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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullhi wa Barakaatuhu**

As we are approaching next terms holiday, I wanted to share how busy this term has been which was full of great learning, events and activities.

## **Daffodil Day**

Daffodil Day is a Cancer Council's annual campaign that raises life-saving funds for world-class cancer research. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Hoxton Park staff members held a morning tea auction in celebration of the event, Daffodil Day. Students and parents were educated by Ms Kamel on cancer and the importance of giving donations. Fortunately, we had generous donations given by parents whilst auctioning items for this event.

Items were donated to be auctioned off at the morning tea held that day. Thank you to Ms Samar, Ms Saja, Mr Tahseen, Ms Zeitounie and Ms Kassar for their donations and to the parents who bought the auctioned items for their generosity. We raised over \$2000 for the Cancer Council.

## **School Tree Day 26<sup>th</sup> July**

School Tree Day marks the start of a long-term environmental program in engaging the students in a fun, hands-on activity that will reinforce their environmental learning and contribute to the beauty of the school grounds. With the generous donation from our local Bunnings Warehouse, our students got their hands dirty planting a variety of native shrubs in our school garden area. The event proved to be a success, and the students enjoyed learning about planting, and taking care of our environment.



## **Homeroom Wellbeing initiative**

Kindergarten - Year 11 spend an allocated time each day to discuss different wellbeing topics. The **Weekly Homeroom** wellbeing focus topics for this term have been as follows: - 'Empathy', 'Building Respectful Relationships', 'Coping with anger', 'Working with our worries', 'Friendships' and 'The new Islamic year – 1441 AH that begun 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019'. Students from different classes took the opportunity to present their views in the school assembly on Wednesdays.

## **Eid Al Adha**

### **Multicultural/Abaya Day.**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, Hoxton Park students participated in celebrating Eid at the school by encouraging participation in a variety 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 over \$500 on that day. This money will go towards the campus Well Project.



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*1A and 2B students are looking so delightful in their Eid clothes.*

## Gallipoli Mosque Excursion

On 20<sup>th</sup> August the students of Year 3 to 6 participated in an excursion to the Gallipoli mosque in Auburn. Students were taken on a tour through the mosque to understand the heritage, history and the benefits of visiting a local mosque. The students were awed by the tall minarets and the qur'anic calligraphy engraved on the walls as they toured around and learnt about the history of the Mosque and the strengthening Muslim community in Australia. The Mosque was named in honour of the unity and mutual respect amongst the Turkish and Australian soldiers in Gallipoli during the World War. Not only did the students enjoy the elegant architecture but they also participated in congregational prayers led by the Imam of the mosque. Students also discovered that mosques are not only places of worship but they are also used as a venue to cater for religious events and community services. This excursion helped students to better understand and appreciate the significance of visiting our local mosques. Excursions like this help students get in touch with their spirituality, as well as connect with the wider community to enhance their way of following the prophetic traditions. It was a spiritual and educational experience for the students and teachers, as they commemorated the shared history of the Australian and Muslim community. The students were offered Turkish delight for morning tea.







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## Incursion - local park

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, Year 1 students visited the local park as part of the Geography subject. Students enjoyed seeing and learning the difference between natural and man-made features.

## Thunder Blast Cricket Incursion

This term K-6 students learnt the basic skills of playing cricket. We had two representative coaches from The Thunder Cricket who visited our campus and provided our students with the basic skills to play cricket.



KA and KB are having their first session of the cricket.

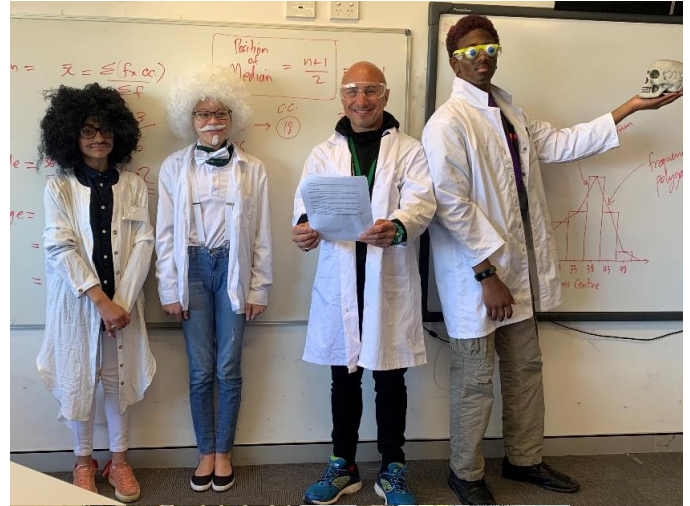
## Science Week 2019

Science week was held in week 5. *Destination Moon: more missions, more science* was the school theme for National Science Week in 2019. Its aims to encourage an interest in science and to encourage younger people to become fascinated by the world in which we live.

Year 7 -11 students participated in Best dressed Scientist competition on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Year 3-6 participated in a poster colouring competition and spectacular experiments conducted by Ms Sabri. Some of the experiments included olive oil lamp, mini volcanoes, water density rainbow, magic milk and so on.

Scientists of Malek Fahd Hoxton Park. High schools participated in the Best Dressed Scientist competition.





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## Book Character Day

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August the school held its popular Book Character Day. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed the day and a lot of effort and creativity were put into their costumes. This year's theme was "Reading is my Secret Power". Various performances were presented throughout the day and awards were given out to three of the most creative and best-dressed students from each class. Best-dressed parents were also awarded with a certificate. Students from each class were allocated an activity to complete in the lead up to Book Week. In turn, prizes were also given out to one student from each class for the best presented Book Week activity. We were fortunate enough this year to also have a book author named Nathan Luff who visited our school for the day. He engaged the students in conversations about his childhood and shared anecdotes of how he became an author. He was very entertaining and discussed the process of writing stories and the need for creativity in order for stories to captivate their readers.



*Book Week – Author visit*







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*Miss Alee and Mrs Molina*



*Mrs Kanji and Mrs Buksh*





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## Gardening

Year 2's have been to the schools garden for their first planting. All the students eagerly participated and really enjoyed this gardening lesson.



## Year 7 Claymation.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Year 7 students participated in a whole day incursion on Claymation, which was conducted by Sammat Education. Claymation is any animation done using a character, or characters, created out of clay. Students constructed clay models to create Claymation in groups of three on one of the chosen ecosystems of Australia. Students then created a short video of their Claymation. The activities, which were designed and completed on that day, were submitted for marking and formed 20% of the Year 7 science assessment.



## ISD Athletics Championships

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, we had students from Year 7 to Year 11 represent our Campus in the boys and girls Open Soccer Teams at Queens Park. This was our second joint venture with Beaumont Hills Campus and our first girls ISD team. This was a great day as the students were able to socialise and mix with Beaumont Hills students as well as support our Greenacre Campus. The boys' team won a couple of games and the girls' team were competitive. The following students were presented with ribbons Year 7: Osman Fatty was awarded 1st place in long jump. He has made it through to AICES for 12yrs Boys Long Jump.

Congratulations to Osman; we are proud that he is the first in representing ISD at the AICES Athletics Championships from our campus.



## Go Active sports event

On 8<sup>th</sup> August the High School girls were invited by LMA to participate in a Go Active Sports event. Other schools were also invited to compete including MFIS's Greenacre and Beaumont Hills high school girls. The girls participated in junior and





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senior cricket, basketball and soccer games. The juniors won a game in a cricket match against AICS College while the seniors won a game of soccer against IRFAN College. The LMA provided the students with a sausage sizzle lunch and salad, and they were offered generous seconds. The students enjoyed the event with great team spirit and are looking forward to the next LMA event.

## Stage 4 AFL

Year 7 and 8 have been participating in an AFL program every Wednesday afternoon between 1:30 and 2:30pm. They have enjoyed learning new skills and participating in fun activities run by AFL NSW Greater Western Sydney branch.

## Sports Athletics Carnival

Malek Fahd Hoxton Park held its Yearly Athletics Sports Carnival on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, at the Dwyer Oval Athletics Field. The Sports Athletics Carnival provides many opportunities for the students to exercise and display their physical abilities. All the students from Kindergarten to Year 11 participated in the events organised by Mr Makki. The grandstand was packed with the students and parents cheering for their teams. The teams included, Safa (Blue), Marwa (Red), Medina (Green) and Mena (Yellow). They all showed their enthusiasm on the day through the colourful t-shirts, painted faces, the banners and creative posters all representing their team houses.

Events on the day for the K-2 students involved Tunnel Ball, the Three-Legged Race, the Mini Hurdles Race, the Sack Race, the Bean Bag Throw, Shot Put and the Egg and Spoon Race. The Years 3 to 11 students enjoyed a variety of track and field events, which included the 100m, 400m, the Long Jump, the High Jump, Shot Put and the Discus.

We enjoyed a sausage sizzle on the day. Thank you to the canteen workers who put it all together. I also thank all the parents who supported the event and for participating in the parent teacher race.

Congratulations to Safa team, who were the winners this year, leading with the highest points.







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## Year 9,10 and 11 Luna Park excursion

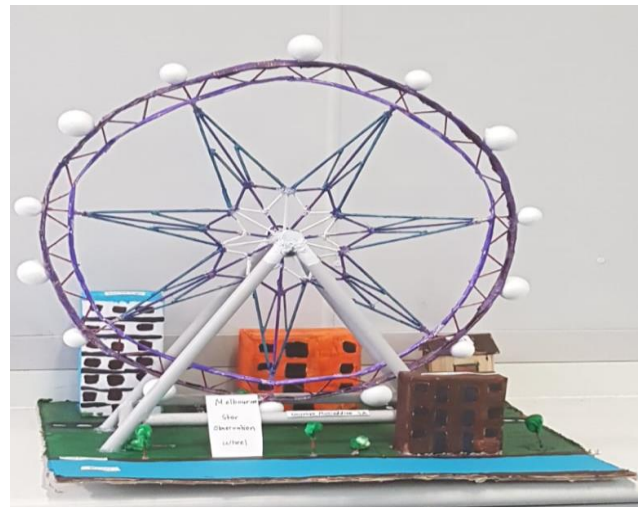
The students in years 9,10 and 11 participated in an excursion to Luna Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> September as part of their studies. They attended an hour and a half workshop, where they had to complete a booklet relating to Commerce and Business Studies. After the workshop the students were allowed to go on rides where they had a lot of fun.

## Year 3 Multi model Assignment

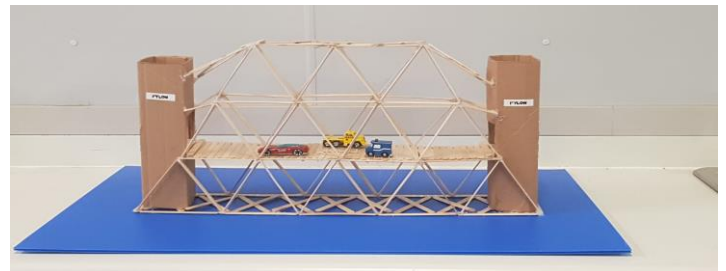
In Week 7 of this term, students in Year 3 planned, designed, composed and presented a multimodal assignment in Geography. The students were given a scenario in which they had to imagine themselves on a holiday in a state or territory of Australia. They constructed a three-dimensional model of a famous natural or human (man-made) feature from their chosen state or territory. The research conducted by the students was of a high calibre, which was evidenced by their completed research graphic organisers. Their written recounts contained the relevant technical vocabulary associated with their chosen landmarks. The chosen Australian iconic landmarks, were exceptionally well designed and presented by the students. Majority of the students demonstrated a very good understanding of the topic and used excellent public speaking skills when delivering their presentations.



*Alyssa Tahan (Year 3A) – Florence Falls*



*Nouraya Muhieddine (Year 3A) – Melbourne Star Observation Wheel*



*Razan El Masri (Year 3A) – Sydney Harbour Bridge*



*Muizzah Ghous (Year 3A) – The Great Barrier Reef*



*Zane Mezher (Year 3A) – Sydney Harbour Bridge*





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**Shayaan Ali (year 3A) - The Story Bridge**



**Ritajuddin Quadri (Year 3A) – Uluru**



**Maryum Rajput (Year 3A) Melbourne Luna Park**



**Year 3A students with their models; Hibba Tariq, Nishat Tasnim, Ibrahim Dalili, Yosef Abdyljabbar, Alyssa Tahan, Wafa Al Arnaout**



**3A Maryum Rajput, Rayanne Al Dablan, Ritajuddin Syed Quadri, Shayaan Ali, Rayya Han, Muizzah Ghous, Nouraya Muhieddine**



**3B students – Yaseen Akbari, Maimuna Masud, Sally El Sweiden, Roukaya Masri, Leen Al-Janabi, Kazim Rizvi**





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## Scholastics Book Fair

Malek Fahd Hoxton Park will be organising a Book Fair again this year. The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is Dino-Mite, where we hope you will Stomp, Chomp, and Read! It's a fun reading event that brings the books that kids want to read right into our school. There will be wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

**Book Fair dates: 9<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Shopping hours: 8:10 to 8:30am and 3:10 to**

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**Place of Sales: School Hall**

## Public speaking

Find your voice and sign up for the MFIS Hoxton Park Public Speaking Competition will be held at the start of Term 4. Students will have time to prepare their speech on a topic related to current affairs. Students from Year 7 & 8 will speak for up to 4 minutes,

students in Years 9 & 10 for 5 minutes and Year 11 students for up to 7 minutes.

Students in Primary will speak for 3-4 minutes.

Students are encouraged to Register by signing up at the office. Posters will be displayed around the campus. At this stage, we are asking students to sign up and then in the last week of this term, we will issue the instructions to these students about the competition.

## The upcoming events include: -

- Year 11 Preliminary Examinations will be from 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- Year 10 RoSA Examinations will be in week 1 Term 4 for English, Maths and Science. Other subject examinations will be from week 2 to week 4 Term 4.
- Year 9 Science Practical test will be on Monday, week 10 Term 3.
- Year 7 Vaccination, second vaccination visit and Year 10 Meningococcal vaccination - September 13.
- Year 7 Geography excursion to Milson's Point – 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 10 Road Safety Excursion – 12<sup>th</sup> September at Qudos Bank Arena Sydney Olympic Park.
- Year 12 graduation – 24<sup>th</sup> September
- World of Maths – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September
- PSSA 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- Parent teacher interviews begin Week 9.

**Ms Mona Kassem**

**Malek Fahd Hoxton Park**

**Head of Campus**