



2 May 2018

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Welcome back to another sensational term! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. Everyone looked relaxed and happy to be back and ready to take on the challenges of another term. I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays, spending precious time with family and friends. Our term has commenced with much movement and excitement.

### Community Meeting Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at Greenacre Secondary Hall, commencing at 6.00pm.

A community meeting will take place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm - 7.30pm in the Greenacre Secondary Hall. The meeting will enable the Board Chairman, Dr John Bennett and I to discuss the directions of the School as it moves forward. Parents and the broader community are invited to attend.

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Malek Fahd Islamic School will be hosting its annual 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' coordinated by Ms Elmira and Ms Khalaf with the assistance of the SRC girls. The Biggest Morning Tea is an opportunity for our teachers, our senior girls and their mothers to come together over a cup of tea and some delicious food and raise funds for those affected by cancer. Our Morning Tea will be on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The event commences at 10.30am and concludes at 12.00pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. There will also be a wonderful selection of items to be auctioned off.

### Food and Winter Blanket Drive 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May

It is a great privilege to promote the importance of giving Sadaqa (charity) and teaching our students the importance of giving back to the community in a variety of avenues. All Campuses of Malek Fahd Islamic School are organising Food and Winter Blanket drives respectively to help those in need just before Ramadan. It is our hope that they will reach a diverse group of people in need within the Australian community.

### Early Finish of School During Ramadan

To ensure students, parents and staff are home ready to break their fast, students at Greenacre will have a staggered finish in the afternoon. Lower Primary(K-2)

students will be dismissed early at 1.35pm. Upper Primary(3-6) will finish at 1.40pm. Secondary students (7-12) will finish school at 1.45pm in time to catch their buses. The first bus from Greenacre will be departing at 1.50pm. All buses will leave by 2.00pm. The School day for Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park Campuses will end at 2.00pm during Ramadan.

### Centre for Islamic Thought and Education

We were privileged to have distinguished guests from the Centre for Islamic Thought and Education (CITE), University of South Australia visit the School today. The Centre focuses on genuine and meaningful engagement between the Muslims and wider communities to develop valuable two-way conversations and insights. Professor Mohamad Abdalla and Mr Dylan Chown are prominent and respected Islamic leaders who are passionate advocates for Islamic Schools and Islamic Education in Australia. Manager, Ms Ramila Chanisheff who is responsible for developing and implementing the Centre's strategic planning, also accompanied them.



### Iftar Dinners

All parents are reminded to purchase their tickets for the Iftar dinners by Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The cost for each Iftar dinner is \$15 for children and \$25 for adults. *Tickets for each Iftar will be presold to aid in organising and catering.* We encourage our families to attend. The planned dates for the MFIS Iftars are as follows:

#### 1) Greenacre Campus – (on site)

Primary(K-6) - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Secondary(7-12) - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

Years 10 to 12 - Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May (will be hosted by the SRC)

2) Beaumont Hills Campus - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May

### Gifted and Talented Discovery Program

This is a program for Year 10 students who are fascinated by Science. The Program is a 3-day workshop where students enjoy additional challenges and stimulation in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics. Students have the opportunity to engage with university teaching staff and current researchers, access first-class facilities and make friends with people who have a mutual interest in science. To become eligible for participation in the July workshop, students sat a qualifying exam and the top 4% of the candidates received an invitation to participate in the program at Sydney University. **Kaniz Kader, Safa Mahmud** (both of 10G1) and **Uqbah Kabir** (10B1) from MFIS received the invitation. Special congratulations to Uqbah Kabir who was ranked **equal first out of some 1500 candidates**.



### Australian Brain Bee Challenge

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge is a competition for high school students in Year 10 to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. After performing exceptionally well in Round 1 of the competition (online exam), **Yuya Win, Faaizah Farhat** and **Areebah Hossain** of 10G1 have been selected for Round 2 which is the **NSW State Finals**. This will be held in June at the University of New South Wales. We wish them the best of luck.



### ANZAC Ceremony

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Malek Fahd Greenacre Secondary and Hoxton Park Campuses commemorated ANZAC Day. We had the pleasure to have honoured guest Mr Walter Robinson visit the Hoxton Park campus and addresses our

students. Mr Walter who is an OAM, JP and Director at the Cabra Vale diggers, is also a Vietnam Veteran. Also a huge thank you to Tanjila from Year 3A who recited a poem on ANZAC Day. We were joined at the Greenacre Campus by Mr John Woodley, Hon Secretary, Bankstown RSL Sub-Branch along with Treasurer John, Mr Ian Morrison, Vice President Mr Chien Nguyen and Mr Jim Wrigley who all served in the Vietnam war. To commemorate ANZAC Day, our students listened to the last ode and held a 1-minute silence.



### NAPLAN

A reminder that the NAPLAN examinations for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal