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## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

### Ramadan

I am delighted to write that the School has celebrated Ramadan with four Iftar dinners across our three campuses. The atmosphere was vibrant and fun, just as such gatherings should be. The celebration and enjoyment experienced by parents, students and staff has been wonderful. The stalls offered at the Secondary Iftar added to the atmosphere. I am very grateful to the SRC and senior students who are not members of the SRC, who dedicated so much of their personal time in preparing and setting up, serving and cleaning up after the event. Mr Jihad Dib MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Member for Lakemba, Mrs Tania Mihailuk MP, Shadow Member of Family and Community Services, Dr Fariha Kak, Chair of PAC, Board and PAC members and a number of special guests attended the Secondary Iftar. There were so many wonderful comments from our guests, parents, and alumni on the success of the respective evenings and dedication of our staff and students.



### Road Safety

We ask all parents to have patience and not rush when dropping and picking up your child 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.

### Upcoming Holidays

All parents please note Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. All campuses will be closed on the day. The School will also be closed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of June in celebration of Eid Ul Fitr. School will resume on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, returning to normal school hours.

### Strategic Planning

The School Board is strongly focused in taking Malek Fahd forward to ensure a strong, sustainable future. As such, we are undertaking a strategic review of where the school might be placed in three to five years. Mr Simon Neaverson from The Professional Partner Group has been engaged to facilitate this process. In recent weeks the School Executive has given considerable time in discussions on a range of matters, including curriculum, extra-curriculum, pastoral care, technology, building and facilities, management, communication and the best educational practices for your child and the school. To ensure we capture the thoughts of all stake-holders, in the coming weeks a survey will be sent to staff, parents, alumni for their input. It will be a short turnaround for the return of information to allow the data to be collated and presented to the Board for their initial strategic meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. When the survey arrives, we will be very grateful if you could give it your immediate attention.

### 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. 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 Semester 2 this year. 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.

#### Visit from Sheikh Mohammed Al Awadi from Kuwait

Sheikh Fawaz and I met with Mr Mohammed Al Awadi, the journalist and writer from Kuwait. He was given a school tour and met and interacted with students in the classrooms. Mr Mohammed Al Awadi is an Islamic scholar. He gives great importance to ethics and religiousness, the scholar thus sought to promote the two concepts. He views the coming generation as the future of the Islamic nation and seeks to communicate with them using their language to shorten the distance and facilitate understanding.



#### Islamic Exhibition - National Museum of Australia

It has been brought to our attention that the National Museum of Australia is holding an exhibition titled, 'So that you might know each other: faith and culture in Islam'. The exhibition showcases costumes, jewellery, musical instruments, embroidered tapestries, armour, sacred manuscripts, calligraphy and ceramics. It provides an opportunity for people to experience and reflect on the rich and diverse heritage of the Islamic faith and broaden their horizons. The exhibition will be open till 22 July 2018 at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. For more information please visit <http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/so-that-you-might-know-each-other>

#### The Annual Quran Competition

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May the Islamic Studies department commenced the Annual Quran Competition which included participants from all three campuses across all ages. Year on year we are noticing an improvement and would like to congratulate all participants this year and look forward to seeing you all next year. The prizes will soon be distributed to all winners from each grade at the school assembly. I would like to extend a special

thanks to all Sheikhs who judged the participants and made for another successful year.

#### Competition Winners - Primary School

Name	Year	Campus	Position
Abdurrahman Ghous	Kindy	Hoxton Park	1 <sup>st</sup>
Fatat Abdul Kareem	Kindy	Greenacre	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Raneem Taha	Kindy	Beaumont Hill	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Saafat Jahangir	Year 1	Greenacre	1 <sup>ST</sup>
Yahya Haroon	Year 1	Beaumont Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rumaysa Arif	Year 1	Greenacre	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Anas Rahman	Year 2	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>
Raghad Al Bassiouny	Year 2	Beaumont Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Yousef Abdul Jabbar	Year 2	Hoxton Park	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Abdullah Ghous	Year 3	Hoxton Park	1 <sup>st</sup>
Wassim El-Assaad	Year 3	Hoxton Park	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Firdaus Issa Issaka	Year 3	Greenacre	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Zain El-Mustapha	Year 4	Beaumont Hill	1 <sup>ST</sup>
Sana Kaleem	Year 4	Beaumont Hill	2 <sup>ND</sup>
Omar Mekkawy	Year 4	Greenacre	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Muhamma Taimiah	Year 5	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ammar Waseem Mian	Year 5	Beaumont Hill	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Diana Chok	Year 5	Greenacre	3 <sup>RD</sup>
Obaidullah Ibrahim	Year 6	Beaumont Hill	1 <sup>st</sup>
Suhail Ahmed	Year 6	Greenacre	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Abdurahman Zoud	Year 6	Greenacre	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### Competition Winners - Secondary School

Name	Year	Campus	Position
Muhammad Ayan Anawar	Year 7	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ahmed Hafz	Year 7	Greenacre	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Usamah El-Kiki	Year 7	Greenacre	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Nor Alhasan	Year 8	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sajjad Muahmmed	Year 8	Greenacre	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Zohair Ashraf	Year 8	Beaumont Hills	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jamilatu Issah Issaka	Year 9	Greenacre	1 <sup>ST</sup>
Sulayman Mahamd	Year 9	Greenacre	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Siyam Rahman	Year 9	Greenacre	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jameel Hassan	Year 10	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>
Naisha Khan	Year 10	Beaumont Hills	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Aaliya Asghar	Year 10	Beaumont Hills	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Abdullah Ali Sayed	Year 11	Greenacre	1 <sup>st</sup>



### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Malek Fahd Islamic School hosted its fourth Biggest Morning Tea. Our guest this year, Layla Atfeh, shared with us her father's experiences with Pancreatic Cancer. He sadly lost his battle last year to this horrible disease. We also heard from Samantha, a Cancer Council representative who shared with us the importance of fundraising and how the funds raised help Cancer Research. Our morning tea finished off with an auction run by our Year 12 student, Fatma Saadi. The auction showcased artwork and gifts all donated by students, parents and various vendors. It was such a success, raising over \$5,300.



This beautiful morning tea would not have been possible without the generosity of the following vendors who kindly donated their products and props to ensure our morning tea was a success. A special thank you to Abdo Florist, Letters by LouLou, Balloons by Rana, LOTV Candle Co, Floral & Co, Two Birds One Stone, I Create You Celebrate, Kaya & Co, Dough & Pin, PomPom Palace, Phyre Wear, Michelle Patisserie Chullora, Sergio's Patisserie, Hana El-Ache, Sabbagh Patisserie, Chayma Calligraphy, Cream Buns & Co, Family Bake House, Big Bite Bakery, Valley Bake House and House of Bakes. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you to all staff that helped on this successful day in not only setting up, but also baking your scrumptious sweets. Last but not least, thank you to Fatma Saadi and Amani Ellaz who worked tirelessly throughout the holidays gathering donations for the event. Your effort and dedication is

heart-warming and impressive. We hope that our contribution will be able to help fund much needed work and research into the prevention of this disease.

### Food and Winter Blanket Drive

It was a great privilege to promote the importance of giving charity and teaching our students the importance of giving back to the community in a variety of avenues. Malek Fahd organised a Food and Blanket Drive to help those in need just before Ramadan. From May 1-10, all our campuses engaged in a Food and Winter Blanket Drive, which saw our School collect goods for these great causes. Brothers in Need collected the food that will help the needy families over the month of Ramadan and blankets will be collected by The Exodus Foundation that will go towards keeping the homeless warm over the colder months. We hope they reach a diverse group of people in need within the Australian community.



### Hospital Community Service Program

During the April School holidays, eight Year 12 students were given the opportunity to participate in a three-day Community Service Program (total of 15 hours) at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. It provided students an opportunity to gain volunteer/community service hours whilst giving back to the community. Ms Khalaf who organised the program received great feedback from Hospital staff commending us on our well-mannered and dedicated students.

Feedback from the Students: "We were all honoured to have volunteered our time and spent three days at Randwick Sydney Children's Hospital to provide services to the community. These days consisted of numerous tasks and incredibly friendly staff and burning questions. With such a hands-on experience, we couldn't help but



smile in the face of our future career paths (Insha'Allah) and genuinely communicate with such dedicated and talented staff. Don't get this wrong - we weren't asked to check a patient's blood pressure, let alone scrubbed in for a carotid endarterectomy. We were merely the helping hands of the hospital - the assistance, the help, the aid. And we loved it. We were there for the experience. We helped with the inner workings of a hospital, and made acquaintances in the medical field. We were there as members of the community who had a genuine interest to help.

And let us tell you - it's satisfying when you're actually making a difference.

From the to-be med-kids,

Oyesie Reza, Aisha Jalal, Yasmeen Ghamraoui, Sabah Shehata (12G1)

Muhtasim Ahmed, Shah Audri Reefat, Rayaana Malik, Jahin Tanvir (12B1)



### 2018 Bachar Houli Cup

On Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, a team of Year 10 boys participated in the 2018 Bachar Houli Cup. The Bachar Houli Cup is a national program that provides students an opportunity to participate and celebrate diversity in an AFL 9's competition. On a stunning autumn day twelve, year 10 students travelled to Progress Park, Auburn to represent our school in the annual AFL Gala Day. It was an arduous task as the competition consisted of 13 teams from 12 local Independent and Government schools.



Led by our Captain Gabriel El-Cheikh the boys were poised and focused on the tasks they were faced with.

After defeating Punchbowl Boys 24-16 our confidence grew. Second round proved tough but our boys' determination resulted in a 2-point win against AICS. In the final round of the draw Malek Fahd crushed Sir Joseph Banks High School cementing a position in the semifinal against Unity Grammar. It was an intense and close semi-final that came down to the last few minutes and unfortunately that was the end of our tremendous efforts, in a narrow loss to Unity who won the final. On behalf of all staff and students' we are pleased with the efforts in which our team represented our school as highly competitive, well-mannered and proud individuals.

### Raw Challenge Excursion

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May, the year 9 PASS girls and boys, from both Greenacre and Hoxton Park Campus, conquered the RAW Challenge at Doyalson. The Raw Challenge is an outdoor mud and water obstacle course that tests your speed, strength and balance and the students made sure they tackled them all. The course involved climbing up and over wall obstacles, jumping over truck tyres, balancing along the wooden beams, crawling through tunnels and best of all tackling the mud pit.



The students were literally stuck in the mud at this point and getting through it required great team work. Even the teachers gave it a go and faced the challenges head on. It was great to see the students from both campuses encouraging and supporting each other while completing the obstacles. They showed great team spirit and self-confidence throughout the course. Overall, it was a fun filled day the students and teachers will always remember. A big thank you to Ms Saddik, Ms Battaglia, Mr Afioni and Mr Merhi for their efforts on the day.

### Malek Fahd Beaumont Hills News

This week, Life Education: Healthy Harold came to visit the school delivering a healthy message to our primary students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students had the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyle, friendships, safe and unsafe situations, human body, cyber safety, drugs and decision making in a fun setting. The program aims to instill in children the confidence to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future.



The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: ***"I and the one who sponsors an orphan will be like this in Paradise," and he gestured with his index and middle fingers.***

Narrated by al- Bukhaari

Yours sincerely

Mr Bruce Rixon  
Principal

### Malek Fahd Hoxton Park News

During the month of Ramadan Malek Fahd Hoxton Park will be sponsoring 2 orphans from Palestine through Human Appeal, the cost of sponsoring these orphans will be \$600 per child a year. This will be an ongoing project. Parents and students will be encouraged to donate money towards this cause. The school will hold fundraising events such as cake stalls and mufti days to collect donations.

Through sponsoring these orphans the students at Malek Fahd Hoxton Park will be able to get a progress report every 6-8 months from the chosen orphans, this consists of a school report, photograph, a written letter, orphan certificate and an update report from the field staff. Connecting with the wider community, increasing literacy skills and connecting/practicing the Islamic faith of paying Zakat (Charity).

After 3 months of sponsorship we will have the Orphans address and contact number, so if any of our student wishes to forward a gift or letter they may do so.