

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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VISION

Western Grammar School 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.



Assistant Principal's Message

By Mr Zulqarnan Malik

We are successfully in the middle of the second term of 2021. This term, the school's focus was organising online NAPLAN exam sessions. Alhamdulillah, we did not face any major technical issues. Prior to the main tests, students engaged in successful online practice sessions.

At the beginning of the term, we were blessed with the month of Ramadan. Our school organised events such as the Quran Competition and Iftar Nights as well as a wonderful Eid Party at the end.

WGS also participated in an inter-school debating competition with Australian International Academy. The students of WGS had some tough competition but gained valuable skills and experience competing.

The Year 12 teachers ran successful Parent-Teacher Interviews over the phone and discussed with parents in detail the performance of each student and areas of improvement.

We wish to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support that they provide at home. We hope that the month of Ramadan was a spiritually fulfilling one for you all. May your prayers be accepted.

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Late Arrival

During traffic management checks last week it was observed that some parents drop their children off after the required start time of 8:20 am in the morning.

We remind parents that students **MUST** arrive at school **between 8:00 am and 8:15 am**; and no later than 8:20 am.

From Monday this week, students who arrive after 8:20 am will be disciplined more stringently according to the school's behaviour management procedure.

NSW Premier's Iftar

Western Grammar School's Principal Mr Irfan Afzal and high school captains Abdul Wasay Khan and Yara Almoosewy were privileged to attend the NSW Premier's Iftar dinner on 19 April.

The special event with Premier Gladys Berejiklian to mark the month of Ramadan hosted community leaders, principals and school captains.

BankWest stadium provided a stunning backdrop to the Iftar.



"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today" —Malcolm X

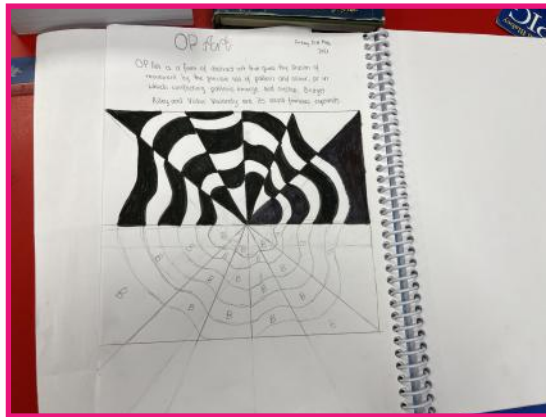
Iftar Nights

WGS held Iftar nights for its students during Ramadan. The iftars were held on three separate days, one each for Primary, HS Girls and HS Boys. Each event featured a series of talks, activities and fun games in addition to the iftar itself. Alhamdulillah the events were a huge success and the students learnt a lot and enjoyed sharing meals together.



Op Art 2D Work

This Year 5 lesson objective was to learn how artists use op art to create optical illustrations on a 2D surface. The end result was to create a piece of op art using lines and measurements. Some amazing student work samples were produced.



Important Dates

- Wed 26 May: National Sorry Day
- Fri 4 June 7pm: Online Parenting Talk
- Wed 9 June: K-10 Islamic Studies Exams Start
- Mon 14 Jun: School closed Public Holiday
- Tue 15 June: Year 11 Exams start
- Wed 16 Jun: K-10 Half-Yearly Exams start
- Sat 19 Jun 10am: Parenting Talk
- Mon 21 Jun: Refugee Week
- Fri 25 Jun: Principal's Morning Tea
- Fri 25 Jun: Last day of school

Eid Party

On Monday the 17th of May, Western Grammar School held its annual Eid Party at school.

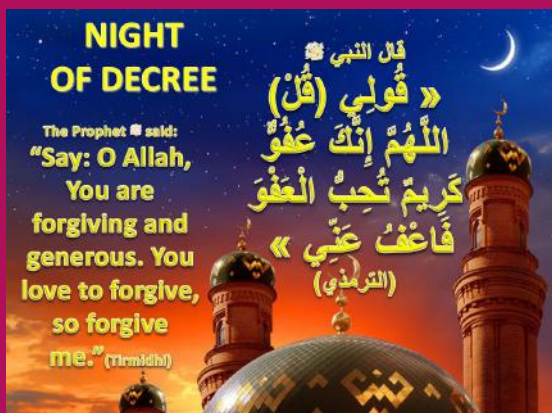
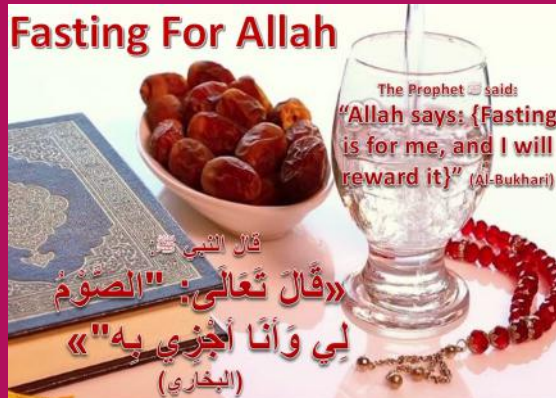
Students and teachers were treated to a fun-filled day with food stalls, face painting and henna studios, a jumping castle, obstacle courses, arcade games, competitions and much more.

It truly was a wonderful way to spend this blessed occasion together. A huge thank you to the events team and everyone who helped make it successful day.



Hadith of the Week

Fasting For Allah



Quran Competition

This Ramadan, Western Grammar School held its annual Quran Competition for 2021. Students who made it through to the final round did an outstanding job memorising the selected chapters and recited beautifully on the day making it difficult for the judges to choose the winners. We are extremely proud of every student's efforts and want to congratulate them for their achievements. Parents of the finalists were able to view their child's recitation live online. There were four to five judges for each group and the results were then tallied and finalized.

A special assembly was held to announce the Quran competition winners. Certificates were given to all participants as well as medals, trophies, gifts, and cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions in each group. Parents of the top three placed students were invited to attend this morning's assembly.

Dr Zachariah Matthews congratulated the high achievers and participants. He thanked the parents for attending and extended special thanks to Sheikh Abdullah Hakeem, Head of the Islamic Department, and his team for organizing this prestigious event.

