

# HEAD OF ISD'S MESSAGE

Alhamdullilah, we are now midway through Term 3 and it has been such an eventful term so far. We began the term with a huge Eid Al-Adha celebration transforming WGS into a festival of happiness and joy. Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to engage in charity work at the 'Soup Kitchen' run by Brothers in Need at The Culinary School by cooking and packing food for refugee families across Sydney. WGS hosted the honourable Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib and ended the week with a Parenting Program run by the Wellbeing team titled "Emotions Matter."

With a jam packed first half of the term and with so much more to come, it reminds me of a hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) where he said: "The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others." At WGS, we strive to excel in benefiting others through education, financial and physical assistance. We aim to equip our students and staff with the mindset of "us" rather than "I". Islam is a religion that focuses on developing the entire society with a framework built on sharing, assisting, educating, and love. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said; "Love for others what you love for yourself."

Lastly, with the new building currently being constructed, I ask Allah to bless it for us and to grant us more successful infrastructure development in the near future. May Allah bless and reward all the parents, staff and students for all their efforts and commitment at WGS.

-Abdullah Hakeem

### **NOTICES**

#### **School Fees**

Please ensure that you have paid for your child's school fees for Terms 1-3 2023

#### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is only open on Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00-2:30

#### **2024 Applications Closing Soon**

Applications for 2024 will close on the 25th of August.

### **COMING UP**

Book Week: 28th August

Character Parade: 29th August

Mother/Daughter Hike: 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Athletics Carnival:** 15<sup>th</sup> September

Last day of Term 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> September

#### **BROTHERS IN NEED**

## SOUP KITCHEN

Under the supervision of a chef, our Year 10 students prepared, cooked and packed 120 korma and rice meals and 120 desserts which were then promptly delivered by the team at Brothers in Need to refugee and needy families around Sydney.

Students were extremely grateful for the experience and shared a sense of appreciation for their own privileges. JazakAllah khair to Brothers In Need and The Culinary School for providing the opportunity for our students to play a part in serving our community.





# HIGH SCHOOL CANBERRA EXCURSION



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, our High School students took part in round six of the Islamic School Debating Competition. Our Stage 4, 5 and 6 teams engaged with students from Australian International Academy- Strathfield, for a captivating and riveting set of debates on various topics related to social issues.

Alhamdullilah, all three teams from WGS were the winners for this round!

Our students displayed a commendable level of teamwork, confidence and skill and we look forward to the next few rounds of the competition.

DEBATE
COMPETITION

Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to go to Canberra to consolidate their understanding of Australian History. It was an exciting day that started early and included a long bus ride to the nation's capital.

Firstly, we visited the National Museum of Australia where students took a guided tour on Indigenous Australians & their rights and freedom.

Following this, we visited the Australian War Memorial where students viewed historically significant items and relics and gained a deeper insight into the terrible realities of both World Wars. We then prayed Duhr at the park next to the War Memorial.

To round off the day, we went to the Canberra Mall where students had their lunch. Students had an incredibly enjoyable experience there as they explored diverse shops and engaged in various activities.













## EID PARTY

On the 21st of July, Western Grammar School was transformed into a festival of happiness and joy. We celebrated the festivities of Eid-ul-Adha with an array of exciting activities, including various games, a petting zoo, pony rides, jumping castles, food stalls, face painting, henna stalls and competitions. Students and teachers enjoyed their day participating in all the games and activities. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the spirit of unity and gratitude.

JazakAllah khair to everyone involved.



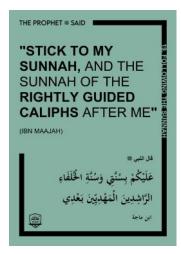
On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, our Wellbeing Coordinator presented an amazing parenting workshop relating to emotions, what they are and how to cope with them.

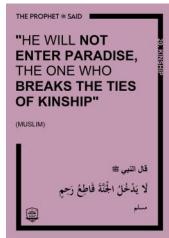
This workshop was filled with valuable and practical tips on how parents can not only identify and cope with their own emotions, but that of their children as well. In demonstrating the need for better and healthier relationships at home, we were guided with wisdom and an Islamic backing to explore different emotions and how we can facilitate healthier ways of acknowledging and dealing with them.

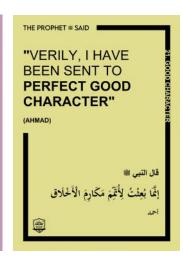
This truly was, yet again, another eye opening and reflective workshop that left everyone with something of value to take home, alhamdulillah.

# EMOTIONS MATTER PARENTING PROGRAM

## HADITH OF THE WEEK







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