation for the Trial Exams in Term 3 Weeks 3 and 4.

Saturday Classes for Year 11 Students

Students currently enrolled in Compression Mathematics, Year 12 Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1 will be the last cohort to be examined on the old syllabus. For students who have enrolled from the Compression course to the new Mathematics Advanced Course will have covered all the new content following the Saturday classes held throughout Term 1 and Term 2. These classes will continue in Term 3, up till 27th July from 9am – 1pm.

Morning/Afternoon Classes

Morning classes for Mathematics and Biology Compression course started from week 1 of Term 1 and will continue until week 8 of Term 3. Biology students were provided with additional morning classes in Term 1 and Engineering Studies students also had morning classes to consolidate the content coverage.

Beaumont Hills Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

As part of the Stage 3 History Unit, students will be visiting Bathurst in Term 3. This will be a one-night camp for our Stage 3 students, travelling on 22nd August and returning on 23rd August 2019. The students will have a wonderful opportunity to experience the Bathurst Goldfields, Hill End & History Hill that offer brilliant gold-rush educational opportunities using a combination of artefacts, restored buildings and equipment, preserved sites, recreated buildings and mines, photographic records and more.

Secondary Cyberbullying Workshop at Beaumont Hills

The Local Area Comands School Liaison Officer, Amanda Jones, presented the cyberbullying workshop for our Secondary students this week. Officer Jones praised the wonderful behaviour and interaction of our students.

Orphan Sponsorship

A cheque of \$1200 was presented to Mr Omar Al-Jamal from Human Appeal International at Malek Fahd Hoxton Park Campus in the presence of Ms Kassem and Mr Rixon. This contribution will go towards another year of sponsorship of two disadvantaged children in Indonesia. Continued sponsorship for another year will ensure that these children will continue to receive an education which will empower them to be able to support themselves and their families in the long term. Your generous donations towards this noble cause is most appreciated.



In addition to the sponsorship of the 2 Indonesian girls, we at Malek Fahd Hoxton Park continue to take part in the sponsorship of another two children in Gaza, Palestine. The MFHP School community continue to take part in projects such as water wells in parts of the world where they have a lack of fresh water. It is our hope that teaching children to be selfless and being grateful at a young age will encourage them to help the less fortunate in the future.

Email Accounts for Secondary Students

I am delighted to report that School Email accounts of all the secondary students across the three campuses have been created. Students will be provided with their email account in the coming weeks once they have been guided

through and signed the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Email Policy and Agreement. The Agreement will be sent out to parents in the coming days for parent and student acceptance and signatures.

Primary Cross Campus Gala Day

The love of sport was personified on Wednesday, 3rd July during our Cross Campus Gala Day held at the Crest, Bass Hill, where Years 5 and 6 competed in 86 different games throughout the day! Our students showed strong enthusiasm and skill across all games, as well as sportsmanship, as each team worked together to achieve their personal best. Congratulations to the Greenacre Campus Girls team "Fast and Furious" and boys team "Liverpool FC" who took out the competition! The amazing effort and skill demonstrated across these teams was remarkable. Also, a huge thank you to the Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills campuses for joining Greenacre campus in sportsmanship and school spirit. A special mention to the Beaumont Hills boys team for making the Grand Final.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing Staff for supervising and being ready to assist in making it a most memorable event in the students' schooling experience. Last but not least, thank you to students and parents for your passion and delivery! Until next year!

Mr Saddik, Head of Wellbeing (Primary)

Term 2 PDHPE & Sport Report

Term 2 has been a very busy term with a wide range of PDHPE and Sport activities and opportunities for students from Years 7 to 12.

ISD Football Trials

Malek Fahd sent 24 talented footballers to these trials at Valentine Park, Beaumont Hills. Our students had the opportunity to play with and against some wonderful players, some of whom were Australian representatives. Thanks Mr Affiouni & Ms Battaglia for organising the students to attend. Students selected in ISD team for the AICES Carnival are:

Shaveer Malik, Mohamad Kurdi, Ali El Ghaz, Sidrah Ardati, Ilesha Arja, Layla Afouiny, Maymuna Elkiki, and Rayanne Karnib.



ISD Cross Country

57 girls & boys competed in these Championships at Centennial Park 12 to 17 year age divisions. This was a record number of students competing with Malek Fahd being one of the strongest teams in this representative carnival. Students qualifying for the AICES Carnival are: Jayda Derbas – 12 yrs, Ahmad Elhelou – 13 yrs, Mohamed Salim – 13 yrs, Khalid Mohamed – 16 yrs, Mayez Hijazi – 16 yrs and Ali Hamze – 17 yrs.

Bulldogs Rugby League Secondary Shield Gala Day

Malek Fahd sent four teams to this Annual Gala Day on conducted at The Crest Sporting Complex. On a bright sunny winter's day, our boys competed against Independent and Government schools in a round robin format. All teams played strongly and displayed some excellent skills in a most enjoyable day of healthy and spirited competition.

Thank you to Mr Merhi for organising our teams and coaching the 16 year age team. Also, well done to other coaches, Mr Amin (13 year), Mr Affiouni (14 year) and Mr Spotswood (15 year).

AFL School Cup

Two teams represented Malek Fahd for the first time in this Gala Day on Wednesday, 19th June at Hoxton Park. The teams competed well and improved over the day as they become accustomed to this exciting sport. Competition was strong but a rewarding experience which was seen in the positive relationships and fine sportsmanship evident between the teams. Thanks to Ms Haddad and Mr Affiouni for organising and coaching the teams.



First Aid Course for Year 11 & 12 students registered

On Friday 21st June, 80 Year 11 and 12 students enrolled in the PDHPE and CAFS courses were accredited in First Aid and CPR. The practical course required students to complete a four-hour online theory component as a prerequisite for the course.

The course assisted students in gaining a deeper knowledge and understanding of lifesaving, which is part of their Year 11 and 12 syllabi. The accreditation will also be useful after school as this is a requirement for many professions and jobs.



Year 7 and 8 Sports

On Tuesdays (Year 7) and Wednesdays (Year 8), all girls and boys are organised into groups to develop their skills and competition game awareness in the following sports:

- Year 7 girls – cricket, Year 8 girls – touch football
- Year 7 boys – touch football, Year 8 boys – AFL

Selection criteria to represent Malek Fahd in Sport or Gala Days

Students will be selected to represent the school based on:

- Skill, game awareness and merit
- Ability to play as part of a team and caring about others
- Being an active and cooperative learner inside and outside the classroom
- Exhibiting responsible behaviour and displaying respect for teachers and peers

G. Spotswood – Head of PDHPE

Year 7 and 8 Music Incursions

The Year 7 students from Greenacre, Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills were treated to a performance by the Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo ensemble. The performance which coincided with Reconciliation Week, taught our students about Aboriginal customs including: Cleansing Dance, Live didgeridoo performances, Aboriginal language, Traditional bush foods and medicines, Traditional artefacts and iconography, Aboriginal dancing and Dreamtime stories. This program supported the students' understanding of the curriculum content area relating to *Australian Music*. It also allowed the students to reflect on the ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians express their beliefs and identities through music.

Our Year 8 students from Greenacre, Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills were fortunate to view a traditional Nasheed performance by Ahbab Al Mustapha. The performance was presented by a group of the Prophet Muhammad PbuH lover who upholds the attributes of the Prophet and values of Islam. One of the greatest highlights was seeing our own student Muhammad Ayan Anwar perform a solo with the ensemble. It was a wonderful experience for Muhammad to perform with

professionals, two of whom were ex MFIS students! Well done Muhammad!

This program supported the students' understanding of the curriculum content area relating to *World Music*. It also allowed the students to reflect on the ways in which Islamic musicians express their beliefs and identities through music.



Ms Ainslie Smith and Ms Josephine Kwon

Proposed New Summer Uniform for Girls

The Uniform Committee members have met with the Uniform suppliers and are in the process of sourcing designs and material that will be appropriate for our girls to wear during the summer months.

Parents Parking at Chullora Marketplace

Centre Management of Chullora Marketplace visited the School and met with the Operations Manager, Business Manager and I. They have great concern for the safety of our students and their existing customers during the peak morning and afternoon pickup and drop-off times. Some parents are parking illegally at the entrances and also double parking, holding up the flow of traffic. The Management have received numerous complaints and concerns, mostly, from our own parents who are trying to do the right thing. I ask that all parents be mindful to ensure the maximum safety of our children and others. Parents need to be aware of the rules and regulations and follow legal driving practices and also follow any instructions of the Centre Management as you are on their property. They have informed the School that Council rangers will be notified more regularly.

Road safety when driving through the School

We need your help to ensure the safety of every child at the School. I ask that all parents practise safe driving and parking at the School and to be patient and not rush when dropping and picking up their children in the mornings and afternoons. It is essential that all parents follow the instructions of security and teachers in the guidance of traffic and students during the peak times of before and after school hours. At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor and model safe and considerate behaviour for your child as they will learn from you. Remember to always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving

driveways. It is essential to use the drop-off and pick-up area.

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

The Uniform shop will be closed on Thursday, 4th and Friday, 5th of July for stocktake. It will reopen on Monday, 22nd July from 9am to 4pm. Normal trading hours will resume on Tuesday 23rd July from 8am to 4pm.

Update of Parent Email Addresses

In an effort 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.

Thank you Staff and Happy Holidays

A special thank you to all staff who give so much of their time before and after school assisting students in their education as we strive to improve student academic performance. I wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday with energy recharged ready to commence Term 3.

Kind regards,

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal