

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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**ASK
R U O K?**

It can make a big difference



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

Assistant Principal's Message

By Mr. Zulqarnan Malik

We are successfully at the end of the third term for 2021.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have been supporting their children's learning at home. While we are all in this together, some of us have different coping strategies, capacities and experiences to draw on. As a result, some of us will be able to ride out the storm better than others. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us for further support.

WGS maintained normality in the online experience by continuing to run things such as the morning assembly, parent teacher interviews, celebrations and events, fundraisers, exams, parenting programs, online competitions and clubs in primary school. I would like to thank the school staff, parents and students in making the events successful.

During the past term, teachers and students were able to benefit from the online platform with regards to efficiency in the ways teachers delivered lessons, students attending classes from any location, reducing financial costs on families, improved attendance and assisting students to learn in ways which met their individual needs.

Thank you all for your hard work. I wish you all the best and pray for your safety. Enjoy the term break and insha Allah we will see you in Term 4.

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Notices

School Fees

Fees paid by parents play a major role in enabling WGS to meet its operating costs. Therefore, prompt payment of fees is highly appreciated.

Uniform Shop Timings

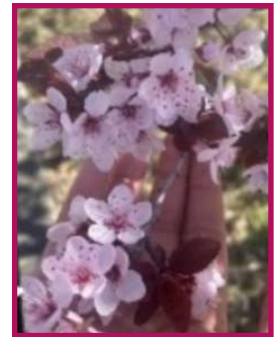
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am-10:30am. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

Well-being Competition

Western Grammar School has been running well-being competitions throughout the online learning journey in an effort to get students to participate in activities that will help improve their mental health. Previous competitions have included MasterChef style cooking tasks and photo/essay contests meant to invigorate both the mind and body.

The well-being competition for week 8 was in full bloom, with students tasked with appreciating the wonderful season of spring.

Enjoy this sample of some of the beautiful photos of flowers that were sent in by students for the last competition!



*"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
- Malcolm S. Forbes*

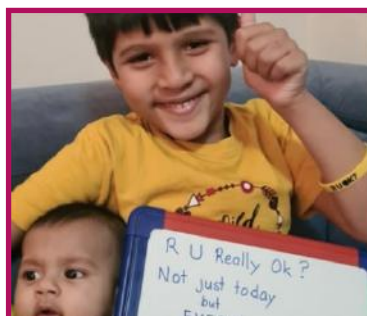


R U Okay?

Do you know how the people in your world are really feeling? On the 9th of September, WGS participated in R U Okay Day, and students, teachers and parents alike were asked to consider the value of that question.

The day was highlighted with a presentation by Ms. Matthews, reminding everyone of the importance, especially as Muslims, of checking in on each other and starting genuine conversations that demonstrate care and compassion for each other.

JazakAllahu khairan to all who regularly check in and show such wonderful concern for our staff and students.



Parenting Workshop

Throughout 2021, WGS has been running parenting workshops for the school community that has aimed to improve parenting practices in accordance with own religion.

On the 26th of August, our school ran one such parenting workshop. The workshop, titled "The Father and Son Connection", was led by Sheikh Bashir Khan and was well received, alhamdulillah.

The workshop went through the importance of creating a connection between fathers and sons specifically, and broke down the different ways this connection can be established, with different techniques and goals for specific age groups.

ESTABLISH 0-7	NURTURE 8-14	MAINTAIN 15-21
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face to face contact• Skin on skin• Getting on the ground• Discover and Destroy• Basic sports• Low level risk taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showcase, practice and implement reaction to a wide range of emotions• Compete with child• Explore, adventure and take risks with child• Get involve with your son's activities• Introduce concepts such as time and financial management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce to your friends and show what good healthy company is• Let them now take lead roles in activities• Start to treat them as equals but with boundaries• Respect their opinions but always guide through love



Important Dates

Week 10:

Fri/17 Last day of Term 3

Week 1:

Wed/10 First day of Term 4

Week 2:

M-F SRC Captains Election

Week 4:

Mon Year 10 Exams start

Week 5:

M-F Islamic Studies exams

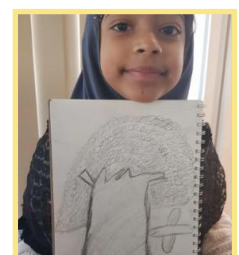
Welfare Club

In 2020, Western Grammar School began a new initiative during the first lockdown period when students had begun learning online. A series of welfare clubs were created for students in Primary, with the goal of getting them involved in activities that interested them. It was a way to promote student well-being away from formal academics and helped nurture new skills, hobbies and areas of interest.

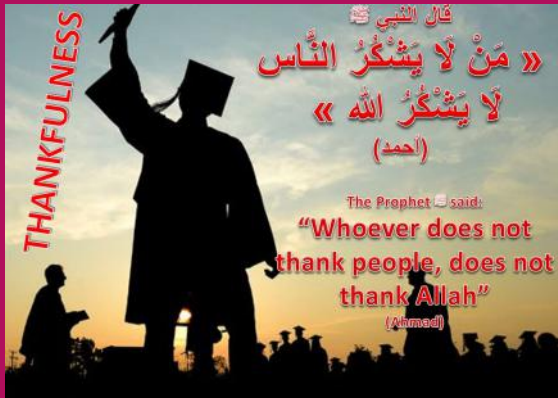
This year, students have been able to select from the following clubs:

- Art Club
- Cooking Club
- Stem/LEGO Club
- Sketching Club
- Knitting Club

We are very proud of the skills and talents we have seen bloom in these clubs, and are proud to showcase the results here.



Hadith of the Week



IQRA Program

At Western Grammar School, the importance of learning and reading the Qur'an is something we actively acknowledge. Our Islamic Studies Department has been instrumental in introducing pathways to learning the Qur'an that are both individualised and yield great results. As such, the IQRA books, a series of 6 books that teach students how to read the Qur'an fluently and accurately, have been used at WGS to great effect.

Congratulations to our recent IQRA graduates, Muhammad Umer Anwar (Year 5), Ayesha Noman (Year 5), Enaya Khan (Year 5), Asim Muhammad (Year 6), and Mahad Eid (Year 2) for completing all six IQRA books! They were rewarded with certificates and individual copies of the Qur'an, personalised with their names.

Western Grammar School seeks to instil a love for the Qur'an in every student, and working with them at their individual level and celebrating each student's accomplishments is one of the ways that we work towards this goal.

