



MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

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PARENT NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullhi wa Barakaatuhu

Welcome back to 2019 to our existing and new families. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and is ready for a great year.

We have had a massive growth of students this year, hence why we have had to install 2 additional demountable classrooms. We have made some great improvements over the summer holidays which consist of a new set of computers, new improved playground, and we will continue to improve the playground with the installation of synthetic turf at the front of the school. A shade sail will be installed above the synthetic turf. A TAS/Food Tech room is being developed in the next few days, and between 3 to 6 weeks we should have our large hall installed which in turn will leave us with a larger library and high school quiet student study area. The school has employed new Property Manager and IT who have worked closely together with our Business Manager and Executive Principal to get the ball rolling very quick. Looking forward to all the new developments still to come.

Congratulations to our amazing staff who have organised their new classrooms! Our Kindergartens have enjoyed their jungle and ocean rooms. Your efforts and many talents are certainly celebrated, and we could not wish for a better team! Our new Teacher Aide has started to support students who are in need of extra support throughout the school. I would also like to extend my appreciation and dedication to our Arabic teachers and Sheik for also providing extra tutorial classes in Quran studies. A separate letter will be sent out to individual students with extra information about when those classes will begin.

School Hours - Drop Off and Pick Up

We expect that students arrive at school at around 8.10am in order to spend a little time with their friends prior to learning time beginning at 8.30am. Please do not drop students at school unattended prior to 8.10am as the school playground is un-supervised until after this time. Our school day ends at 3.20pm for Primary students only and 3:30pm for High School Students. If you are running late for picking up your child, please phone the school and let us know.



Early leave

Students are to be picked up from school before 2:45pm. No early leave will be given after 2:45pm.

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Congratulations to the students who have made it into our 2019 SRC (Student Representative Council).

High school	Name
Yr 11 Captain (M)	Aadil Mohammed
Yr 10 Vice-Captain (F)	Shaheen Khahil
Primary	Name
Captains	Mohamed Bin Kasif & Zainab Al Alawi
Vice Captains	Mir Uzair Udin Ali Khan & Nuha Nawar
Prefect	Name
Year 7-8	Ray Ayoubi, Mahad Nasar
Year 9-10	Samira Masri, Swaleha Ali
HS Class Captains	Name
Y7	Osman Fatty
Y8	Sarah Chowdhury
Y9	Hamzei Al-Hallak
Y10	Zia Ali
Primary Class Captains	Name
KA	Muizza Buksh
KB	Alyah Al-Rifai
1A	Amal El Sweidan
1B	Mustapha Said
2A	Karim Hennawi
2B	Sofia Halabi
3A	Nouraya Muhieddine
3B	Kazim Rizvi
4A	Samra Khan

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6A	Sajid Sarwar

New Carpark and Earlier Kindergarten Dismissal

We would like to inform you that over the school holidays, we have had an extended car park area in Car park area 2 on the same side of the Campus. Please use this carpark to avoid double parking as it is illegal and unsafe. We will also dismiss Kindergarten students 10 minutes earlier up until 22nd of February to minimise traffic congestion during pick up time. Only Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 3:10pm.

Visitors

It's important that we are fully informed about who is in our school at any particular time. The following procedures assist with this:

- Apart from drop off and pick up times, we expect all visitors to report to the office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge. All non-staff members encountered within the school during school hours without a badge will be referred to the office for this purpose.
- If your child arrives late to school, we expect that parents will report to the office with the child to sign in to receive a late pass that the child will then take to class and hand to the teacher.
- If you need to pick up your child early from school we request that you report to the office first to receive an early dismissal pass. This is then handed to the teacher. Parents must inform Admin staff if an Educator or person NOT listed on the enrolment form, will be picking up your child.

Sunsmart

MFHP students are to wear a broad brimmed (green) or school hat while playing outside between the beginning of September and the beginning of April. Our rule is to send students without a hat to play under shelter in the Primary courtyard. Also, we strongly encourage students to bring their own sunscreen to apply during the day.



Excursions

A great deal of time and effort is put into organising school excursions and activities. Excursions and activities are organised to compliment and support the curriculum and to maximise student learning experiences. It is for this reason that excursions and all organised activities are compulsory.

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Attendance Policy

The Policy states that **Exemptions can no longer be granted for holidays or travel** in the school term. (Students travelling or holidaying outside of vacation cannot now be exempted from attendance at school. These periods will now be counted as absence for statistical purposes).

Parents must provide an explanation to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

High School News – Mrs F. Rahim HS Coordinator

High school staff and students had a great start of 2019. There is an introduction of Year 11 to our High school population making a total of 77 students from Years 7 to 11.

Year 7 students were welcomed and embraced with one day Orientation Program to make their transition into High school a smooth and exciting one. The Orientation Program, developed by our Greenacre Welfare and Wellbeing team, encompassed Subject Familiarisation, School Discipline Policy, Anti bullying, School Rules and Team building.

We also have had some new students in Years 8-11. These new students are settling in well in our Malek Fahd environment.



Upcoming events and activities - pencil into your diary

Swimming Program

- Swimming Program for Year 7 and 8 at Fairfield Leisure Centre every Wednesdays for six weeks, commencing from 13th February to 20th March.
- Swimming Program for Year 1 to year 6 at Michael Wenden in Miller: Swimming session dates 18, 25, 26, 27, 28th February.



Vaccination

- Year 7 Vaccination, first visit is on the 28th of February

Parent information session

- Year 7 & 8 Parent information session February 22nd at 3:30pm
- Year 9, 10 & 11 Parent information session February 19th at 3:30pm
- Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent information session February 22nd from 2pm-3pm

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Gymnastics Program

- Kindergarten Gymnastics Program begins 19th February every Tuesday, ends 19th March

Australian National Maritime Museum

- Year 3 and Year 4 school excursion to Australian National Maritime Museum 21st February.

Clean Up Australia Day

- K-11 held on Monday 4th March, inspiring our students to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.

Premier Reading Challenge (PRC)



- The Reading Challenge is a great opportunity for your child to participate in a state-wide initiative to encourage his or her love for reading. The challenge runs from 4th March to 30th August (11:59pm). Students will receive a PRC Certificate for participation. Please look out for the PRC note sent home with your child for more information.

School Photography Day

- Held at the school on 20th February. Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct school uniform and the permission slip is completed and returned to school by the due date on the letter.

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Head of Campus

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