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Islamic Studies

"When the victory of Allah comes and the conquest, and you see the people coming into Islam in multitudes, then glorify and praise your Lord and ask forgiveness from Him, verily He is the One Who forgives." (Surah An-Nasr)

Assalaamu Alaikum parents and students,

All Praise is due to Allah (swt) The Lord of the Worlds, and all Thanks is due to Him for the Blessings He has bestowed upon us. By Allah's Will, we have reached the end of the year 2019, and due to this, we should glorify and praise Allah and ask forgiveness from Him, as quoted in the above verse. The Prophet was commanded to do so when he became victorious in the conquest of Makkah and people were accepting Islam in multitudes.

Therefore, due to the success of our school, the students, and the staff this year, we Praise and Thank Allah for this success and may He forgive us in all our shortcomings. Alhamdulillah, the students of WGS have completed their yearly exams and we are very pleased with the results of many students. We congratulate all the students who have achieved top marks in their exams and for all those who have tried their best. May Allah reward them all and we hope they can do even better next year.

We also want to congratulate our special kindy students who have performed an exceptional job in their exams scoring an average of 86% in Islam and 82% in Quran. They have all tried really hard and have adjusted to this school really well.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all the students to continue with their regular daily prayers during the holidays, revise all the surah's memorised, and keep up with reading their Iqra books. We would also like to thank you, the parents, for believing in us, and for supporting us in taking the school towards success.

May Allah reward you all and we ask Allah (swt) to help us achieve the vision of the school in providing quality Islamic and secular education to our students to produce great future leaders. May Allah bless us all, and enjoy the holidays!!!

-Mr Abdullah Hakeem

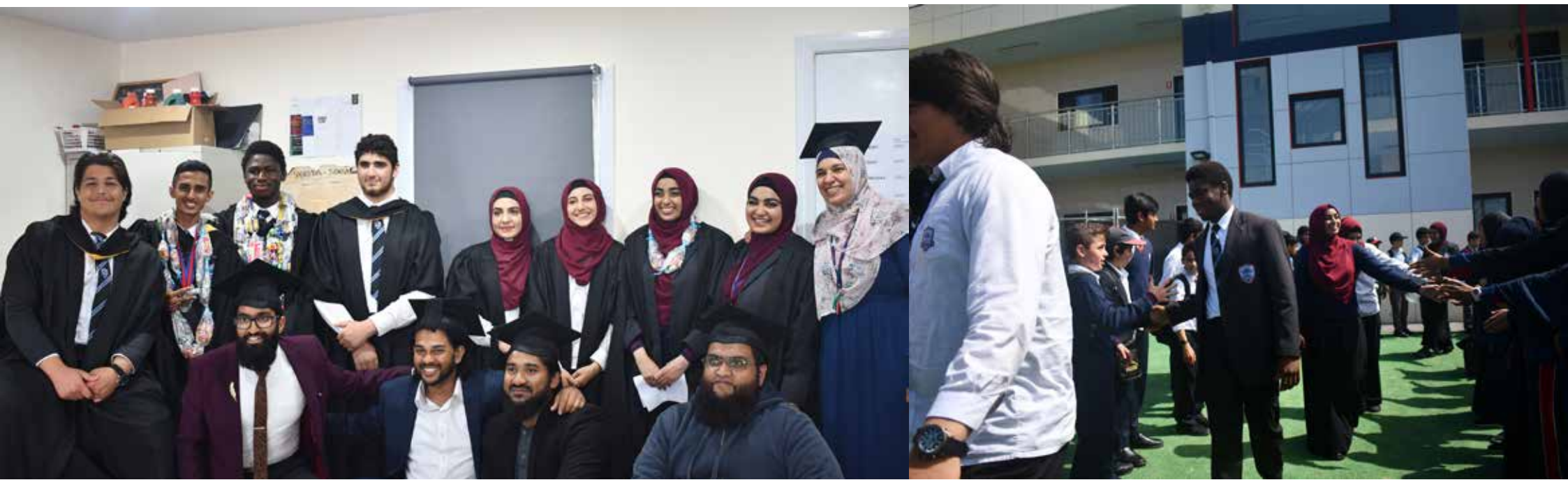


Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation ceremony was held at school on the 27th of September 2019.

Western Grammar School celebrated the achievements of, and said our goodbyes to the following students: Yusir Almosewy, Shahana Khan, Saalihah Khan, Rimsha Khan, Amaan Rafiq, Adama Konateh, Rami Al-Turk and Alaa El-Dine Hamze.

A joyous occasion with family and friends celebrating a significant milestone in the lives of our graduating students. Year 12 had their first HSC exam on the 17th October 2019 and ended their exams on Friday, 1st November 2019. We offer our continued support to these wonderful students, and know that they have worked hard in the HSC exam. We wish them well in their HSC marks. May Allah grant each of them patience and endurance in the next couple of weeks and guide them to the best of success, not just now, but throughout their future lives.



WGS was honoured to have the renowned scholar from Pakistan, Maulana Tariq Jameel, attend and make Du'a (supplication) at the opening of the school's Stage 2 building, Alhamdulillah. He was welcomed by the school board and principal Mr Irfan Afzal with staff and community members present. Maulana Jameel highlighted the importance of honouring and respecting children as a gift from Allah swt. He then prayed for Allah swt to bless the school and its new building.



Stage 2 BUILDING





Our Year 7 students made their way down to Taronga Zoo to learn about habitats and classification of different animals. The students attended a workshop at the zoo's Institute of the Science and Learning which covered woodlands and the different species that reside in them. The beauty of nature and the different adaptations that animals have developed were also observed by students. We thank Taronga Zoo and their teachers for their hospitality and hard work.

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Taronga Zoo



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FORENSIC INCURSION

Western Grammar School held an incursion for Years 3-10 on the 25th and 26th of November 2019. This interactive workshop was designed to encourage students to take interest in Science and how it plays an important role in the world beyond the classroom. Students examined a crime scene and analysed evidence to solve the mystery. Thank you to Ms Yasmin for organising this event. The workshop was exciting yet educational. All students had great fun!

Swimming

Alhamdulillah!

This term, every Wednesday, Yr1-4 students have been going to school with a huge smile eagerly looking forward to their swimming classes. Years 1-4 students underwent 6 weeks of swimming lessons at Little Fishies Swim school. Swimming is considered to be one of the best forms of physical exercise. It gets the heart racing and the blood moving around the body. A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the Swimming program. It has been a great success and learning experience for the students at WGS.



Kindergarten Orientation

On the 5th of November 2019, an information session for parents of next year's Kindergarten class was held at school. This session included performances by the current 2019 Kindergarten students.



Bush Fire Gift Drive

Students donated toys and stationery to be given by the charity, Little Helpers, to children affected by the bush fires. Thank you to all those students who donated during this important campaign.



KNITTING/CROCHET CLUB

WGS has been holding knitting sessions during school lunches. Thanks to Ms Kaukab, the school councillor, for taking knitting as a relaxation strategy and offering it more broadly as a fun activity to both students and staff.



D E B A T I N G T E A M

Selected students from Years 7-10, participated in the Islamic Schools Debating Competition. The Competition consisted of a series of debates run across Terms 3 and 4, hosted by various Muslim Schools taking part in the competition. Our students were warmly hosted by Irfan College in what turned out to be an exciting and insightful day for all.

On 10th September 2019, our Stage 4 students participated in Round 2 held against Australian National Academy (AIA). It was an intriguing and engaging debate about if "Social Media should be banned for all under 18s". It was a close contest resulting in a win for WGS.

Our Stage 5 students, on the 22nd of October 2019, went up against a formidable group of girls at Al Noori Muslim School. The debate was about whether or not "Celebrities should become official spokespeople of the United Nations". It was an extremely tight and close contest but Alhamdulillah it ended with a win for the WGS team.

Round 3 - WGS stage 4 boys, on Monday the 4th of November, were welcomed by Unity Grammar. Our team delivered an impassioned case on if "The voting age should be lowered to age 16" however, were not the victors. Unity Grammar took the win and we wish Unity Grammar all the best in the competitions later to come.

Thursday, the 21st of September, WGS hosted Unity Grammar School for a round 3 debate. The debate motion was that "We should allow employees to give up the workplace rights in the exchange for higher wages". The debate was very engaging with both sides presenting solid points of view and strong arguments. After a close debate, Masters Academy professional adjudicator, Luke Beveridge, awarded our Year 9 and 10 girls team the win.

Our year 10 students debated their formidable counterparts from AIA in Stage 5. With much passion and eloquence, both teams debated over whether or not "Adolescents should be able to make their own medical choices". We were very pleased to hear that WGS came out with the more favourable result, making their 5th consecutive win for our burgeoning interlocutors. With the stage set for a fiery grand final between WGS and Al-Noori, we ask you to keep our stage 5 debating team in your duas!



ADMIN NOTE

Alhumdulilah we are nearly at the end of our 2019 school year. Parents please take note of the events that are going to be held in the next two weeks, until the end of school.

SKOOL LOOP



Dear Parents,

Western Grammar School IS using the Skool Loop app. This is available to the whole school community to download for free to their smart phones and devices. This school app will allow for instant viewing of school events, receiving of notifications, easy advice of absences and access to school contact details, via a parents smartphone or tablet.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

The 2019 End of Year Assembly will be held on Thursday 12th December 2019 at St Mary's Memorial Hall in three sessions. We will be having Kindergarten and Year 6 Graduation Day on the day as well. All parents are requested to attend this very special event of our school. RSVP should be sent to the school admin by 9th December 2019.

Address: St Marys Memorial Hall, St Marys NSW 2760

K-2 Session: 9:00-10:30am

3-6 Session: 11:30- 1:00pm

7-12 Session: 2:00- 3:30pm

LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents are requested to remind their child/ren to return all books or any home readers borrowed from the library issued from the class teachers.

LAST DAY of Term 4 2019

Last Day of school for students in Year K- 12 is Wednesday, 11th December 2019. End of Year & Presentation Day will be held on Thursday, 12th December 2019. (see above)

FIRST DAY of Term 1 2020

First Day for students in Year K- 12 is Tuesday 28th January, 2020. Kindergarten will also start on Tuesday the 28th January 2020.

School Holiday Hours

Dear Parents,

The office will be closing from the 19th of December 2020 and will reopen on the 16th of January 2020. The uniform shop will open starting from Monday 20th January 2020.

ADMIN HOURS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

9:00am - 3:00pm

SCHOOL FEES

This is a reminder to all parents of their obligation to ensure that all school fees are paid within the first two weeks of each term. The school fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Therefore, prompt payment within the specified time is required.

You can also directly deposit the amount in the bank account mentioned below. Discount in fees is applied if full year fees are paid before 16th February 2019. Contact Admin for further details.

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Account Name: Western Grammar School

BSB: 062 317

Account #: 1071 909

Parents please adhere to our school policies and procedures as your cooperation is important to provide a safe and secure educational environment to your child. We hope and trust that you will be part of the Western Grammar team and assist in the smooth operation of the school.

Uniform Shop Hours

Parents are advised that students attend school in full school uniform at all times, unless advised otherwise. This requirement also applies to the sport uniform on Wednesdays – students are prohibited to wear any non-school track pants, jackets or jumpers.

Students will need to provide a written and signed note from a parent/guardian to explain why they are out of uniform. Failure to do so may result in the student being sent home to change into the correct uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS (in school holidays):

From Monday 20th January 2020 - 9:30am - 2:30pm

Please refer to the next page for uniform prices

Uniform List 2019

Uniform Item	Price
Primary BOYS	
Boys Shirt (blue)	\$25.00
Boys Pant	\$30.00
Tie	\$10.00
School Jumper	\$55.00
Blazer	\$80.00
High School BOYS	
Boys Shirt (white)	\$25.00
Boys Pant	\$40.00
Tie	\$10.00
School Jumper	\$55.00
Blazer	\$80.00
Senior BOYS	
Boys Shirt (white)	\$25.00
Boys Pant	\$40.00
Tie	\$10.00
School Jumper	\$55.00
Blazer	\$170.00
Sports	
Short sleeve polo	\$15.00
Long sleeve polo	\$20.00
Sports jackets	\$45.00
Sports pants	\$35.00

Uniform Item	Price
Primary GIRLS	
Girls Shirt (blue)	\$ 25.00
Tunic	\$ 70.00
White scarf	\$ 6.00
School Jumper	\$ 55.00
Blazer	\$ 80.00
High School GIRLS	
Girls Shirt (white)	\$ 25.00
Skirt	\$ 70.00
Navy Scarf and red cap	\$ 15.00
School Jumper	\$ 55.00
Blazer	\$ 80.00
Senior GIRLS	
Girls Shirt (white)	\$ 25.00
Skirt	\$ 70.00
Maroon scarf with black cap	\$ 15.00
School Jumper	\$ 55.00
Blazer	\$ 170.00
Miscellaneous	
School bag	\$25.00
School Hat	\$20.00

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen is open from Monday - Friday. Orders should be handed to the class teacher in the morning or given by recess. All orders must have the student's name, class and the correct amount of money in an envelope. All hot food must be ordered.

Hot Food	Snacks
Chicken/Beef pie..... \$4.00	Smiths Chips..... \$1.00
Sausage roll..... \$3.00	Freddo (large)..... \$1.50
Chicken nuggets (6 pcs)..... \$3.50	Freddo (small)..... \$0.50
Noodle cup..... \$2.50	Caramello Koala \$1.50
Cheese, lettuce and tomato sandwich.... \$3.50	Caramello (small)..... \$1.50
Specials	Mamee rice sticks \$1.00
Monday: Spinach and Feta Roll..... \$5.00	Mamee Noodle snacks \$1.00
Tuesday: Oregano/ Zataar pizza \$2.50	Wicked Fizz..... \$0.25
Cheese Pizza..... \$3.50	Rollers..... \$1.00
Cheese Pizza (Large)..... \$7.00	Lolly Pops \$0.50 - \$1 - \$2
Meat Pizza..... \$3.50	Toffee (assorted)..... \$0.10
Wednesday: Burger \$5.00	Fresh fruits (pre-order: bananas, apple, oranges)..... \$1.50
Thursday: Chicken Caesar Salad \$6.00	JJs Chips..... \$1.00
Friday: Lasagne \$5.00	Rice Sticks..... \$1.00
Lasagne with Salad..... \$8.00	Cheese Rings..... \$0.50
	Cheese Rings(large)..... \$2.00
Cold Food	Drinks
(Unavailable during recess)	
Zooper Dooper \$0.50	Water \$2.00
Icy Pole..... \$1.00	Fruit Poppers \$1.00
Billabong (Rainbow/Chocolate/Banana)..... \$1.50	Up n Go Milk \$2.00
Ice-cream (Vanilla/Cookies & Cream/Mint)..... \$2.00	
M&M's..... \$3.00	
Mystery Ice-cream..... \$1.50	

Principals Message

Timeline:

GIRLS TECH DAY	4 Dec
KINDY ZOO EXCURSION	5 Dec
GIRLS & BOYS CAMP	4-6 Dec
ENROLMENT EXAM ROUND 2	9 Dec
PARENT INFO SESSION RSVP BEFORE: 2ND DECEMBER 2019	4 Dec
LAST DAY OF TERM 4	11 Dec
END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY	12 Dec
ADMIN LAST DAY	18 Dec
ADMIN REOPENS	16 Jan
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2020	28 Jan



Assalaamu-alaykum warahmatullaahi wabarakaatuh

Term 4 is nearing its end with only a few weeks left. Student wellbeing and welfare support is crucial during this term. Prior to the exams students in years 5-12 were given study tips and relaxation techniques to help with exam stress. Some stress is needed to perform well, but too much stress may be harmful and students therefore need to learn how to manage stress well. Parents can and should assist with this important life skill by modelling to their child/ren the correct way of coping with stress. In week 3 high school girls organised a bake sale to help raise fund to support some students who could not afford the school camp. Witnessing this spirit of helping others in need is heart-warming and makes working in this environment extremely rewarding. Also in week 3, a select group of students performed a special play to the high school assembly about mental health. The purpose of the play was to remove the stigma associated with mental illness focussing on depression and conveying the message "say yes to mental wellbeing." The school's chess club entered two teams into an inter-school zone tournament with one team finishing 3rd and then going on to compete in the finals. Many students enjoy playing chess and regularly participate during recess and lunch. The strategic skills they develop playing chess will benefit them in their curriculum subjects. Another interesting club that was started this term is the knitting club under the guidance of our school counsellor, Ms Kaukab. Knitting is being used as a relaxation technique for select students needing counsellor support. It was then requested to extend the activity to other students as well and thus the knitting club was formed. We take this opportunity to wish students well over the long holiday break. Parents are encouraged to engage their child/ren productively over the break with salah, reading Quran, general reading, maths online, creative pursuits, physical exercise, etc. Students should be careful not

Zachariah Matthews- Deputy Principal