



3 December 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

This is the final Newsletter for the Year and what an amazing year it has been for you all. There have been some uncertain times but the Malek Fahd community has demonstrated extra-ordinary faith, resilience, confidence and trust in the School and the School Board. There have been significant achievements for Malek Fahd this year; perhaps the most significant being the restoration of Commonwealth funding which has secured the long-term operation of the School. The School is now definitely moving forward.

Presentation Days

Over the past two weeks I have had the pleasure and privilege of attending end of year Presentation Days, 7 in all. During each of the presentations I have taken the opportunity to reflect on the Academic year and provide an insight into the many directions, in keeping with the strategic plan, the School is moving for 2019. At the Greenacre Secondary Assembly we will acknowledge the memory of Head of Arabic, Dr Hammoud with a perpetual Memorial award for the top academic student of Arabic. The Presentation Days have provided me with the opportunity to thank all the staff, teaching and administration, curriculum and pastoral co-coordinators, Heads of Campus Mr Dib, Ms El-Ahmad, Ms Khan and Ms Kassem, Executive Mr Ahmed, Mr Aktypis, Mr Lord and Sheikh Fawaz for their dedication and leadership to ensure the best of education and care is provided to our students.

The remaining Presentations days will be held this week are Greenacre Primary on Tuesday 4th, (Years 3 to 6 commencing at 9.30 and Kindergarten to Year 2 commencing at 10.30am in the Secondary School Hall) and Greenacre Secondary, Thursday 6th December, commencing at 10.00am, in the Secondary School Hall. Parents are warmly welcomed.

30th Anniversary Carnival

The Carnival to mark the first of the celebrations for the 30th Anniversary of the School was held at Greenacre



on Saturday 24th November. It was wonderful to see so many staff and families from each Campus. Such events simply do not “happen”. Behind the scenes, many staff worked hard to ensure the success of the carnival; too many to name, however, there are some key people who had a significant input. Mr Aktypis, Ms Ali, Ms Haq and Mr Ahmed, for their depth of organising, Billal Khoder and Doha Adra, Sk. Yousef for the visual presentations; Mr Ahmed, Mr Dib, Ms El-Ahmad, Ms Charmand, Mr Saddik, Primary Arabic Staff, Mr Fahmi, SRC students, staff who volunteered and led tours. The presentations by Dr Bennett, Dr Dib and Sheikh Fawaz were inspirational and well received.



The day was about celebrating and showcasing our wonderful school, as well as reaching out to reconnect with our Alumni. The day was a success in so many ways. An anecdotal comment from Dr Dib was she spoke to many people from the community that did not have children at the School but just thought that they would have a look at the School and enjoy the

festival. This is a great sign and sends such a positive message about the wonderful work you are all doing, across the three campuses, to ensure the best of education and the betterment of our students. I am so grateful and appreciative of the efforts by staff and all concerned.



White Ribbon Day

On Friday, 23rd November the three campuses of Malek Fahd engaged in White Ribbon Day events. Members of the Student Representative Council and staff from Beaumont Hills and Greenacre walked with members of the community. In addition, Staff and students from each Campus helped in fund raising through stalls and selling of white ribbons. Thank you to Ms Kbbar and Ms Shameem for arranging the walks and Ms Nachar (Greenacre) and Mr Shameem (Beaumont Hills) for walking. The involvement has been positively noted in the wider community.



Year 6 Graduations

A special Graduation has been held for Year 6 students at each of the three campuses. They have been quite spectacular celebrations with students proudly presented and dressed in academic robes as they received their graduation certificates. I thank the Year 6 teachers, Ms Khoder; Ms Merheb; Ms El-Eter; Ms Yolbir; Ms Samrout; Ms Kheir; and Ms El Ahamd; Sheikh Fawaz; Ms Mourad; Mr Saddik; Ms Charmand; Mr Kalimud Din; Sheikh Khaled Issa; Ms Ali for their preparation of this special day.



Leadership roles – IT and Maintenance Managers

I am delighted to welcome two new IT staff Mr Vincent Nguyen (IT Manager) and Mr Aqueel Mukaddam, (IT Infrastructure Manager) to Malek Fahd. They will both have a significant role to play in the development of IT across each of the campuses. Mr Nguyen joined us on Monday 26th November and Mr Mukaddam will join us during January. Mr Nguyen comes from the corporate world over the past 10 years, more recently from PwC as the Senior IT Manager and Portfolio Manager. Mr Mukaddam has extensive school experience, more recently from Al Faisal College, particularly with student management systems including Sentral and reporting and parent portals. He has a particular interest in robotics. Our current maintenance team are still with us and will be working closely with Mr Nguyen and Mr Mukaddam as we further build the IT team.

Across the three campuses there is a considerable need for the upkeep of our facilities and to this end we will be appointing a Facilities Manager and later on a Property Development Manager. Mr Charlie Cataldo will join us on the 17th December. His skills will be of great assistance as we undertake a considerable amount of tasks during these coming holidays.

School Reports

School reports, Kindergarten to Year 10 are being finalised and will be posted to families either at the end of this week or during the first week of the school

holidays. Thank you to all staff for preparing your child's reports.

99 Names of Allah

Many of our Kindergarten students have successfully memorised the 99 names of Allah. Last week Kindergarten these students from the three campuses were presented with a special trophy acknowledging this significant achievement. Congratulations to you all.

Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 22nd November the augural swimming carnival for all Year 7 students and Years 8 to 11 swimmers (separate for boys and girls) from the Greenacre Campus was held. This was the conclusion of a six-week swimming program introduced for Year 7 students. The success of the program was such that we will continue the learn to swim program in Term 4 of 2019 for Year 7 and Year 8 students. The swimming carnival will become an annual event where we will combine each of the three campuses.



Sports Assembly Presentation

This special assembly was held last week to acknowledge the athletic and sporting achievements of a significant number of students at the Greenacre campus. In another year of first's at Malek Fahd sport has led from the front. They include: the first sports assembly; first cross-country that involved the three campuses; the first swimming carnival; the first focused skill training of students. Curriculum wise we

have seen the first PASS class in Year 9 and the first Year 12 PDPHE class to complete the HSC. To further develop the sporting and athletic skills of our students a special program was designed based programs, initially for Year 7 as well as introducing afternoon sport. It was very successful and next year we will continue to develop the sporting skills of Years 7 and 8 will dedicated period allocations in the timetable. The Swimming Carnival along with the Cross-country will become an annual event.

This year many students involved themselves in Sporting Gala Days. I wish to acknowledge all the students for engaging so well in the week to week sporting events and the gala days. Their positive response and engagement in these activities has been the best way to thank our PDPHE Staff for the hard work they put into these events for students. Students have engaged in the following sports: oztag, netball, AFL, soccer, tough football, and league tag, rugby league, league tag, ISD athletics, athletics carnival, cross-country and the swimming carnival.

Junior Sportswoman of the year is Ilesha Arja; Junior Sportsman of the year is Mohamad Kurdi; Senior Sportswomen of the year are Sarah Kak and Layelle Hamouda; Senior Sportsman of the year is Khalid Mohamed.

Delegation from Parliament of Aceh, Indonesia.

This week the School hosted a delegation from Parliament of Aceh, Indonesia. The delegation was led by Moh. Alfatah, Chairman of Commission V Parliament Aceh. The purpose of their visit is to know more about Malek Fahd Islamic School, to learn and share about educational information, have a general discussion, and discuss the possibility of cooperation for our mutual benefit.

Skoolbag App for Parents

Malek Fahd Islamic School has launched a new way to communicate with our parents. It has introduced the SkoolBag app as a way to allow parents to stay up-to-date with newsletters, school events and notices. For you to be able to receive these notifications you will need to install the SkoolBag app on your phone and register. Instructions on how to do this can be found on the following website and on the attached flyer: www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/.

When searching for the school to add please make sure you type in Malek Fahd Islamic School and follow the steps to register.



Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

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School Uniform Shop Appointments

All parents are requested to make an appointment for back-to-school 2019 and new enrolment uniform fittings. Call the Uniform Shop now on **0498 518 916** or email **malek.fahd@midford.com.au** to arrange an appointment. Due to the high volume of uniform fittings at this time of the year, we need to emphasise the importance of having an appointment to avoid lengthy waiting times. We normally allow 30-40 minutes for a new student fitting, so please book now to have the peace of mind of a smooth and pleasant uniform fitting.

Malek Fahd Islamic School Uniform Shop will **close for the school holidays on Friday, 14th December 2018** at 3.00pm.

Additional Holiday Trading Hours: Monday, 14th January 2019 to Tuesday, 29th January 2019 (9.00am to 3.00pm).

You are also welcome to purchase **uniform online** at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

Website : <https://schoolshop.midford.com.au/login/>

passphrase: malek1989

Uniform Shop Contact Details

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2019 Term Dates

Please be advised the following are the dates of schooling for 2019. These dates have also been published on the school website.

Term 1 - Wed, 30th January to Fri, 12th April 2019

Term 2 - Tue, 30th April to Fri, 5th July 2019

Term 3 - Tue, 23rd July to Fri, 27th September 2019

Term 4 - Mon, 14th October to Wed, 4th December 2019

Education is about lifelong learning. At Malek Fahd it is about inspiring you to develop a passion for learning. It is about working hard, being a dedicated student, getting the best possible grades, engaging in sport and a variety of extra- curricular activities. Thank you to all students for your hard work this year. Your positive response and engagement is the best way to say thank our Staff. We are very grateful for the wonderful support from parents, students and staff throughout the year.

My final comment is one of thanks to the School Board, in particular Chair Dr Bennett, for their excellent governance and for steering the School through the very difficult period.

Students finish the academic school Year Friday 7th December and return Wednesday 30th January 2019. To assist the settling of students, Kindergarten will commence on Thursday, 31st January.

I wish you all a safe and happy family time during the holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in the 2019 academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal