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Remote Learning Update

Dear Parents/ Guardian.

Assalamu Alaykum,

Hope you and your family are well and staying safe during this lockdown period. I am proud of our School community, especially our students, for having made it through 10 weeks of remote teaching and learning. It has not been easy. This would not have been possible without the resilience and perseverance of the students, support of our parents and dedication and commitment of our teachers. Please reach out to us if you need assistance. You will find support in your child's teachers, Welfare staff, Heads of Wellbeing, Head and Deputy Head of Campus, Counsellors, or the Executive.

Parent Support Session

Yesterday evening, the MFIS Counselling team facilitated their third parenting session of the year. We would like to send a huge thank you to all families who contributed to the session by sending through their questions via the Parent Survey during R U OK? Week and to all the wonderful parents who took time out of their extremely busy schedules to attend last night. Our brilliant guest speakers included Dr Aminah Chao Mah, Ph.D., author of *Watering the Roots: A 123 Parent Wellbeing Guide (a Muslim Perspective)*, Sulaima Samman, Educational and Developmental Psychologist and Director of the multidisciplinary practice, Flying High Child Psychology, and our very own, Dr Zachariah Matthews, educator, leadership mentor, community advocate and Director of Faith and Islamic Identity at MFIS.

The panel offered some wonderful insights to addressing some of the current challenges faced by families and offered very beneficial parenting tips strategies. We hope families can join us again for our next parent support session in Term 4. Counsellors welcome any feedback regarding the session or suggestions for upcoming sessions at counsellingGP@mfis.nsw.edu.au.

A useful resource developed by MFIS Counsellors is attached. Getting a COVID test and needing to self-isolate can be very stressful, especially as many in our community are increasingly being impacted by the virus. The attached tip sheet suggests some strategies, support services and dua that may help parents cope during that difficult process as well as other times of stress. A huge thank you to Ms Masri and her team for their contribution and facilitation of the session.

Afternoon Break

Thursday, 16th September is the next half-day break from formal lessons for our staff and students. If students need to physically attend School on 16th September, parents are requested to pick up their child at 12.00pm. Should parents not be able to collect their child at this time, the remaining students will be supervised in calming non-school based activities. Please note there will not be any scheduled lessons after 12.00pm on that day. I hope this is an opportunity to rest, restore and revive your energy.

Year 12 End of Term Assembly

Formal online assemblies will be held this Friday, 17th September to mark and celebrate the conclusion of the schooling journey for our Year 12 graduating students. The online ceremony will allow the school to appropriately acknowledge and farewell each member of the cohort in front of their peers, as well as in front of their parents.

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Assemblies will be held on the following time for each of the campus:

Beaumont Hills Campus – Friday, 17th September at **9.00am**

Greenacre Campus – Friday, 17th September at **11.00am**

Hoxton Park Campus – Friday, 17th September at **2.45pm**

Teams invite was sent to all students and staff of all three campuses and parents are encouraged to join in the celebration.

Higher School Certificate

I encourage all our Year 12 students to keep working hard and stay focused in preparation for the HSC examinations which commences on Tuesday, 9th November and will conclude on 3rd December 2021. NESA has released the new HSC timetable which can found in this link: [HSC written exam timetable | NSW Education Standards](#) We are all very proud of your resilience, and achievements so far this year and would like to wish you all the very best and hope your HSC examinations go well for you.

Year 12 Graduation and Presentation Ceremony

The Government's announcement to delay the HSC examinations has meant that the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will now be moved to a later date and will now be held on 8th December. As in previous years this event is being planned to be held at Quay Centre in Homebush and will be a fitting way to celebrate the achievements and tenacity of the HSC class of 2021.

Term Three Holidays

The last day of schooling for Term 3 is Friday, 17th September. Term 3 holidays will be from Monday 20th September to Monday, 4th October. **Students will commence Term 4 with remote learning on Wednesday, 6th October.** Please note, Monday 4th is Labor Day public holiday and Tuesday 5th will be Staff preparation day.

2022 School Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2022. These dates have been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Monday 31st January To Friday 8th April

Term 2 - Wednesday 27th April To Friday 1st July

Term 3 - Tuesday 19th July To Friday 23rd September

Term 4 - Tuesday 11th October To Friday 9th December

I wish everyone a happy and safe Term 3 Holiday and look forward to the staggered return of students to School commencing in late October. Further information on the arrangements for each year group will be available soon.

Kind Regards,

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