

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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VISION

Our vision is to be an exceptional Australian educational institute based on Islamic teachings.

Our mission is to provide quality education in a caring environment producing ethical, resilient, life-long learners.

Our motto is *"Excellence through Learning"*

Our core values are:

- Work hard and smart
- Grow purposefully and holistically
- Succeed academically and ethically



Admin Manager's Message

By Ms Hina Rafiq

Assalamu Alaikum parents,

2022 has been a remarkable year so far. We have had a very productive term with incursions and excursions as well as new learning programs implemented within the classrooms. Our biannual Principal's Morning Tea was enjoyed by selective students for their wonderful effort and behaviour. At WGS, we understand the importance of encouraging our students not just in the field of academics, but also in their pursuit of becoming upstanding members of society.

This term, we are saying farewell to Mr Buckley who is retiring after dedicating 40 years to the Islamic schooling community. We truly appreciate his contributions and wish him all the best.

The Western Grammar admin team is always here to help and support the parents, students and teachers and aims to improve their experiences and resolve any issues. We appreciate the cooperation of parents in this regard and would like to thank them for their support.

As we enter the month of Dhul-Hijjah, it is essential that we take advantage of these blessed days and make duah that we all continue to grow and flourish. May Allah accept our deeds. I hope everyone has a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

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Notices

Uniform

Please note that students who are wearing the incorrect uniform and do not have a note from parents/carers will be sent to the office. The parents/carers will be called to bring the correct uniform. If parents cannot provide the correct uniform the child will be sent home. The incident will then be recorded.

Shop Timings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am-2:00pm. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

Year 11 Fundraiser

The Year 11 students ran a kebab and snack pack stall in order to raise funds for their Year 12 jackets. From beginning to end, this fundraiser was well planned, organised and executed. Students came together as an amazing team and pulled off a wonderful spread for all staff and students, TabarakAllah. The food was delicious, the service done with smiles and overall, everyone was happy.

Alhamdulillah, they raised an amount far greater than they expected out of this event and are now looking forward to their next fundraiser in Term 3 that will hopefully cover the costs of their jackets, in-shaa-Allah. JazakAllahu Khairan to all parents, students and staff who supported them and well done Year 11 for a wonderful team effort!



"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."
—Michael Altshuler

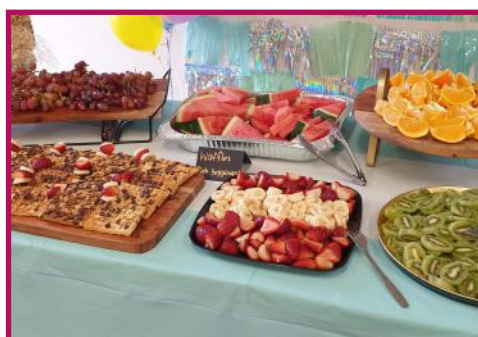


Principal's Morning Tea

Alhamdulillah, we had the opportunity to celebrate our students again this term by honouring them with a special morning tea with the school Principal, Mr Irfan Afzal, all Senior Staff and Co-ordinators of High School and Primary.

Two students were selected from each class, based on their merit achieved this first half of the year and each student was awarded a certificate, a cash gift, an iced or hot chocolate and an amazing spread of food.

Congratulations to all students who were selected and we look forward to honouring many more students in the future at such an auspicious event, inshaAllah.



Library

WGS celebrated Refugee Week in the library on 23rd June by educating primary students on how refugees face many challenges when they are forced to leave their country. The library held different storytime sessions with the primary classes, reading them books like "Lubna and Pebble", "The Boy at the Back of the Class" and "My Name is not Refugee". These stories grasped the students' attention and made them understand how difficult it is to leave their homes and families and move to a different country where you don't know anyone. At the end of each session, students extended their learning with a craft activity where they painted pebbles and wrote encouraging words like 'sunshine' 'peace' and 'love'.



Important Dates

Week 10:

F: Last day of Term

Term Break:

W1 M-Th: Office open 9-3

W2 T-F: Office open 9-3

Week 1:

M: Staff PD (no school)

T: First day of Term 3

Th: Eid Party

**may be subject to change*

Canberra Excursion

This term Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to go to Canberra to consolidate their learnings in both Science and History. It was an exciting day that started very early and had us take a three-hour bus ride to the nation's capital

For history, we first visited the Australian War Memorial where students were able to view historically significant items and relics. It allowed for them to gain a deeper insight into the terrible realities of both World Wars. Following this, we took the opportunity to visit Canberra mosque so that students would get a chance to see a different type of masjid and have a look at a central feature of Canberra's Muslim community.

To round off the day, we went to Questacon to see science in action! Students absolutely loved the various activities and exhibitions that allowed for them to experience the reality of science first hand—bringing what they've learnt from text books to life.

We returned safely back to school that same evening with students sure to have great memories of the day for years to come inshaAllah.



Hadith of the Week



Welfare Stalls by Knitting Club

Western Grammar's Crochet & Knitting Club arranged a very interesting activity under the supervision of Ms. Kaukab on 22nd June 2022. 'Be a Buddy, not a Bully' was the theme. Students sold handmade bracelets that they made knitted or crocheted and raised money for welfare. Many students and staff members bought them the former to give friendship gifts to their friends and to make new friends and latter to encourage them. Everyone enjoyed the activity.



Storytime by Mental Wellbeing Club

The Mental Wellbeing Club arranged a Story Telling on 28 June under the supervision of Ms. Kaukab for Refugee Week. The theme was Healing. At the beginning of the program, Ms. Kaukab introduced the concept of Refugee Week & Healing. Students of different classes in Primary School joined the Story Telling. They shared the problems prevailing in their countries of origins, narrated the suffering of refugees, told stories of their settlement in Australia, and more. They shared what they liked about Australia. Students dressed in their cultural clothes and enjoyed the event immensely.

