

Important Dates

- 9 March: Good Friday
- 1 April: Easter Monday
- 11 April: Last day of Term 1
- 29 April: 1st Day of Term 2
- 14-17 May: NAPLAN



Western Grammar School started 2013 with the name of Allah (SWT) by organizing a wonderful Professional Development program of three days. The purpose of PD was to prepare the staff for achieving set targets of 2013. Our commitment is that through sincere and paramount efforts WGS will strive to work for the character building of forthcoming generation, to achieve this goal it is equally important that we should try our best to have responsible role models (Teacher) for our children. Therefore it is important that we program our PDs accordingly. Hence our PD started Monday the 28 January and finished on 30 January 2013. During three days of PD training sessions each and every aspect of education was covered. WGS past, present and future was presented to staff through PowerPoint. Admin related matter, HR and facilities at WG were explained. ADHT, Aulam, OH&S, first aid and issues related to the safety of student were also discussed. Effective teaching, WG environment and expectations, roles and responsibilities of WG's staff, annual theme of assemblies and educational theme were other main topics of PD. Last day of the PD started with highly motivated and inspirational lecture on the topic of role models, delivered by one of our board members: our legend and our mentor brother Sari Awad (Abu Bakr). Meshallah brother Abu Bakr has a dynamic personality with extensive amount of knowledge and experience in the field of education. PD session concluded with very short and sweet talk of chairman school board brother Subhan Ali. He provided with short term and long term targets for year 2013 and onward. He is confident and positive about the Inauguration of Western Grammar. Alhamdulillah we have started year 2013 with lots of enthusiasm, motivation and commitment. This year we have an additional edge of highly competent, committed and honorable staff. We have embarked our journey; destination is clear and within our sight. Irfan Afzal

Inaugural of 2013

Profile of Chairman School Board

Alhamdulillah it is another great help from Allah (SWT) that He (SWT) has provided us with such a dedicated team and good leadership. Our Chairman of the school board is a highly competent person and dedicated community worker. He has achieved gold medal in Bachelor of Architecture Engineering. It is my honor that I have had a long association (since 1990) with brother Subhan Ali. When I was in New Zealand Brother Subhan was working for Manukau City Council at a senior position. He also worked for the Ministry of Education and Department of Housing of New Zealand. During his stay in New Zealand he served community and worked for PIANZ (Federation of Islamic Association of New Zealand) as assistant secretary and NZMA (New Zealand Muslim Association) as secretary. He was a designer and founding chairman of Al-Madinah School (Auckland). He represented Fiji Government and attended seminar on "Human Habitat" in Indonesia. He received many awards throughout his career for his excellent performance. He has remained on managerial positions for many years and is currently serving TAPE as manager. Brother Subhan has countless achievements and he possesses very high credentials. He was also chairman of the school board of Minaret College, Melbourne 2010 to 2012. He is still a school board member of Minaret College. We are thankful to him that he has accepted the responsibility as Chairman of school board of Western Grammar School. On behalf of the entire staff, I welcome Brother Subhan Ali and other board members and I believe that under their supervision our school will excel (Inshallah) and will achieve its aims & objectives.

Irfan Afzal, CEO/Principal

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Newsletter

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Assalam O Alakum

2013 has started with new challenges ahead of WG. All praise is due to Allah (SWT) who has enabled us to accept and deal with lot of challenges and hardships of the year 2012. We put our trust in Him (SWT) that He will help us in our future endeavours for the betterment of our future generations. It was only the Almighty's will and help that we were able to establish this institution despite all odds. We would like to extend our gratitude to all of the parents, friends and other community members who are whole heartedly supporting us. Due to their support we have started 2013 with more than double the strength and the students number is still growing.

We have started the year 2013 under the supervision of well-founded and competitive school board. The Chairperson of the school board and other members are related with the field of education and they are highly experienced.

Alhamdulillah we have developed computer lab for our students and school is in the process of getting smart boards. New computers are also installed in the class rooms.

New prayer room with brand new air conditioner is also built, students are praying their Zohr prayer in the Musallah and this is another very good addition to our campus. Inshallah proposed plan for new building is in process and we hope to improve our facility this year.

Western Grammar



Message from Chairman School Board

Assalam o Alakum

I am humbled and honored to be asked to contribute to Western Grammar School's first newsletter for 2013. It is indeed a great blessing of Allah SWT for giving the opportunity to lead the school board in 2013.

Western Grammar School is in its infancy and there are exciting times ahead Inshallah. The Board will continue its efforts to support the development of this new school to serve the Islamic community in the west of Sydney. In 2013 our enrollment is approximately 65 students and there are already signs of growth. We are targeting 100 students in 2013 Inshallah. The Board as a whole and through its committees has addressed various improvements in its governance responsibilities.

Alhamdulillah the school has started from a small entity with committed brothers and sisters with forethought on education for our children in the western suburbs of Sydney. There is an emerging need of a quality educational institution for our community. Inshallah Western Grammar School endeavors to provide quality education to our children. To support quality education, spiritual and social development, we are not only focusing on quality facilities but dedicated staff. The school will continue with infrastructure improvements as demands increases through enrolments.

I would like to commend the brothers and sisters who have worked hard to bring this school to this stage of development. May Allah SWT reward you immensely for your commitment and dedication. I also would like to welcome on board the students, teachers and parents who have joined in Western Grammar and taken this journey with us. Inshallah Western Grammar will be a beacon for the best education source in the Western Suburbs of Sydney and Australia. Thank you all for your fantastic efforts in supporting Western Grammar School. I see hope in the future for our children as Western Grammar excels itself with strong foundation for its graduates to become dedicated and responsible Australian citizens.

In conclusion, my very sincere thanks to the fellow board members for their commitment and I look forward to their support throughout the year. We have a very important responsibility to groom the future for our children. May Allah SWT continue to guide us to serve our community (Ameen).

Subhan Ali JP
B.Arch, RAIA, GradDipBS, GradCertFM, CFM
Board Chairperson 2013
Western Grammar School



Whether it's for school or work, packing a lunch box can be a bit of a chore, but this collection will make it easier. Don't forget to look up our tips for packing a healthy lunch box for kids.

Ingredients:

- 125g cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 125g can corn kernels, drained
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 2 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce (optional)
- 8 butter lettuce leaves
- 4 sheets wholemeal lavash bread

Lunch Box Idea



- 1 1/2 cups shredded barbecued chicken (see note)
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese

Method

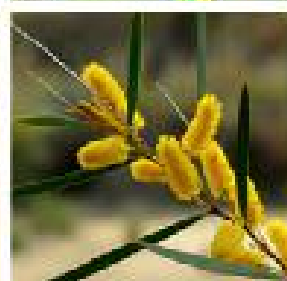
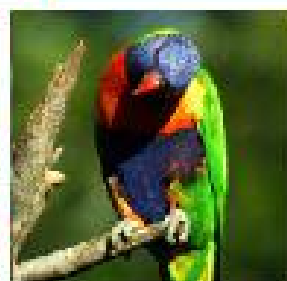
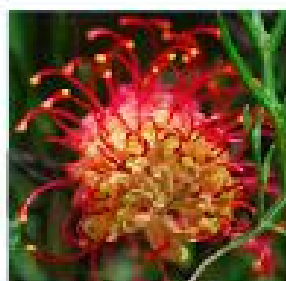
- Combine tomatoes, corn, onion, and sauce (if using) in a bowl. Arrange 2 lettuce leaves over 1 half of each lavash sheet. Top with tomato mixture, chicken and cheese. Roll up tightly from 1 short end to enclose filling.
- Cut each wrap in half. Secure with baking paper or string.

Enrolling NOW at Western Grammar

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned people can change world.
Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. —Margaret Mead



Australian Fauna & Flora

Western Grammar students are currently being taught about Australian Fauna and Flora. Australia boasts an amazing and diverse range of unique animals and plants, and a high value is placed on our plants and animals. The fauna of Australia that inhabit the continent are endemic to Australia. This high level of endemism can be attributed to the continent's long geographic isolation, tectonic stability, and the effects of an unusual pattern of climate change on the soil and flora over geological time.



Western Grammar is committed to reduce its carbon footprint on the environment; therefore the school has gone a step ahead and is now fitted with 7KW of solar energy panels. We are committed to take part in making this planet a livable place for the generations to come.

Important Info

- Parent teachers meeting is being conducted on 21 and 22 March. Parents have been informed recently about their appointments.
- Excursion for this term is being planned; date and time will be announced next week.
- School has managed to organise transport on nominal charges, please contact office for info.
- Parents are requested to pickup and drop-off their children from school



At Western Grammar we understand that a talented, quality workforce is the most important source for quality outcome and especially for any educational institution. A number of new staff has joined us this year. Below is a brief introduction to our new staff. We expect that our improved human resource will help us achieve our goals of making this institution one of the top educational facility in Australia. We want to set a benchmark in providing quality education at a nominal price.

Ms. Mona Qadan:

Ms. Qadan is a very well reputed and experienced teacher; she has been teaching in Islamic Schools. Mona has done Masters of Teaching from University of Western Sydney. Students will enjoy their studies at Western Grammar under her magnetic

and captivating personality.

We welcome her in her new role as primary coordinator at Western Grammar and wish her all the best. We trust she will put her zeal and passion of teaching to serve community with the best of her abilities and will help in building a characterful future generation of Western Grammar.

Ms. Jennet Shabnam:

Ms. Shabnam is another young, energetic and dedicated teacher employed by WG. She is an experienced teacher. She taught in prestigious schools of Sydney. Her devotion and enthusiasm towards her profession will definitely be a very good contribution and will be an asset for Western Grammar.

Welcome Ms. Shabnam!

Ms. Layla Sbbet:

Ms. Sbbet is a young energetic and passionate lady with a lot of good qualities. Because of her lovely manner of teaching she is very popular among students. Ms. Sbbet is an excellent addition to our teaching staff and parents are very happy about her being part of Western Grammar School. Welcome Ms. Sbbet!

Mr. Usman Malik:

Mr. Malik is another very popular figure among the students, teachers and parents alike. With his decent and polite attitude, he is liked across the board. He is young and energetic person with a magnetic personality. He enjoys teaching as teaching is his passion. He will be the best academic, physical and spiritual resource for our students.

We welcome our part time, casual and teacher's aid staff members including Ms. Aliyya Ayyub, Ms. Mirana Dean, Ms. Momil Rana and Ms. Alaf Zafrullah.

Ms. Saadiqa Davids:

Ms. Davids is a renowned Islamic teacher, having around 10 years of teaching experience. She is a graduate in Arabic grammar & tajweed from Jeddah. Ms. Davids is very good in teaching Quranic and Islamic Studies. She is a very sincere team member of Western Grammar and she is exclusively employed for Quran & Islamic studies.

Kindergarten

I take this opportunity to firstly thank Allah (SWT) for giving me the ability to be part of this vibrant school. I am Ms. Mona Qadan and I am the primary coordinator and the Early Stage One (Kindergarten)



teacher at Western Grammar. I will be assisting teachers with delivering quality teaching and learning within the classroom. We will be working together to ensure our students receive the quality learning and support they require to meet their set outcomes in each KLA. Insha'Allah. I welcome all previous students, parents, new students and parents to the school. I urge all parents to take an active interest in your children's learning and education to ensure consistent high achievement for your child. Please take the time to meet with your child's teacher and keep up to date with the progress of your child's education should you have any concerns or need any assistance in supporting your child's learning. *Ms. Zadan*



Year 1 and 2

I extend a warm welcome to all parents. Insha' Allah with hard work and parent support, I endeavor to make this a successful learning year for each of my students. So far we have learnt about the difference between living and non-living things in Science, the different shelters around the world, their purpose and how they cater for the different needs of humans and animals in HSE.

the risks of over exposure to the sun and how to be sun smart in PD Health.

We have been exploring the text 'The Little Red Hen' and look forward to starting a new book 'Koala Lou' by Mem Fox. The class has also enjoyed reading stories like 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and 'Jungle Drums' by Graeme Base in English. We have been doing a lot of hands on learning for Math, this approach to learning has created a fun learning environment which has a fantastic effect on the students' learning outcomes. Each week, the students participate in an art activity interrelated with the other Key learning subjects which are proudly displayed in the classroom. Alhamdulillah, it's a very rewarding feeling when I observe such an enthusiastic approach to learning by students with such great potential. May Allah swt, increase their thirst for knowledge and bless them with every success in this life and the hereafter. *Ms. Sidi*



Year 3 and 4

The year commenced quite smoothly with very enthusiastic and motivated students. We have covered whole numbers, addition and subtraction so far in Maths. In Science we focused on Australian flora and fauna. In literacy we covered recount and narrative text types. Students also had shared reading and they enjoyed it a lot. In HSE we discussed

Aboriginal culture, their food, clothing and tools they use. We also pondered how Australia was colonised by the British. We have made models of mythical creatures during CAPA classes. They have also done paintings and colourful pictures of insects, dragons and other mythical creatures. All the students have beautifully adapted to their new classroom environment. In PD/PE students studied Road Safety and taking care of personal health, balanced meals and exercise. I strongly feel that all my students if given the right guidance and support, have the great potential to excel. Let us all work together to achieve excellence. Insha Allah. *Mrs. J. Shabnam*

Year 5 and 6

Western Grammar School is pleased to have its first batch of year 5 and 6 students in 2013. The year has started off with many notable achievements and already the students seem to be thriving in this positive learning environment. The students are settling in well day by day and have demonstrated this in the classroom through their excellent behavior, work commitment and passion to succeed. In 2013 we have introduced Islamic themes where each week the teachers introduce, explain



and demonstrate Islamic values and attitudes that help shape the learning and teaching within the classroom and provide a guide to

interaction with their parents, elders, peers, and teachers. In addition to this, students will be rewarded for their demonstration and application of these weekly themes by way of awards and prizes.

Students have started this year with a concentrated focus on numeracy and literacy where prior learning outcomes are being revisited and strengthened. This will provide the students with the cognitive thinking skills necessary to maximize their learning opportunities as numeracy and literacy forms the foundation of all Key Learning Areas in stage 3. Furthermore this will allow students in year 5 to prepare for their upcoming NAPLAN examinations early term 2.

For Science and Technology in term 1, students are learning about the planet Earth, including the forces that continue to shape it. Using the Holy Quran as a primary source of information students will integrate learning outcomes with sacred knowledge of Islam consequently answering many key questions such as how old the earth is? What do we already know about it? What life forms are found on earth? What global environments and landforms are found on earth? and how the earth reacts to natural disasters?

Finally, year 5 and 6 students will be taught that indicators of student success are not only limited to academic performance but also they include their positive behaviors, social skills & etiquette.

Most importantly the students are enjoying themselves in an environment where they will Insha'Allah thrive to achieve many milestones in the future.

Mrs. Shabnam Sidi