



Western Grammar School
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NEWSLETTER

SENIOR MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

Term 3 has been a busy term despite the COVID -19 restrictions. Western Grammar School did not waste any time in making improvements to its education and academic systems. As the term began, students from K to 10 started doing the Progressive Assessment Tests (PAT). These external tests are designed to check the abilities of our students in Grammar and Punctuation, Mathematics, Reading and Spelling. Based on the results, WGS will be introducing in Primary School a new literacy program, Get Reading Right, which is an explicit systematic synthetic program which will help every child in reading and spelling.

The HSC Minimum Standard is also part of an effort to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students. This standard is a way of supporting and ensuring students have a functional level of literacy and numeracy. In Term 3 most of our students in Year 10 to 12 demonstrated a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive their HSC.

Our Year 12 students were busy with informal and formal trials and completed their last exam on the 11th of September. WGS will continue supporting its Year 12 group. We pray that their hard work pays off, and their aspirations for the future are realised. Our Year 11 students also completed their Preliminary Final exams on 23rd September 2020.

This year we had an increased number of students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge which closed on the 28th of August 2020. Throughout the school, we also introduced a timetable to maximise the use of the library computers to further develop the typing and computing skills of our students.

Zulqarnan Malik, Assistant Principal

Where are they now?

Western Grammar School's HSC graduates of 2018 and 2019 are currently studying:

- Certificate III in Health Administration
- Bachelor of Arts & Education
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering
- Bachelor of Construction Management & Tech
- Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Forensic Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Islamic Studies
- Bachelor of Medical Science
- Bachelor of Professional Accounting
- Bachelor of Psychology



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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 ULTIMATE SOLUTION

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 at school before 8:20 when the morning assembly starts. 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.

LEBANON FUNDRAISER

Alhamdulillah students and staff of WGS raised \$8,000 for the Lebanon Crisis Appeal organised by a group of Year 7 students. These students were affected by the devastating bombing incident and wanted to do something to help.

They motivated students and staff to donate and also ran a dessert stall. Significantly, two classes collected more than \$1,000 each—Year 6 and Year 10. Well done to all students who demonstrated their generosity and concern for those less fortunate.

The money collected was handed over to a local charity, AusRelief and two representatives were in attendance on 27 August to accept the donation. The charity will ensure that the money is used to provide much needed emergency health care in Beirut.



“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

On Thursday the 27th of August, two teams represented Western Grammar School in the national writing competition, 'Write a Book in a Day'. In this competition, students had a maximum of 12 hours to write, illustrate and submit a book following specific parameters. As part of the competition, each team raised at least \$240 for The Kids' Cancer Project to ensure their book was eligible to be judged and be in the running for a state or national award. Our Primary and High School teams both did a great job and produced some stellar work.



IQRA GRADUATES

Primary students who successfully completed the Iqra book 6, graduating on to the Quran, were presented their awards and personalised copies of the Quran during the assembly on 23rd August 2020.



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 12 Oct: Term 4 starts

Week 1: Elect HS Captains and Vice-Captains

Fri 16 Oct: Principal's Morning Tea

Week 2: Book Week & Parade

Week 3: Parent-Teacher Interviews

Week 4/5: Year 10 Exams

Week 5: Islamic Studies Exams start

Thu 5 Nov: Vaccinations Y7 and Y10

SCIENCE WEEK

Week 5 was Science Week at WGS—a spectacular experience. Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 were engaged in a series of activities based on the topic 'Deep Blue: innovation for the future of our oceans'.

The aim was to make Science available and accessible to all students. Science is an area of study that can change the world and we want our children to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Our High School students converted their classrooms into museums addressing the issues in our oceans including the dilemma of plastics, the bleaching of our reefs, oil spills and overfishing. They became the educators and the advocates for change. Our Primary students created innovative models to demonstrate possible solutions for the future benefit of our oceans.

Overall, every moment of Science Week was a memorable experience! The Science Department would like to thank all of the students, teachers and staff who made the experience possible.

Ms Yasmin, HS Science Teacher



A PEEK INSIDE YEAR 1

“We have been learning about facial expressions in drama. I really enjoyed writing my sentences about the picture I made.”
(Muizz)

“This term we learnt about drama acts. We liked doing our drama act sentences. I loved performing my drama with my friends.”
(Naeema)

“Our class enjoyed doing drama and acting our different scenes. I really enjoyed making the show with my friends and having fun together. I liked the funny parts.”
(Shamailah)



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair was held at school from Monday 24 August to Friday 4 September 2020



HADITH OF THE WEEK

قال النبي ﷺ
« أَفْضَلُ الصِّيَامِ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ
شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ »
(مسلم)

The Prophet ﷺ said:
“The best of fasts after Ramadan is
in the month of Allah, Muharram”
(Muslim)

VIRTUES OF MUHARRAM

قال النبي ﷺ
« أَدْعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَنْتُمْ
مُوقِنُونَ بِالْإِجَابَةِ »
(الترمذي)

The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Ask Allah and have certainty that it will be
answered” (At-Tirmidhi)

MAKING DU'A

قال النبي ﷺ
« إِعْقِلْ نَافَتِكَ
وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ »
(الترمذي)

The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Tie your camel and have trust in Allah”
(At-Tirmidhi)

RELIANCE

The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Say, I believe
in Allah then
remain
steadfast”
(Muslim)

STEADFASTNESS

قال النبي ﷺ
« قُلْ آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَقِمْ »
(مسلم)

قال النبي ﷺ
« الْمُؤْمِنُ الْقَوِيُّ
خَيْرٌ وَأَحَبُّ إِلَى
اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِ
الضَّعِيفِ »
(مسلم)

The Prophet ﷺ said:
“A strong believer
is better and more
loved by Allah than
a weak believer”
(Muslim)

PHYSICAL HEALTH