



29 June 2018

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

### 2017 School Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report for Malek Fahd has been completed and may be found on the School website. I trust that you enjoy the reading of the success and progress of our very fine School.

### Reports

Semester 1 reports for Kindergarten to Year 10 are being finalised ready for distribution next week.

Kindergarten to Year 6 reports will be given to students on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Parents are requested to ask their child for their report.

Reports for Years 7 to 10 will be distributed to parents at the coming Parent-Teacher Evening.

Reports for Years 11 and 12 have been delayed until the Week 1 of Term 3 to ensure all assessment tasks for Term 2 are completed and marked. These assessments will provide the necessary data on your child's academic progress. They will be distributed to parents at the Parent Teacher Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The information in the reports is so important for parents to assist in understanding of 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.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Next week, there will be Parent-Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 10. The times will vary for each Campus. **Greenacre:** Parent-Teacher interviews will be held over two nights, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, instead of the usual three afternoons. The times will be from 3.50 to 8.00pm with a meal break for staff from 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

The aim is to provide the maximum opportunity for parents to meet staff, particularly for working parents while at the same time accommodating the family needs of our staff. At **Hoxton Park Campus**, the Parent-Teacher meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and at **Beaumont Hills Campus** the meeting times will Monday to Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. All parents are encouraged to use this time provided to meet with your child's teacher. Parent Teacher Interviews for **Kindergarten to Year 6 for all three Campuses** will be held at the end of Term 3.

### Strategic Planning

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, members of the Board, the Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) and senior staff participated in a workshop facilitated by Simon Neaverson of The Professional Partner Group. We discussed 'The Vision', 'The Mission of the School' and 'The High-Level Strategies' that would provide a structure and focus for the Plan.

The discussion during the workshop was greatly assisted by the considerable work that staff already had undertaken with Simon and by responses to a survey made available to parents and staff. Simon was very impressed with the fact that 446 parents responded and contributed.

While much has been achieved, there is much to do. In addition to finalising the key elements, each initiative that is incorporated in the Plan will need to be assessed in relation to its scope, priority and cost before the Board is able to approve the Plan.

Ultimately, a Strategic Plan is all about doing our very best for current and future students of our School.

### Term 2 Holidays

Term 2 holidays will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July and end on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. Students will **return to School to begin Term 3 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. Please note that Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is a Professional Development Day for Staff.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> year for Malek Fahd, with 20 years of HSC students. We will celebrate it in two very special ways with a gala dinner and a whole-school presentation assembly.

The gala dinner for around 1200 people will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Lantana Venues, 130 Edensor Road, Bonnyrigg. Tickets for the gala dinner will go on sale next week. There will be a limit to the number of tickets. To this end we have reserved a number of tickets of each of the past 30 year groups, special guests, past principals and long-serving existing and former teachers. A committee is being formed to plan this significant event. We will be looking for photos, videos and memorabilia displaying the history of this amazing school.

### **Alumni**

We are working to re-establish the Malek Fahd Alumni. Over the 20 years, the school has educated thousands of students. A small committee has been formed to re-establish the Alumni and they have been gathering the contact details of former students to make contact to invite them to our reunion and the celebration of the School. To date, they have almost 450 contact details. Please let all former students know and encourage them to provide their contact details to the Alumni email on [alumni@mfis.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alumni@mfis.nsw.edu.au)

### **NESA Consultation on the Arabic K-10 draft syllabus**

The NSW Education Standards Authority this week met and interviewed several of our students as part of the process to assess the Arabic K-10 draft syllabus. There were two meetings, one with 23 students from Years 1 to 6, and the other with 25 students from Years 8 and 10. I received a letter from NESA to thank the School and staff and advise that the meetings with students were very positive. NESA said that it received valuable feedback for the consultation process on the Arabic K-10 draft syllabus. NESA representatives were very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by students for learning Arabic. Many students commented on the importance of proficiency in Arabic to communicate with family and friends at home and overseas, to interact actively in the local community and to expand their employment opportunities. They were particularly impressed by how clearly students were able to articulate the benefits of learning Arabic to their bilingual literacy and overall cognitive development.

### **Study Skills Workshops**

Elevate Education was invited to Malek Fahd Islamic School on 19<sup>th</sup> June to hold a study skills workshop for our senior students. The "Ace your Exams" seminar covered important practical information that is

relevant to students' lives at end-of-term exams. The seminar included high-value preparation, ensuring constant improvement, timing considerations and techniques for managing stress and pressure.

### **Anti-Bullying Workshop**

Greenacre Secondary students attended an informative presentation as part of the School's strategic plan to promote anti-bullying. The keynote speaker for the workshop was Malek Fahd Islamic School's police liaison officer, Constable Danny McManus. Students learnt about the different forms of bullying, with a particular focus on cyber bullying and the consequences at law that could lead to young offenders being prosecuted. The workshop was hosted by our Secondary Heads of Wellbeing, Mrs Kbbar and Mr Khoder on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.



### **2019 Kindergarten Enrolment**

If you have a child who will turn 5 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and you would like to enrol them at MFIS, please complete a Request for Admission form with the supporting documents by the last day of this Term, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. These forms can be picked up from the Beaumont Hills and Hoxton Park Administration office and for Greenacre Campus, the High School Office. Kindergarten interviews will be held in Term 3. Children need to know Al-Fatiha and one other short Surah, their letters and numbers, colours and shapes and be able to sit still and listen to instructions.

### **Greenacre Primary news**

The Primary School at the Greenacre campus bid farewell to the Holy month of Ramadan with the annual K to 6 End of Ramadan/Eid assembly. At the assembly, students demonstrated amazing talent and confidence as they took to the stage and performed Islamic Nasheeds to celebrate the coming of Eid and the break of the fast. Students also impressed with their outstanding recitation of the Quran with Tajweed. Prizes, certificates and awards were presented to students who came first, second and third in the annual inter-campus Quran recitation competition.

It is heartening to see the recitation and memorisation of the Quran improve with each competition. Trophies were also awarded to the classes with the most

outstanding Ramadan decorations that best captured the theme and spirit of Ramadan. The assembly ended with the much anticipated Takbir Ul Eid lead by Sheikh Fawaz.



- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- 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. Do not park across the School driveway or the entrance to the school carpark. It's always a good idea to use the drop-off and pick-up area. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Attached are the penalties issued by the NSW Police for endangering children in school zones. This was recently received by the School with a request to forward it to all our parents.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Bruce Rixon**  
Principal

### Road safety at Greenacre

We ask all parents to be patient and to not rush when dropping and picking up their children in the mornings and afternoons. I am concerned with student movement when leaving the school grounds. In their excitement to leave for home, some students are walking on the road and running across Waterloo Road. This is not a safe practice. We have spoken to all students about safe road rules. I ask parents to support the School in this matter.

We also request parents to practise safe driving and parking near or at the school. The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. This is why you need to take extra care in the 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and be aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park because it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



### No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



### No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.



### Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



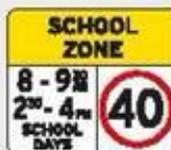
### Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.



May be subject to Double Demerits

### Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



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### Pedestrian Crossings

- In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
- Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.



### Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



### U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.



### Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



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\*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.