



Western Grammar School
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NEWSLETTER

SENIOR MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

We were so excited to welcome back to school all students on Wednesday 27th May 2020 after almost two months spent learning from home. The day was celebrated with welcome back and Eid activities in a fun filled and relaxed atmosphere with most dressed in Eid clothes.

Our teachers did incredibly well transitioning to online teaching and so too did our students with their learning. We are extremely satisfied that the education of students continued online despite the challenges faced with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

With their return, precautions at school continue to help keep staff and students safe and we appreciate the efforts parents make to support these precautions.

The half-yearly exams are around the corner so we request that parents encourage their children to prepare well in advance - the greater the effort, the better the achievement. May Allah (swt) bless all their hard work.

Dr Zachariah Matthews, Deputy Principal



GOODBYE ZOOM, WELCOME CLASSROOM

More than two months after parents were encouraged to keep students at home to help restrict the spread of COVID-19, staff at WGS were excited to welcome back all students on Wednesday 27th May 2020.

Thank you to all students who displaced courage during this challenging time. We are also grateful to parents and staff for all their support and efforts.

May Allah (swt) protect us all and our families.



VISION

“Western Grammar seeks to foster in our students understanding and respect for each other and for the diversity of multicultural communities in Australia. Students are encouraged to be innovative, creative and problem-solving individuals. Students strive to achieve their personal best in an ideal educational and Islamic environment. They will be able to take their place with pride in the community and in the world.”

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KNOWLEDGE IS THE UNLTMATE SOLUTION

RAMADAN AWARDS

Ramadan Awards for the Eid cards produced and the Islamic Kahoot Quizzes were handed out on Monday 1st June during the live video assembly. Congratulations to all students who participated.



ADMIN NOTES

Attendance & Punctuality

The school gates open at 8am. Students should only arrive to school after 8am as there is no supervision before that time. Students should be dropped at the Bottles Road entrance. All students must arrive to school before 8:20am when the morning assembly commences. If a student is absent, parents are kindly requested to provide a medical certificate or a written not justifying the absence.

Early Leave

If for a valid reason parents wish to pick up their child(ren) early, please call the school office and inform the security guard at the Cannery Rd entrance. Early leave

students must be picked up before 3pm.

Office Hours

The school office is open on weekdays from 8am to 4pm.

School Fees

Fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Therefore, prompt payment of fees is highly appreciated.

Uniform Shop Timings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am-10:30am. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Student Drop-off & Pick-up

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, parents are required to remain in their cars during drop-off and pick-up; parents should also avoid entering the school premises; enquiries should be conducted via phone or email.

Morning Assembly

Until further notice, the morning assembly will be held in classrooms. Both primary and high school students should go straight to class at 8:18am.

Staying Safe

With students returning to face-to-face schooling, WGS will continue to adopt measures to restrict the spread of the virus. These include:

- Hygiene practices: Washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer after each recess/lunch break.
- Temperature checks will be conducted each morning.
- Physical distancing: Students and staff should maintain a 1.5m distance where possible.
- Cold or flu-like symptoms: If a student is ill with a runny nose, sore throat or cough, he/she should stay at home and not come to school.

EID AT WESTERN GRAMMAR

Eid Mubarak to our students, their families and the school community. We hope you had a joyous and blessed Eid. On Wednesday 27th May 2020, Western Grammar welcomed back all students and celebrated Eid with their return. Fun activities such as board games, class decorations and nasheed competitions were held. Students wore their favourite Eid clothes. Overall it was an enjoyable occasion.

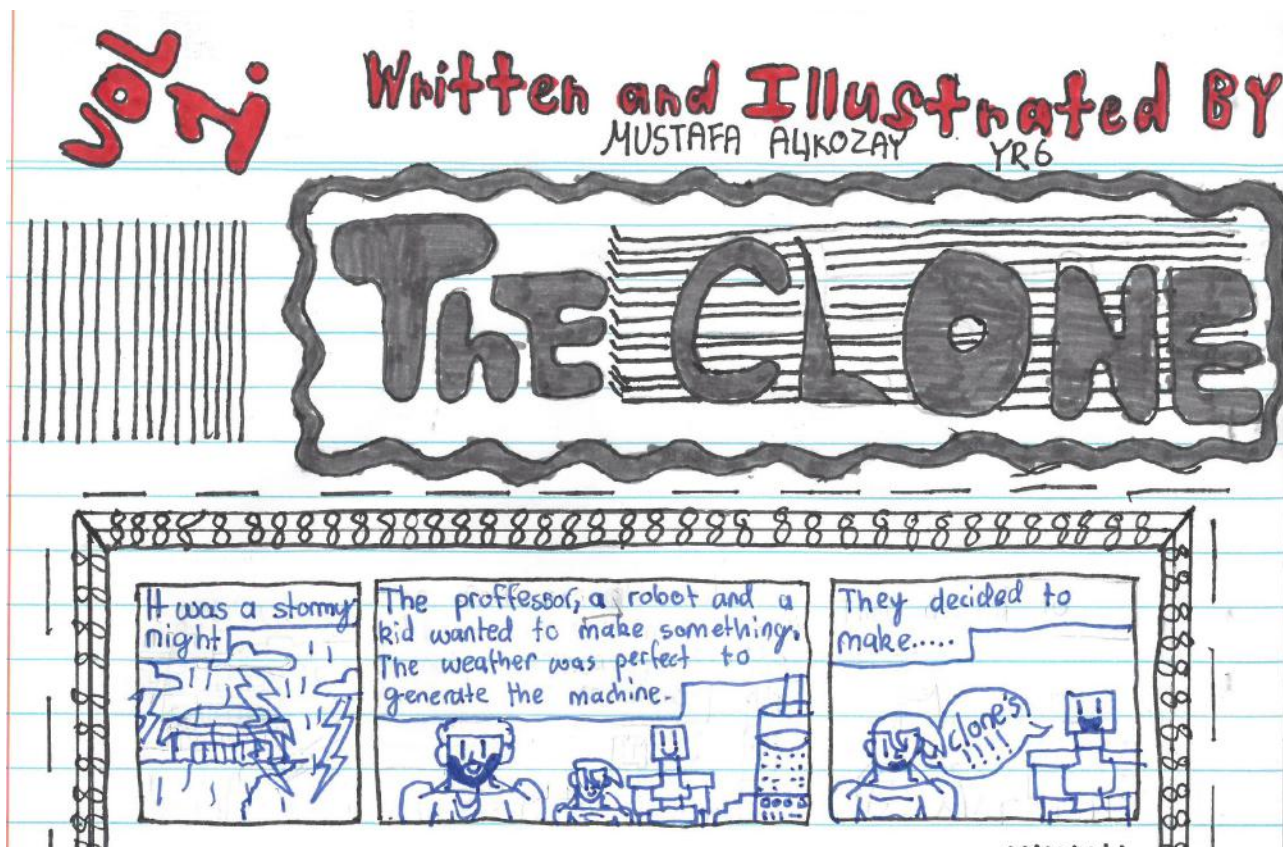


IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 8 Jun - School Closed Public Holiday
- Wed 17 Jun - K-10 Islamic Studies Exams Start
- Fri 19 Jun - Year 11 Exams Start
- Wed 24 Jun - K-10 Half-Yearly Exams Start
- Wed 1 Jul - Year 12 Term 3 Reports
- Fri 3 Jul - Last Day of Term 2

COMIC STRIP COMPETITION

A comic strip competition was held for the Year 6 students and alhamdulillah we had some amazing imaginative and creative entries. A competition to encourage creativity with literacy will be held regularly, giving Year 6 students an opportunity to have their work published in the school newsletter. It was a really tough decision and to decide on the winner, we considered the plot and idea of the comic, design, language and layout. We congratulate Mustafa Alikozay for the winning entry this time. All of the students who participated will be receiving prizes.



5 STEPS TO STUDY SUCCESS

These are scientifically-proven steps to study success. They include embracing a small amount of stress, studying in 20-minute blocks, talking about what you've learned with a friend or family member, taking breaks (but not to the point of distraction!) and getting enough sleep.

1. Not All Stress Is Bad

While it's often given a bad rap, the right amount of stress can actually motivate you to get stuff done. The key thing is to recognise when stress has tipped over from being a motivating force to an overwhelming emotion.

2. 20-Minute Study Rule

No one can study for six hours straight and be effective. Break up your time into twenty-minute chunks for the most effective use of your brain.

3. Say It Out Loud

The best way to really remember and learn is to talk about what you're learning out loud, without using any notes.

4. Breaks = Good, Constant Distraction = Bad

Taking planned and timed breaks will help you remain on task, but checking your social every 5 minutes is a definite study fail. Research shows that it can take up to twenty minutes to refocus on your task once you've been distracted.

5. Sleep Is Your Friend

If you get a good night's sleep before your exam, you are scientifically proven to retain more of what you studied the day before than if you stay up crazy late.



HADITH OF THE WEEK

