



Term 2 Week 10



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Oh My Lord, Increase my knowledge

Welcome to Western Grammar

Western Grammar welcomes all the newly enrolled students and their families. We hope that WG meets your expectation.

Ramadan Timings—Finish Time Change

During the Ramadan, school will be starting at 8.20am and will finish at 2.30pm (1 hour earlier than usual). Ramadan timing will commence from Friday 20 July or from first day of Ramadan (subject to the moon sighting) and will finish the last day of Ramadan. School will be closed for three days starting from Eid day (subject to the announcement of moon sighting by the local Muslim Community). A separate rest area is arranged to create an encouraging environment for the fasting children. We request that even if your child is fasting, you still pack a light snack in case they have to break their fast. No canteen during Ramadan.

School Holidays

Friday 29 June is the last day of Term 2. Term 3 will start from 17 July and students must return to school on Tuesday 17 July. No holiday homework has been given to the students. We recommend that all parents must spare time for the self arranged home study with children during holiday. Kindly discuss the importance of the Holy month of Ramadan which is due to start on our return to school. School will be encouraging all of students to read Islamic stories, duas, surahs, reading and reciting the Quran during the holy month of Ramadan.

School Excursions

Last week Kindergarten went to the first excursion of the year to the Featherdale Wildlife Park, it was great fun for them. Year 1/2 and 3/4 are having their excursion on the last day of term, they are off to Elizabeth House at Rosehill, were they will be reinforcing what they have been learning about the First Fleet and Convicts. I am sure that they will have a great day and will enjoy making some scones. It is very important that all students attend these days and participate in the excursion. As we have subsidised our first excursion by 50% to ensure that we have a 100% attendance. The students are getting really excited. Please speak to the class teacher if further information is required.



Incursions

Worm Farming— The first was a visit from the Blacktown council with our special "international students" our worms. Suji gave the children a great talk on the benefits of recycling even our food scraps. Please parents talk about the great benefits with the kids. Also please come and have a look.

Message from the CEO

WGS wish all students, families and staff a safe holiday. Ramadan Mubarak to all the Muslim community inshallah we will try to please Allah (SWT) in the coming month of Ramadan.

work that the kids have been completing this term. Library Day for all students is Tuesday—Don't forget to bring your library bag on Tuesdays.



Premiers Reading Challenge

As we have only 2 months to go we are encouraging all the children to go to the Mt Drutt library during the school holidays and either borrow or read some Premier Reading Challenge books. Should you require some help with this great challenge, please ask Miss Hina.

School Uniforms

Thank you to all the students that are trying very hard to wear the correct uniform. All uniform items are available at school store and should be purchased from the school.

All Students

Can parents please help us by sending in a box of tissues per child and also a large stick of good quality glue.

School Office Hours - School Holidays

The school office will be attended daily from 9.00am to 12 noon daily during the holidays.

Ramadan Message From WGS

بِأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ - ١٨٣

Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may attain Taqwaa." (Q2:183)

The most honoured by Allah amongst you are those best in Taqwaa."(Q 49:13)

- What kinds of things will the class be doing over the next few weeks?
- Can you tell me the best time and way to contact you if I have a query or concern?
- Do you have any concerns about my child?
- How is my child progressing in comparison to others in his/her year level?
- Also, list anything that might be happening at home that may be helpful for your child's teacher to know. If your child has seen a specialist for example, there may be some information that is important for the teacher or the school counsellor to know. Find out more about [parent-teacher interviews](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/) on School A to Z. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>



Earn to Learn

Please do not forget to collect the stickers from Woolworths as we are participating in the "Earn to Learn" campaign. Many parents have already started to collect and complete the sticker charts. If you require anymore charts please ask your teacher or see the staff in the office. The more we collect the more resources we can get for free for the school and ultimately for the students. The collect time has been extended until 12 August 2012.



Library

Our library is growing very nicely. A big thank you to Mr. Irfan and Mr. Nasir for custom building our library. The kids have been reading a lot of our new books. It is great to see that the children are developing a passion for reading. We have set up the library to be a friendly and inviting area that the kids really enjoy. Please parents come in and visit the library and see some of the great

Important Dates

29 June	Last Day of Term 2
16 July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
17 July	First day back Term 3 for students
20 July	Ramadan expected to start

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Gardening

All students have been gardening. Kindergartens lettuce is now growing very strong and they have taken them home to share with their families. Year 1 to Year 4 have been planting a garden full of greens, it is very encouraging to see them growing, inshallah after the holidays we will be able to use the food in the Canteen.



WGS Gardening Group

Welcome Miss Aliyyah

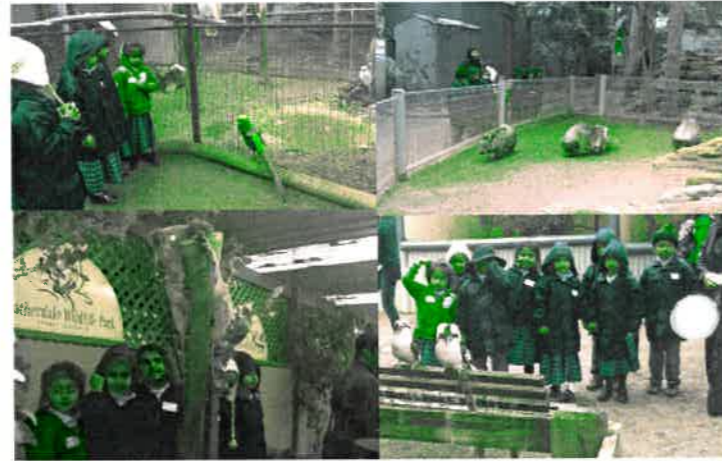
Miss Aliyyah joins our school as a Teachers Assistant. The children are enjoy reading all your books and learning new ways to use the math's resources.



Kindergarten



Kindergarten students had an awesome excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park with Miss Hina and myself on Tuesday. Alhamdulillah, the weather was perfect with drizzles starting just when we came back from the excursion. Children got to see a wide range of Australian species there including goanna, Tasmanian devil, crocodile, bats, snakes, lizards, dingos, emus



and penguins. It was nice to see children say 'SubhanAllah' on seeing a large range of beautiful birds with striking colours like peacocks, cassowary, finches, parrots, cockatoos, kookaburras and pheasants. The children enjoyed patting the koalas, kangaroos and even got a chance to touch a snake. They had a bit of a laugh when a goat chased me and scared me. The class wanted Miss Lisa to see the all the animals with them again when she came to pick us up so we all had another friendly encounter with the animals. We discussed the growth and change of the animals and how different animals have different needs including food and shelter.

Kindergarten students were delighted not only to go on the excursion that day but were also very glad to take their lettuce pots home that afternoon, which was ready to be picked and used in the salad. Their gleaming faces made my day wonderful.

Miss Ayesha

Year 1/2

Year 1 and 2 have been creating some fantastic Power Point presentation books on The Human Body and have really enjoyed the great stories of Miss Frizzle and her Magic School



Bus on her many adventures. The students have created their own human body replica.



This week will see Year 1, 2,3 and 4 putting on a joint play of "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory—with a twist". The students are really enjoying playing the characters from the book and the movie. I am sure that we will all here about the grand performances. This will be available on DVD.



Year 3/4

Miss Meyasa and her class have been reading about "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" the kids have been writing some really great newspaper articles about this as well. The class have been studying convicts

are well so they have been comparing life as it is currently with that of their parents and grandparents. They have come to realize that life is very different and that we are very lucky allahamdulliah that we have so much compared to the convicts: who some got in trouble for stealing a single piece of bread.

Year 3 and 4 also learnt to write their own stories and scripts. We are currently conducting a play about Charlie and the chocolate factory, where the students learn to practice their lines and dress up to represent the personality of their character.

Reports, Portfolios and Parent Teacher Interviews

Half yearly reports and portfolios will be prepared over the Term break by the classroom teacher and will be distributed to the parents on Monday 16 July at the Parent Teacher interviews, you will have the opportunity to speak to you child/children's class teacher as well as the Arabic / Quran and Islam teacher. A separate letter will be sent out for appointment times this week. Please ensure that you are on time for the meeting as other parents and children need to speak to the parents as well.

Do your homework before the Interview!

Take a few minutes before your meeting to jot down any questions or comments you have. Because interviews usually only run 10 – 15 minutes it's good to have a reminder of the points you wanted to raise.

Common questions may include:

- How is my child fitting in with other children?
- What are the children working on now in class?
- Is there anything about my child's needs that I should know?
- Does my child ask questions, participate in class discussions/ class room activities?
- Is my child's reading progress satisfactory?
- What activities does my child seem to enjoy the most at school?
- Who are my child's friends?
- Is my child's numeracy progress satisfactory?
- Does my child join in with other children in the playground?