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Assistant Principal's Message

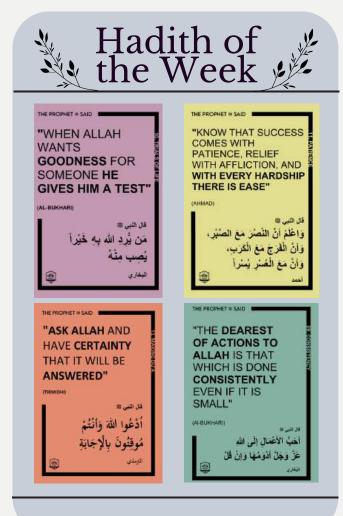
Asalamu Alaikum

As we approach the midpoint of 2024, Western Grammar School (WGS) reflects on a term filled with gratitude and accomplishment.

This term, we were blessed with the opportunity to engage with parents during parent-teacher interviews, fostering a collaborative partnership in our childrens educational journey. We extend our sincerest thanks to parents, teachers, and support staff for their invaluable contributions to this process.

At WGS, our commitment to excellence extends to our teachers, who are dedicated to continuous growth and reflection. Through substantial investments in professional development, we empower our teachers to elevate the standard of education at WGS. Our focus on curriculum enhancement, innovative assessment strategies, and personalised learning approaches underscores our dedication to nurturing the unique strengths and needs of each student. Looking ahead, as the sacred pilgrimage of Hajj beckons, we pray for all those intending to embark on this journey. May Allah grant them the opportunity to fulfil this pillar of Islam with sincerity and devotion. Ameen.

Ms Amira Kirsten









Harmony Cup



Our amazing Stage 3 boys' and girls' teams recently participated in the Harmony Cup on 20th May 2024. The kids displayed incredible dedication and teamwork, working tirelessly in training under the expert guidance of Mr. Ali. We are thrilled to announce that both teams played exceptionally well, winning and drawing matches as well as showing remarkable sportsmanship and skill. They narrowly missed out on the quarter-finals by just a single point, a testament to their hard work and determination.

A huge congratulations to all the players for their outstanding performance! We are incredibly proud of each one of you. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mr. Ali for his leadership and to all the parents and supporters who cheered us every step of the way. Your support means the world to us. Let's continue to strive for excellence and enjoy the journey together.









ISD Cross Country

We are bursting with pride as Western Grammar School secured a phenomenal 2nd place among 10 competing schools in this year's thrilling event, scoring an impressive 69 points! A monumental shout-out to every student who participated, showcasing the true spirit of WGS!

A special mention to our standout athletes:

- Ali Chandab scored 2nd place in the 17year-old's 6000m race. His dedication and hard work are truly inspirational!
- Yusuf Jaradat broke records by winning 1st place in the 3000m event for 12-year-olds with an astounding time of around 11 minutes. What a phenomenal performance, Yusuf!

We congratulate all schools for their spirited competition, especially Glenwood High School NSW, who took the lead with 117 points, and Amity College, who finished closely behind us in 3rd place with 63 points.

This event displayed remarkable talent across the board, with schools like Malek Fahd Islamic School, Bellfield College, and Unity Grammar performing well.

Our ISD team, with its dedicated mentors and coaches, as well as our "Get The Kids Fit" partners, are all incredibly proud of our students' determination and hard work. Let's continue to nurture these young talents and strive for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Saad yousuf High school teacher









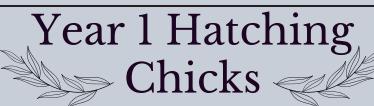




Australia's Biggest

The staff of WGS hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise awareness and funds for the Cancer Council. Staff contributed to the morning tea by bringing a plate to share and donating to participate in the event whilst enjoying a delightful spread together. The facts and research posted on display allowed for dialogue of the incredible work done by the Cancer Council and the initiatives the Cancer Council supports. It also allowed for dialogue among staff about prevention, cure, and support for individuals affected by the condition.

Shana Khan Primary Well-being Coordinator



The Year 1 class embarked on an educational journey by hatching chicks with an incubator, blending science and language arts. Guided by their teacher, they set up the incubator and monitored it, learning about chick development and teamwork. The palpable excitement in the classroom grew as they observed the eggs hatch, witnessing the miracle of life. This hands-on project not only taught them how to hatch chicks but also honed skills in observation, explanation, and teamwork. As they reflect on this experience, the students carry forward invaluable skills and cherished memories, enhancing their understanding of life processes and fostering a sense of wonder and discovery.

Ms Sanjana Year 1 Teacher



Alhamdulillah, on 17th May 2024, the Islamic Department at WGS hosted its annual Quran Competition. The awards were presented a week later during a special assembly.

In the primary school division, all students competed in the first round, with the top five students from each grade advancing to the finals. High school students, who registered for the competition, competed in gendersegregated groups. These students, who recited beautifully and with great inspiration, had six weeks to memorise the new selected surah. The top three high school boys competed again during the award ceremony.

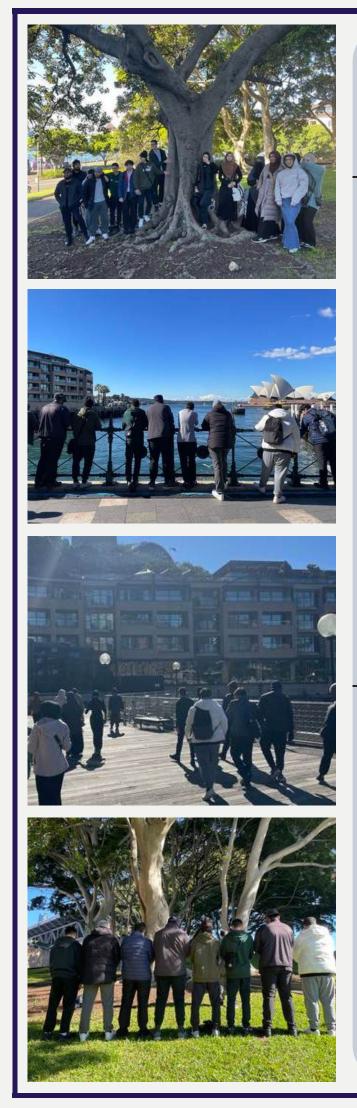
We were honoured to have eight in-school judges and a guest judge, Brother Ali Alkini, who has acquired Ijazah in the Quran. These qualified judges provided accurate results, focusing on the completion of verses, fluency, tajweed, makharij, and melody.

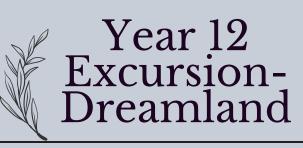
Parents of the finalists were invited to both the competition and the award ceremony. All participants received certificates and monetary prizes, with additional medals, trophies, and higher monetary prizes awarded to the winners. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors: AAA Rapid Homes Pty Ltd. (Gold Sponsor) , Mazun Properties (Silver Sponsor) , and Elite Electrical and Communications pty ltd and ANK Renovations (Bronze Sponsors) for their generous support in making this event a success. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everyone who participated in the Quran Competition. May Allah bless us all and instil a deep love of the Quran in our hearts.

Abdullah Hakeem Head of Islamic Affairs







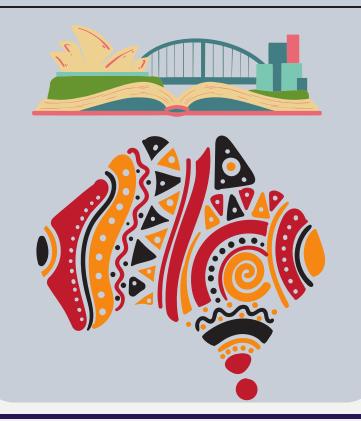


The Year 12 students had the opportunity to take a trip to our beautiful city of Sydney, to take in the sounds and sights, and experience a view of Sydney today in contrast with Sydney 200 years ago.

Led by an indigenous member of our society, students took a deep dive into the 'first nations' culture, their connection with the land and the unique ways they have preserved and connected with the flora and fauna of this wonderful land. Students got a detailed insight into the struggles of the 'first nation's people' in maintaining their identity with the land since colonisation. They learned about various methods and techniques used to gather and hunt for a variety of different plants and animals.

This excursion allowed for an enhancement of the students' knowledge of the SOR (Studies of Religion) content specifically Aboriginal Spirituality.

Bashir Khan High School Teacher





Western Grammar School, in collaboration with iCharity, is proud to announce the success of our annual fundraising event. This took place during the two weeks leading up to Ramadan. This year, our Year 12 students, together with the SRC, spearheaded this campaign to support those in need. We are thrilled to share that our combined efforts raised a total of \$17,250! The funds were used to create food packs for poor and needy families around the world, providing them with essential supplies during Ramadan.

We were honoured to have members of iCharity join us for a special assembly, where they shared the impact of our donations and explained how the money was used. They also presented plaques of appreciation to individual students and the Year 1 and Year 7 classes for their outstanding contributions to this noble cause while acknowledging everyone who contributed. Brother Mukim, who is the president of iCharity, said; "Western Grammar School is the best school in Australia!" A huge thank you to iCharity for their ongoing support of the Muslim Ummah, and a heartfelt thanks to all the students, parents, and staff at WGS for their incredible generosity. A special shout-out to the Year 12 students and the SRC for their dedicated efforts in running this campaign. Well done, everyone! May Allah bless everyone involved, and may we all continue to be charitable and kind.

Mr Hakeem Head of Islamic Affairs





















This term, our year 10 Leadership students have been implementing their group projects, themed "Benefitting Others"

All groups were responsible for drafting, planning and then implementing a project that would benefit other students in the school.

We have groups doing:

- Pot Decorating and planting
- Soccer skills training
- Touch Football training
- Confidence and self esteem activities
- Baking and dessert making

Thus far, the primary school students have been loving the activities and thoroughly enjoying spending time with the Year 10 leaders.

Furthermore, the year 10 leaders have been learning so much more than they ever imagined they would from this experience. One such lesson learned: We need to be prepared and well organised if things are going to work well!

We are looking forward to seeing the next few weeks of the project in-shaa-Allah.

Ms Matthews High School Teacher





- Uniform shop open times: Tuesday and Friday : 10am to 2pm
- Public Holiday: June 10th 2024
- Eid Holiday: 17 and 18 of June 2024



- 11th June 2024: K-6 Islamic Studies exam
- 11th June 2024: K-10 Half yearly exams
- 26th June 2024: Whole school photo day
- 5th July 2024: Last day of Term 2

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More information on Photo Day:

Photo Day will be held on the 26th of June 2024. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the QR Code provided above or by returning the order envelopes with your payment that were distributed in Week 3. Students must ensure they wear their full Winter school uniform. Jazak Allah



MON TUE NED THU FRI SAT SUN	Term 1 Start: 31st Jan End: 9th Apr	Term 2 Start: 30th Apr End: 5th Jul
	Term 3 Start: 23rd Jul End: 27th Sep	Term 4 Start: 14th Oct End: 11th Dec