



Western Grammar School
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NEWSLETTER

SENIOR MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

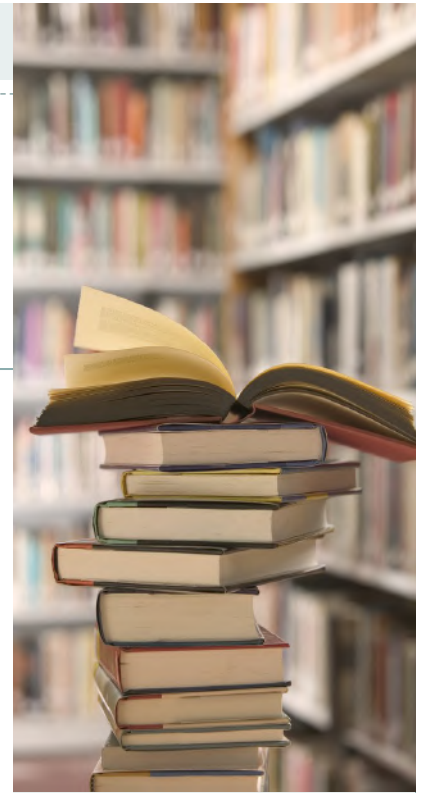
At Western Grammar School we believe that it is our duty to provide a place where all students are appreciated and cared for in a safe, supportive and approachable learning environment. I am pleased to acknowledge that the transition back to face-to-face teaching and learning after the easing of COVID-19 restrictions has been a smooth one. I appreciate the efforts of the entire staff who have consistently worked hard to maintain a semblance of normalcy during the online schooling and the transition back to school. Term 2 is finishing and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage parents to please convey to their children the importance of good behaviour as a key character trait to have. I believe that students, parents and the school working together can make it easier to maintain a safe and wholesome environment. Wishing all students a safe holiday and I look forward to welcoming them all back in Term 3.

Mr Irfan Afzal, Principal

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



Students in Primary School have been participating in various extra-curricular activities on Friday afternoons. These include public speaking and debating, cooking, arts and craft, movement, sewing, and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). School clubs improve communication skills whilst fostering creative thinking and collaboration. On Friday 19th June in the STEM Club, Year 6 students made composite figures using jelly beans and skewers. The lesson focussed on a topic students covered during their Maths lessons in class. Students displayed good engineering skills and thoroughly enjoyed the activity—sharing the leftover jelly beans among themselves.



VISION

“Western Grammar seeks to foster in our students understanding and respect for each other and for the diversity of multicultural communities in Australia. Students are encouraged to be innovative, creative and problem-solving individuals. Students strive to achieve their personal best in an ideal educational and Islamic environment. They will be able to take their place with pride in the community and in the world.”

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KNOWLEDGE IS THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION

Ramadan Goals Chart Awards

Ramadan Goals Chart awards were handed out to our Kindergarten to Year 6 students on 19 June 2020 by Amira Kirsten (Head of Primary) and Dr Zachariah Matthews (Deputy Principal). Well done to all students who participated!



ADMIN NOTES

School Uniform

From Term 3 a renewed focus will be given to ensuring students wear the correct uniform. To help students focus on their learning and improve their overall performance, it is important that they learn to respect and follow the school rules. We request that parents assist the school by ensuring that students wear the correct uniform. Parents may be called to bring the correct item of uniform if required.

Lost and Found

If a student has misplaced his/her blazer, jumper, sports jacket, lunch box, etc., then please ask him/her to look in the lost-and-found container in the admin office. If uniform items are not claimed from

lost-and-found, they may be sold via the school's second-hand shop or disposed of. Please ensure that their uniform and school items are clearly labelled with their name.

Boys Haircuts

In line with Islamic teachings and promoting student well-being through equity and dignified humility, boys should come to school with haircuts that do not display levels or spikes. It is recommended that boys cut their hair in the following manner: back and sides (number 2); top (number 3 or 4, then blended in). Parents must ensure that their boys come to school with appropriate haircuts and that their hair is clean, neat and tidy.

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."
Clay P. Bedford

PUBLIC SPEAKING GRAND FINAL

On 2nd of July, Western Grammar School held its first ever Grand Final for the inaugural Seek to Speak Public Speaking Competition. It was a grand

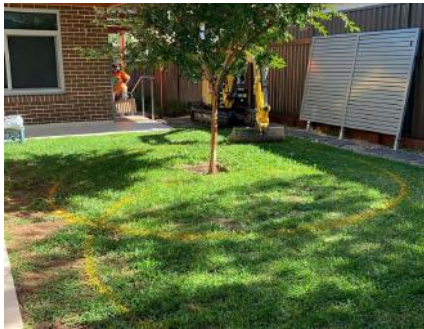


event that was thoroughly enjoyed by students, staff, parents and participants. The event saw two finals contested in High School, one between Bashar of Year 7 and Marwa of Year 9. The second final saw Faiza of Year 11 go head to head against Amira of Year 12. Our Grand Final competition champions were... Marwa and Faiza! They both performed exceptionally well and were deserved winners. In saying that though, all the contestants delivered fantastic speeches (with great props too) and they equally deserve congratulations for giving it a shot—public speaking is certainly not easy! We'd like to have this year's competition be the first of many—we aim to hold it annually so that students can participate and improve their skills, confidence and ability inshaAllah.

Mr H. Qureshi, High School English Teacher

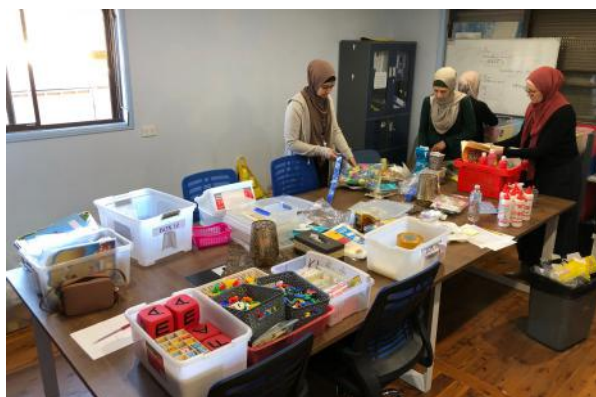
MY HOME DISABILITY CENTRE

During WGS's visit to the My Home Disability Centre in Birrong in February we donated \$2000. The generous donation helped the centre initiate the purchase and installation of an inground trampoline. This has been such a wise investment for the centre because the participants have been having the best time on it. For once they don't need to encourage participants to exercise because they ask to use it every day. The laughter and joy on their faces is priceless. The installation was supported by a number of other individuals and organisations and was completed on June 3rd. Thank you once again to our generous students, families and staff.



PRIMARY LEARNING SUPPORT

Since returning to school in Term 2, primary teachers have been immersed in gathering data to identify where student strengths and areas for growth are needed. To assist with this, the Progressive Achievement Test



(PAT) was completed by all students K-6. This assessment allows teachers and schools to monitor student growth over time. Our Learning Support Team has been working tirelessly to develop literacy resource kits for classroom use. Over the next six months, we aim to up-skill our teachers with the essential resources and tools needed to enhance our literacy platform in the early years of schooling. Students who may require additional assistance with their learning will work in small groups, on targeted academic areas.

Amira Kirsten, Head of Primary

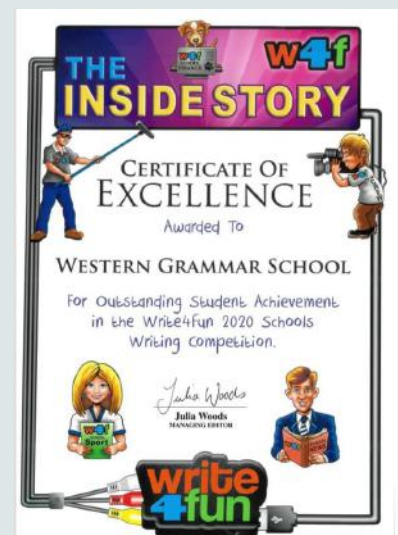
IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 3 July: Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 20 July: First Day of Term 3
- Friday 24 July: Quran Competition Finals
- Friday 31 July: Eid Al-Adha (School Closed—TBC)
- Monday 17 August: Science Week
- Monday 24 August: Book Week

Write4Fun: Certificate of Excellence

Ten or more WGS students successfully progressed past the initial judging in the 2020 Schools Writing Competition. The school was awarded a certificate of excellence.

Well done to all students who participated.



END FAMINE FUNDRAISER

“The situation in Yemen is a 'stain on the world's conscience.' Yemen has been embroiled in conflict since early 2015. Already the poorest country in the Middle East and North Africa region before the conflict escalated, now, according to the UN, Yemen is suffering the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. As a result, Yemen has been grappling with mass outbreaks of preventable diseases, such as cholera, diphtheria, measles, dengue fever and Covid-19.” (submitted by one of our Year 12 students)

Western Grammar as a school raised money from Monday 29th June to Thursday July 2nd to play our part. All contributions will help make an impact, whether students donated a lot or a little.

Prophet Muhammad (s) said: *“The example of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body: when any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever.”*

The money collected will be given to a local Muslim charity to help provide essential food for the needy in Yemen.

The class that raises the most funds will be awarded with a pizza party on Friday 3rd July 2020.

END THE YEMEN FAMINE
DON'T FORGET TO PLAY YOUR PART
 Bring your donations in an envelope with your class name or through bank transfer.
June 29th - July 2nd
Winning class will be awarded pizza party on Friday July 3rd!
May the most charitable class win!!!
ONE UMMAH ONE BODY
 SEE NOTE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HADITH OF THE WEEK

CLEANLINESS
 قال النبي ﷺ
«الطَّهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ»
 (مسلم)
 The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Cleanliness is half of Faith”
 (Muslim)

MODESTY
 قال النبي ﷺ
«إِنَّ لِكُلِّ دِينٍ خُلُقًا وَخُلُقَ الْإِسْلَامِ الْحَيَاءُ»
 (ابن ماجه)
 The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Verily, in every religion there is a distinct character, and the character of Islam is modesty”
 (Ibn Maajah)

TRUTHFULNESS
 The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Verily, Truthfulness leads to piety, and piety leads to Paradise”
 (Muslim)
 قال النبي ﷺ
«إِنَّ الصِّدْقَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْبِرِّ وَإِنَّ الْبِرَّ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ»
 (مسلم)
 Truth →
 ← Lie

CONTENTMENT
 قال النبي ﷺ
«أَنْظُرُوا إِلَى مَنْ هُوَ أَسْفَلَ مِنْكُمْ، وَلَا تَنْظُرُوا إِلَى مَنْ هُوَ فَوْقَكُمْ، لِأَنَّ لَا تَزِدُّوهُا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ»
 (احمد)
 The Prophet ﷺ said:
“Look at those who are less fortunate than you, and do not look at those who have more than you, so that you do not disdain Allah's blessings on you”
 (Ahmad)