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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND FORTHCOMING

EVENTS

- Last day of Term 1 11 April 13
- First day of Term 2 29 April 13
- NAPLAN 14-16 May 13
- Queen's Birth Day 10 June 13
- Lailatul Bara'(tent) 24 June 13
- Last Day of Term2 28 June 13



Hadith:

The Prophet PBUH said, "Do not wish to be like anyone except in two cases.(The first is) A person, whom Allah has given wealth and he spends it righteously; (the second is)the one whom Allah has given wisdom (the holy Quran) and he acts according to it and teaches it to others." Fath-al- Bari Pg 177 Vol 1.

Words of Wisdom

- "It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning." — *Claude Bernard*
- "Curiosity is the very basis of education and if you tell me that curiosity killed the cat, I say only that the cat died nobly." — *Arnold Edinborough*

Messages

Message from the Chairman School Board

Assalam o Alaikum

Alhamdulillah the first term of the Western Grammar School is about to end and this is my second message to the parents, teachers and community members of Western Grammar. I accepted the position of chairmanship for Western Grammar with great hope and enthusiasm. No matter where we live, being Muslim it is our moral duty to play a role for the welfare and prosperity of the community where we reside and for the humanity at large.

After becoming Chairman of School board and upon the completion of first term of 2013 I realized that with such a dedicated team of Western Grammar School there is great potential of achieving great task of serving community. Last year the school started with 7 students, and now we have more than 70 students. The progress is more than satisfactory and the performance of entire team of Western Grammar is remarkable. I heard and read the remarks of new parents about the change in the attitude of their children and about the improvement they are experiencing towards the education of their children. I must extend gratitude and special appreciation to our primary coordinator Ms Mona Qadan, all the teachers and admin staff for their dedication, hard work and good results they have produced within such a short time. I confirm that I and the school board will provide maximum support to achieve the objectives of Western Grammar. For the emerging need of our community, this year we will focus on providing proper facilities for better educational environment of Western Grammar.

Subhan Ali JP

Message from the Principal

Western Grammar School is going through the first phase of its establishment and a lot is happening. We are delighted that new parents are providing and overwhelming response to the extent that we receive letters of appreciation and gifts from parents almost every week. It seems like parents were waiting for some kind of relief. Alhamdulillah, so far the expectations are being met and Western Grammar is achieving targets of each stage. Without any marketing or advertisement and obviously due to hard work of teachers the number of students is rapidly increasing. We are approaching to a stage where new development of facilities is inevitable. Parents are eagerly requesting us to apply for secondary classes. We understand that parents are extremely keen that Western Grammar should immediately start high school, however after a lot of consultation and pondering, we reached to the conclusion that Western Grammar should progress gradually.

Therefore this year we have only applied for the registration of year 7 and 8 (starting from 2014). On the same time plan for the newly proposed building is ready and shown below. We aim that by the beginning of first term next year we will have a new building (Inshallah). For such a rapid progress and good results it is important to acknowledge the value of the efforts of entire staff, most importantly the committed efforts of our academic manager and the efforts of our entire teaching staff. It is also important to thank our admin manager, who is jack of all trades. Alhamdulillah every member of our admin and teaching staff is competent, hardworking and result oriented. I also feel obliged to thank all those parents who are so sincere and honest in giving proper feedback of the learning outcome of their children. They are so happy that they are offering services and all type of support for the establishment of Western Grammar School. I must thank Mazen Zariaka for arranging lot of equipment and services for the school free of charge. I also extend my sincere gratitude to Chris Foster, the manager of **Highland Security Services** for providing free back to base monitoring service and for the offer of more security equipment including cameras and sensors. I hope and promise that our restless efforts will continue and our commitment with the community to provide them best educational institution will remain intact. **Irfan Afzal**



Proposed Extension in the School Building

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As salaamu-alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu,

Alhamdulillah the end of the term is approaching quick. I hope that this term has been a very productive and successful start to the new school year for all students, teachers, and parents. However we still have a long journey ahead of us to ensure our students reach their full potential and success in their school work.

Throughout the break please make sure your child:

- Read books on a daily basis for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Revise surah learnt this term on a daily basis.
- Prays five daily prayers and visit the Masjid (especially the Jum'ah prayer)
- Participates in active play.
- Keeps a healthy diet and get lots of sleep. Students should not be encouraged to stay up too late during the holidays.
- Students in years 3 and 5 will be taking part in NAPLAN exams in early term two. It is important that students set aside time to complete any revision work sent home by their teachers.

Term one is always a busy term for students to adjust to our new school life, routine and new teachers. To support students wellbeing at school teachers will need to work closely with parents to ensure their child is working in a supportive and safe environment. Parents should continuously be communicating with their child's teacher to further assist in students achieving exceptional outcomes Insha'Allah.

I would like to thank all parents who have been dropping off and picking up students in the marked areas in the mornings and afternoons. Students who are coming to school in full school uniform are looking outstanding, thank you to all parents for assisting in this area.

Finally I would like to praise all the kindergarten students for an excellent start to 'big school'. They have had exceptional start to school life and have adjusted very well at Western Grammar School. I would like to thank all parents who are working hard in assisting kindergartens with reading and homework every day.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable break Insha'Allah. **Ms Qadan (Academic Manager/Coordinator Primary)**

Inside the Classrooms



Kindergarten has been enthusiastically exploring a unit called 'The Farm'. They have been exploring a variety of animals, workers and vegetation that is found on farms. They have read many stories, wrote sentences, drew pictures and dramatized animals that live on a farm, bringing the farm unit to life. To further foster students learning experience about farm life, kindergartens had the opportunity in visiting **Calmsley Hill Farm**. All students were full of excitement and joy as this was their first official "Big School" excursion.

Kindergarten students were overwhelmed with joy as they boarded the big bus to head off to the farm. Upon arrival, students were full of excitement and couldn't wait until we saw some of the lovely animals. Students enjoyed the interactive tour of the farm led by a real farmer. Students had hands on experience by patting each farm animal, milking a cow, participating in a whipping show, watching the dog show, sheep

shearing show and topping it off with a tractor ride where they sat back and enjoyed the farm scenery. I would like to thank all kindergarten students for being on their best behaviour at the farm, well done Kindy! *Ms Zadan*

Year 1 & 2

Alhamdulillah Term One has proved to be a successful and enjoyable term for year One and Two. As a reward and a conclusion to our Science and Technology unit 'living and non-living things', our class were lucky to attend a school excursion to **Calmsley Hill farm**. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially the opportunity to get hands on with a number of baby animals; such as the very cute and woolly lambs, active and somewhat feisty goats (kid), fluffy kit and chick. They enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm where they saw cows and goats roaming freely on the farm near lakes and hill sides. They even got to milk a cow! They watched a live shearing demonstration of a sheep; a farm dog show where they rounded up sheep in cages and demonstrated their role and skills on their farms. They watched a farmer demonstrate how to use a whip and our very own Tayyab was chosen to have a try and he did quite well!

Overall, it was an excellent end to the term and a great reward for the class who have worked very hard this term and have enjoyed great improvements and results. May Allah swt increase their will and ability to learn and allow them to enjoy the fruits of their success in this life and the hereafter. Enjoy the break and Inshah Allah will see you back in term two, refreshed and ready for a new term and new things to learn. Good Luck Year 1 & 2. *Ms Sabet*



Year 3 & 4

By the blessing of Allah (swt), fortunately, we have successfully completed the topic 'British Colonisation of Australia' as part of the Human Society and its Environment curriculum. The students have learnt a lot about the First Fleet and Aboriginal people in this topic. They had also seen a short video on it. Likewise we have completed the topic 'Our Australia' as part of Science syllabus. In this subject they have learnt a lot about various Australian Flora and Fauna. This involved the excursion to **Featherdale Wildlife Park**. The trip was educational and the students had a wonderful time at the park exploring native animals. They had lesson on Australian animals where they had a first-hand experience with,



Diamond Python, Shingleback lizard, Koala and a Frogmouth bird. Moreover, in science we have also covered a lot on Aboriginal culture; the food they ate the type of tools, decorations and clothes they used and so forth. We are now working hard towards NAPLAN Revision. The students are practicing a lot of NAPLAN style questions. All these questions are discussed with the year three students mostly in the afternoon classes. The year three students need to continue revising in the holidays as the NAPLAN exams are after the second week of Term two. We are hopeful that year three will perform well in NAPLAN. Good Luck year 3. *Ms Jennet Shabnam*

Year 5 and 6 students have almost completed their first term at Western Grammar School. While one might think that 10 weeks serves only as a limited indicator of academic performance and student behaviour, their ability to absorb what they hear, see and feel in the classroom bears testimony to swift transformation in their performance and studies. They have demonstrated great improvement in all areas including numeracy, literary and behaviour. In addition to this we have been really focusing on operationalizing the Quran and Sunnah in the classroom through integration of Islamic principles, attitudes and values in all key learning areas consequently supporting the Ethos and vision of Western Grammar School.

The classroom environment is also filled positive reinforcement and many reward systems and end of term is fast approaching. For many students this means winning the many competitions that students are competing in for term one including spelling, maths and behaviour. I'm sure the students are looking forward to their prizes and rewards for winning. Also year 5 and 6 enjoyed their first excursion of the year as they recently came back from **Featherdale Wildlife Park**. They enjoyed themselves much and had a chance to touch and interact with many animals including Emus, Goats, Chickens, Kangaroos, Snakes, Lizards and more. They also benefited from tour guides and participated in a hands on lesson delivered by the park

Well done year 5 and 6.

Mr Usman Malik





Students Corner

Some Artwork by our students



Our Pride

Students of the Week

Date	Kindergarten	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
1-Mar	Uzair Khan	Sumayyah Qamar	Ruhab Nafeh	Saalihah Khan
8-Mar	Emaan Rajput	Tooba Wahid	Huda Zaman	Sameed Ahmed
15-Mar	Bashaar Zaman	Yahya Malik	Tasmia Naveed	Mariam Drame
22-Mar	Muhammad Samiullah	Sameehah Shabnam	Anas Muhammad	Rami Al-Turk
28-Mar	Ece Su Gultekin	Shuyab Hasim	Farhaan Faiyaz Ali	Amir Zraika
5-Apr	Mikhail Maulana	Saad Muhammad	Sakina Khan-Toma	Nafeesah Mustafa



Community Affairs

The freshly designed newsletter of the Western Grammar School is part of the plan we have to create writing skill in students, staff and community with the sole purpose of awareness and participation in the local and national media. This page is specifically designed to give an opportunity to the community members to participate. Therefore parents and community members are invited to write anything about the field of their interest including advertisement.

Both letters typed for easy reading

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The teachers here have really paved the way for my children to reach higher academic levels by providing them with positive learning techniques and great encouragement. They have really brought out my boys' potential.

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Original Letters from two Mothers



Administration Memo

GRATTITUDES

POINTS TO NOTE

- We have canteen every Thursday. Parents who wish their kids to have the lunch, are requested to give their children \$3 to purchase canteen food for their lunch. All the proceeds go towards expanding our library
- Uniforms including jumpers and hats are available at the office. Parents are requested to ensure that their child comes in full uniform.
- 11th April is the last day of the term for students; however the school will be open from 22nd to the 25th of April during school holidays in case parents wish to inquire about the school or uniforms.
- NAPLAN will be held during May 14-16, 2013.
- Please ensure that your child arrives early everyday so that he/ she does not miss out on his/her studies specially the morning assembly. If, by some misfortune, the student is late, please make sure he gets a late note from the reception
- If your child is sick, please inform the reception so that we know why he/she is absent
- If your child is absent for some reason other than sickness, please make sure you fill out a leave application and have it approved by the principal.



A Big Thank you to Brother Masan Zofka for his generous gift to the school's Computer Lab. May Allah reward him for this noble deed.

Security alarm and security cameras had already been installed to ensure a safe and secure environment for all our associates. Western Grammar School is extremely thankful **Highland Security Services** and their manager **Chris Foster** for providing free back to base monitoring services and security equipment. It is a great help, especially for a new school. A person who has value of sense of contribution to such a worthy cause deserves respect. Staff of Western Grammar believes that the team of Highland Security is valuable business enterprise of the community and they should be regarded as trust worthy service provider. WGS recommend our community to contact Highland Security for security related services

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