

# NEWSLETTER ISSUE 92



## Letter from the Principal

Assalaam Alaikum wrwb,

I would like to warmly welcome all staff, students, and parents to another exciting and rewarding year at Western Grammar School in 2026. Alhamdulillah, we have commenced the year with renewed passion, commitment, and enthusiasm, despite the ongoing construction of the underground car park.

I am immensely proud of our 2025 HSC graduates, who achieved outstanding results. We celebrate the success of 21 students who attained Band 6 results and 53 students who achieved Band 5 results. We wish them every success in their future endeavours and pray that Allah (SWT) continues to guide and bless them.

As we embark on this new academic year, it is important that we position ourselves for success through thoughtful planning and preparation. Effective time management, discipline, and consistent effort are essential. We encourage all members of our community to reflect on their individual strengths and areas for improvement, and to develop strategies that support continuous growth. The year 2026 marks a period of ongoing development and progress for our school. Alhamdulillah, our Development Application for Stages 5a and 5b has been approved. Construction of the new building is expected to commence within the next 8 to 10 months, significantly enhancing our infrastructure and facilities.

Having served the community for 14 years, Western Grammar School continues to grow from strength to strength. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire WGS community for your ongoing support and contribution to our journey. Together, we have played a vital role in shaping the futures of our students, and together, we will continue to grow and inspire the wider community.

Mr. Irfan Afzal  
Principal

### Term Dates 2026

#### Term 1

Start: 9 Feb  
End: 17th Apr

#### Term 2

Start: 29th Apr  
End: 7th Jul

#### Term 3

Start: 21st Jul  
End: 25th Sep

#### Term 4

Start: 12th Oct  
End: 9th Dec

### Upcoming Events & Reminders

#### Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Interviews:  
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April &  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
2:30-6:30pm

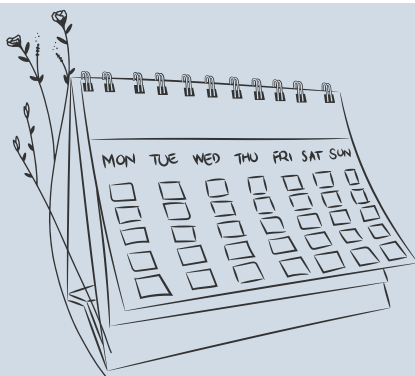
Last day of Term 1:  
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

First day of Term 2:  
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
2026

#### Reminders

Uniform Shop Details  
- Address: 4/11-15  
Eddie RD Minchinbury

- Open on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays  
9:30am - 3:30pm



# Hadith

أَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ

The Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved deeds to Allah are those that are consistent, even if they are small.”

(Bukhari & Muslim)

As we conclude the blessed month of Ramadan, it is important for us to reflect on one of the beautiful teachings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ regarding worship and consistency. The Prophet ﷺ said: “The most beloved deeds to Allah are those that are consistent, even if they are small.”

Ramadan was a powerful training ground for our hearts and souls. Throughout the month, we increased in salah, recited more Qur’an, engaged in dhikr, gave charity, and exercised patience and self-discipline through fasting. These acts of worship strengthened our connection with Allah and reminded us of our purpose as believers.

However, the true success of Ramadan is not limited to the thirty days of the month. Rather, it is reflected in how we continue these acts of worship throughout the year. Even small deeds, when performed regularly and sincerely for the sake of Allah, carry great weight in His sight.

As a community, let us encourage ourselves and our children to maintain the good habits developed during Ramadan, such as praying salah on time, reading and understanding the Qur’an regularly, remembering Allah often, giving charity, and upholding strong Islamic character. May Allah accept our Ramadan and grant us the ability to remain consistent in our worship throughout the year.

Ameen.

Abdullah Hakeem  
Head of Islamic Affairs

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ  
وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى

متفق عليه

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
"Verily, actions are judged by intentions, and each person will be rewarded according to what they intended."

Agreed Upon

النِّيَّة  
Intentions

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا  
غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

البخاري

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
"Whoever fasts in Ramadan with faith and hoping for a reward, Allah will forgive his past sins"

Al-Bukhari

الصَّوْمُ  
Fasting

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى  
الصَّوْمُ لِي وَأَنَا أُجْرِي بِهِ

البخاري

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
Allah says:  
"Fasting is for Me and I will reward it"

Al-Bukhari

الصِّيَامُ لِلَّهِ  
Fasting for Allah's Sake

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ

مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا  
غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

البخاري

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
"Whoever stands for Night Prayer in Ramadan with faith and hoping for a reward, Allah will forgive his past sins"

Al-Bukhari

قيام الليل  
Night Prayer

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ

مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا  
غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

البخاري

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
"Whoever stands in prayer on the Night of Decree with faith and hoping for a reward, Allah will forgive his past sins"

Al-Bukhari

ليلة القدر  
Night of Decree

# Sun Awareness and Crazy School Hat Day



Sun Awareness Week brightened Week 2 of school, beginning on 16 February and building joyful excitement all the way to our spectacular Crazy School Hat Day on Friday, 20 February!

Throughout the week, primary students participated in engaging 7–10 minute sun awareness presentations and videos in class. They learned about the effects of the sun on our bodies and discovered that even on cloudy days, UV rays can still be high and harmful. Students also reflected on how the sun is a beautiful barakah from Allah — a sign of His mercy that brings warmth, light, and life to the earth. At the same time, they learned that Islam teaches balance, wisdom, and responsibility. Our bodies are an amanah from Allah, and it is our duty to protect them.

The message to “Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, and Slide” was reinforced daily as part of caring for the blessings Allah has given us. On Friday, excitement filled the air as we gathered for a special assembly to quiz students on their sun safety knowledge. Those who answered correctly received wonderful sun safety gifts!

The celebration continued with our vibrant Crazy School Hat Parade around the new green playground. Each grade proudly showcased their creativity — from fluffy pom-pom hats and science lab hats to Pokémon, bird nest, rainforest, jungle, balloon, and car-themed creations. Who says you can’t decorate your school hat?

All participants received a merit certificate on Sentral, and three winners from each grade earned an Ali-Gator Book Fair voucher to redeem at our school library. A heartfelt thank you to our parents and guardians for your continued support. Insha’Allah, we will always remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, and Slide!

Faten Osta  
PS Coordinator & Wellbeing



# Islamic Book Fair and the Premier's Reading Challenge

Our WGS Library recently celebrated two exciting events that promoted a love of reading and learning: the Islamic Book Fair and the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Islamic Book Fair provided a wonderful opportunity for students and families to explore a wide range of Islamic books. The fair featured Qur'an stories, books about the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Islamic history, duas, moral stories, activity books, and educational resources for different age groups. The colourful displays and variety of titles created great excitement among students, many of whom were eager to purchase books to add to their home libraries.

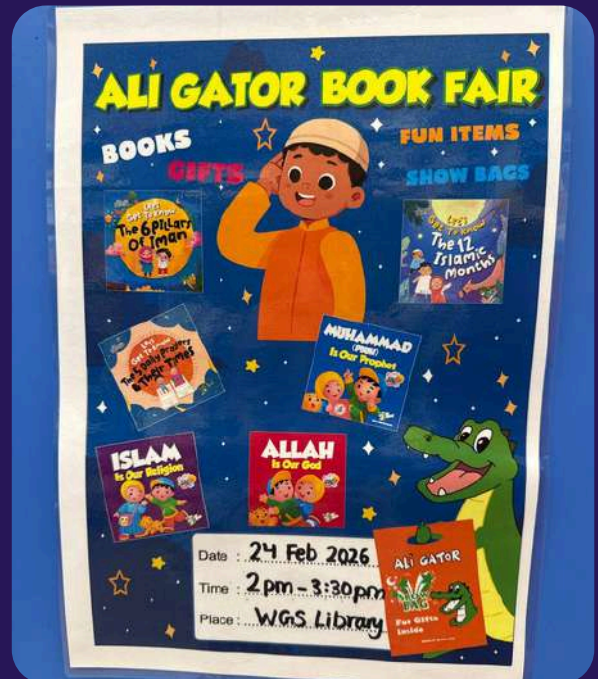
One of the most important messages shared during the Islamic Book Fair was the value Islam places on knowledge. The first revelation to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ began with the word "Read," reminding us that seeking knowledge is an essential part of our faith.

Alongside the Book Fair, students have been actively participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. This initiative encourages students across New South Wales to read a set number of books each year, helping them improve comprehension, vocabulary, and confidence.

The Premier's Reading Challenge not only supports academic growth but also builds perseverance and commitment. Teachers and parents have played an important role in motivating students and celebrating their achievements.

Together, the Islamic Book Fair and the Premier's Reading Challenge have fostered a strong reading culture within our school. By combining faith-based learning with broader literacy goals, we continue to encourage our students to grow as knowledgeable, confident, and enthusiastic readers.

Rozina Qazi  
Librarian





# Ramadan Iftar Evenings at Western Grammar School



Assalaam Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh, dear WGS community,

During the blessed month of Ramadan, Western Grammar School was delighted to host three special Iftar programs for our students, providing opportunities for spiritual reflection, community bonding, and joyful celebration.

On 6 March, we held our High School Boys Iftar, followed by the Year 5 & 6 Iftar on 11 March, and the High School Girls Iftar on 13 March. Each evening was filled with excitement, meaningful activities, and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

The programs were enriched with engaging activities for students to enjoy. One of the highlights was our Annual Ramadan Soccer Cup, where students enthusiastically participated in friendly matches filled with energy and teamwork. Alongside the sports activities, students also took part in an Islamic quiz and Kahoot session, testing their knowledge of Islam in a fun and interactive way. In addition, students enjoyed arts and crafts activities, allowing them to creatively express the spirit of Ramadan. As the time for Maghrib approached, students gathered to break their fast with delicious finger foods, dates, and refreshments, sharing the beautiful moment of Iftar as a community. Many students also brought savoury and sweet dishes to share with their peers, adding to the variety and generosity of the evening. We extend our sincere thanks to the parents who kindly prepared these dishes and supported the event in this way.

This was followed by the Maghrib prayer in congregation, reminding everyone of the true purpose and blessings of Ramadan. The evenings then concluded with a wholesome dinner, where students, staff, and guests had the opportunity to sit together and enjoy a warm meal.

We were also honoured to welcome some of our Western Grammar School alumni, who joined us for these special evenings and shared in the joy of reconnecting with the school community.

Alhamdulillah, all three Iftar nights were a tremendous success. Events like these strengthen our brotherhood, sisterhood, and unity, while helping us remember Allah in an atmosphere filled with love, happiness, and worship. They serve as a beautiful reminder that Ramadan is not only about personal worship, but also about building strong bonds within our community.

We pray that Allah accepts the efforts of everyone who helped organise and participate in these blessed gatherings.

Abdullah Hakeem  
Head of Islamic Affairs

# Ramadan Iftar Evenings at Western Grammar School



## Year 5 and 6



## Highschool Boys



## Highschool Girls





# HSC Forum Iftar



Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, our HSC Graduate Forum took place in the second week of Ramadan and was a great success. We were honoured to welcome back last year's graduates, who shared their valuable advice and experiences with our current Year 11 and 12 students.

They spoke openly about their HSC journey, offering insights into effective study strategies, managing stress, balancing school and personal commitments, and the importance of consistency and resilience.

Our students had the opportunity to ask questions, gain practical insights into subject selection and exam preparation, and feel inspired by those who were once in their position.

The evening also included a beautiful Iftar, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere filled with meaningful conversations and a strong sense of community.

To conclude the event, we proudly recognised and rewarded our recent graduates with financial awards in acknowledgement of their outstanding achievements. SubhanAllah, it was truly an inspiring evening for all our students.

May Allah continue to grant us many more opportunities like this to come together, benefit one another, and grow as a community.

Mr Hamid  
Highschool Teacher





# Primary School SRC



Asalaamualaikum WRWB,

We are pleased to announce the Primary School Representative Council (SRC) for Terms 1 and 2 at Western Grammar School. The SRC plays an important role in student leadership within our primary school, providing students with the opportunity to represent their peers, share ideas, and contribute positively to school life.

Our SRC members will work closely with teachers and fellow students to support initiatives, assist with school events, and help foster a positive and inclusive school environment. Through this role, students develop valuable leadership skills, including teamwork, responsibility, communication, and confidence.

Being part of the SRC is both a privilege and a responsibility. These students have been selected for their enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to serve the school community. With guidance from staff, they will learn to listen to the voices of their peers and make meaningful contributions to school life.

We look forward to seeing our SRC members grow in their roles and take pride in representing their classes and the wider school community throughout the semester.

May Allah (SWT) bless them with wisdom, sincerity, and dedication in their leadership. Ameen.

Congratulations to all our SRC representatives, and we wish them every success in their roles this semester.

Ms Sanjana  
PS Teacher & Wellbeing Coordinator



## Primary SRC Semester 1 2026



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*Year 1*

*Year 2*



*Year 3*

*Year 4*

*Year 5*

## Primary SRC Semester 1 2026



*Year 6  
Captains*

*Year 6  
Vice Captains*

# High School SRC

Excitement and school spirit filled the air at Western Grammar School as students participated in this year's Student Representative Council (SRC) elections. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to step forward as leaders and share their ideas on how to make the school an even better place for everyone.

Candidates from each grade delivered thoughtful and passionate speeches to their peers and teachers. Many highlighted the importance of the school's core values — Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility — and how these principles can strengthen the school community. They spoke about creating a more inclusive environment, supporting one another through challenges, and taking responsibility for positive change.

Following the speeches, students and teachers participated in the voting process, carefully selecting the candidates they believed would best represent their year group. In line with the school's commitment to balanced representation, one boy and one girl were elected from each grade.

The newly elected SRC members now take on the important responsibility of being the voice of their peers. Guided by the values of Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility, they will work collaboratively with staff and fellow students to bring forward ideas, address concerns, and contribute to initiatives that enhance school life.

Congratulations to all students who nominated themselves and shared their ideas so courageously. Your willingness to step up and lead reflects the very best of Western Grammar School. We look forward to seeing the positive changes the new SRC will bring in the months ahead.

Ms Yasmin  
Highschool Teacher

