



NEWSLETTER

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ADMIN MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Alhamdulillah, we have returned for another term at Western Grammar School. While we have already had many events so far, including a gymnastics program, various excursions and educational trips, the highlight of this term has definitely been our annual Quran Competition. Alhamdulillah, our students raise the standards every year, and this year saw some truly beautiful recitations that wowed us all.

It is during events like these that we witness the incredible strength of our community, which has supported us since the start of our journey. I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the sponsors of the competition and to all the parents and family members who joined us for the event and the awards ceremony that followed.

This term, the WGS Executive and Administration teams have been working hard in the background to have our school approved for registration for the next five years, and I am happy to announce that we have succeeded in this, alhamdulillah.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff members joining the WGS team, including Mahdia Rahman, Salmah Khan, Assiya Alkini and Yasmin Elzahr. Our Primary School teacher, Ms Randah Salem, will unfortunately be leaving us this term, and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

May Allah bless us all,

Hina Rafiq

NOTICES

Parenting Program

WGS is holding a safetalk suicide prevention workshop for parents in Week 6 on the 1st of June in the school hall.

Half Yearly Exams & Reports

Exams will begin in Week 7. Please note that reports will only be sent out for students who are up to date on fee payments.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Mondays & Thursday, 9AM–2PM.

COMING UP

Fundraising Bake-sale: 29th May

Parenting Program: 1st June

Exams begin: 5th June

BROTHERS IN NEED

Year 7 students were blessed with the opportunity to visit the Brothers in Need headquarters where they participated in packing Qurans for Project Quran and seeing how sanitary packs were packed and distributed for the homeless of Sydney.

The values of community service and helping others for the sake of Allah were highlighted throughout the day and students embodied these values through their experience.

Special thanks to Sister Dahlia and the team from Brothers in Need and Project Quran for accommodating our students and inspiring them to see what amazing things they can do for the community.



NAN TIEN EXCURSION



This term, a selection of students represented WGS in the ISD Cross Country Competition. The competition comprised of 8 independent schools, all competing to represent at AICES level.

Alhamdulillah our very own TAREK ALMUBAID smashed the distance and conquered the qualifying time, with 5 minutes to spare, coming in **FIRST PLACE** in the 18-year-old division. In our 12-year-old girls division, LAYLA CHANDAB also took **FIRST PLACE**, while ALI CHANDAB took **THIRD PLACE** in the 16-year-old boys group.

We are so proud of all our students who competed in this competition. They showed commitment, stamina, courage and team spirit throughout the day and were wonderful representatives of our school in all aspects, alhamdulillah.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS

On Thursday the 18th of May, the Year 11 and 12 students visited the Nan Tien Buddhist Temple in Wollongong for their Studies of Religion excursion.

The students had a guided tour of the complex followed by a practical lesson of Chinese calligraphy and origami. Students then enjoyed lunch and prayer at the beach before returning to school.



QURAN COMPETITION

On the 12th of May 2023, WGS held its annual Quran Competition. All Primary students competed in the first round, with five students from each grade qualifying to the final round. Registered High School students competed with one another in gender segregated groups. The qualified and registered students were given a few weeks to memorize the given surahs.

There were seven in-school judges and one guest judge judging the reciters based on completion of verses, fluency, tajweed, makharij, and melody.

During the awards ceremony, certificates and monetary prizes were given to all participants with medals, trophies, and higher monetary prizes for the winners.

We thank our sponsors; AAA Rapid Homes (major sponsor), Mazun Homes, Bula Racing, ANK Renovations, and Auswise Aircon for their contributions in making this a successful event.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all those who participated. May Allah bless us all and instil the love of the Quran in our hearts.





CABBAGE PATCH

In Science, Year 1 students have started digging for their solution to improving an environment to encourage living things to thrive. After researching local farmers, varieties of plants and how plants grow, our little farmers are designing their own garden bed and have prepared their space to place their rows of plants.

In class they have started growing their bean plants making sure they have enough sunlight and water. Masha'Allah to our little gardeners!



FISHING TRIP

It was a small group that braved the cold to join our Father & Son Fishing Trip. The fishing started off slowly, with only a few small yellowfin bream hitting the deck. Next up a few healthy leatherjackets were landed along with a good sized bream. Most of the fish caught were undersized but provided heaps of entertainment. In all, four fish were kept and the rest were released, but the most valuable part of the trip was the bonding time between fathers and their sons.

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