



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah we have approached the end of Term 1, 2024. We are all fortunate that the last ten days of the holy month of Ramadan are in progress and we pray to Almighty Allah that all of us gain the maximum benefit of these days and enjoy a well-deserved Eid.

NAPLAN has been the highlighted event for the Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students. WGS has been successfully running NAPLAN exams online for the past five years, and like always, all our students completed the tests successfully and to the best of their abilities.

Students and staff also participated in numerous charity events this term to support our brothers and sisters in Palestine. Our welfare team continued with their efforts with parents by running the first parenting workshop in Week 6.

Finally, I would like to thank all teachers, parents, and students once again for their hard work and effort this term. I wish you all the best and please stay safe.

Mr Malik

COMING UP

First day of Term 2 - 30th April 2024



NOTICES

Uniform Shop

The uniform shops address is 4/11-14 Eddie Road Minchinbury NSW

The timings are Tuesdays and Friday, 9:00 - 2:30

Open during school holidays (Mon - Fri 10am to 2pm)

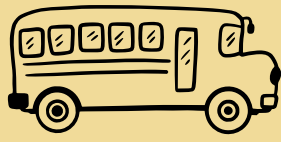


HSC 2024 GRADUATES FORUM



On the 7th of February, Western Grammar School held its annual HSC Graduates Forum. Graduates from previous years were invited to speak to the current Year 11 and 12 students about their journey to HSC and career goals. Students were given a detailed insight into preparing for the HSC exams and how to prepare for future experiences. Graduates of 2023 who achieved higher bands were awarded monetary gifts on behalf of the school. Current seniors were advised of how to maintain a positive mindset which was deemed to be a great challenge for the HSC students. The graduates suggested that taking care of their well-being, having a solid study routine, and practicing past HSC papers helped students achieve their ATAR goals. May Allah SWT grant all students success in this life and the hereafter.





KINDERGARTEN'S FIRST ZOO ADVENTURE

On the 5th of March, 2024, our little explorers delved into a hands-on Aboriginal workshop at Western Sydney Zoo, connecting 'Family and Kinship' to their History term studies. From learning Aboriginal dance to crafting animals with clay, some students even expressed their creativity by painting their faces with Aboriginal symbols. The zoo tour, with a highlight on the African trail, provided a thrilling experience for our young learners. An unforgettable outing for our Kindergarten stars!

- Ms Dean



IFTAAR NIGHTS AT WGS



WGS hosted three incredible Iftaars for the upper primary, high school boys and high school girls this term. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and solidarity as our students, staff, and alumni came together to break their fast. The evening's highlights included the highly anticipated Ramadan Cup, the Islamic quiz competitions, and listening to beautiful Quranic recitations by the Hafidh-Al-Quran students in our school.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for their generous contributions towards the food, and to our students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the evenings.

Let's remember that the essence of this Iftar program lies in fostering unity and gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us. May the spirit of Ramadan continue to illuminate our hearts.



Upper Primary Iftar



Girls Iftar



Boys Iftar





CROCHETING CLUB



This year school counsellor, Ms Kaukab Nagi, reintroduced the Crocheting Relaxation Club (CRC) with lower and upper primary. This club meets every Monday during their lunch breaks. The students make all sorts of items such as friendship bracelets, hair bands, rings etc.

The aim for CRC is to:

- Help students with focus and concentration
- Promote social interaction
- Increase creativity and self expression
- Help with problem solving skills and practical life skills
- Appreciate different cultural designs
- Develop fine motor skills and hand eye coordination in children

We look forward to seeing what students create in Term 2!



ISD SPONSORS

This year, our ISD team proudly boasts official sponsors whose generous support ensures a season filled with success. We would like to introduce our 2024 sponsors: AAA Rapid Homes Pty Ltd., Plus Pharmacy Cranebrook, Elite Electrical and Communications pty ltd, and Human Initiative Australia charity organisation.

Their contributions enable us to invest in cutting-edge equipment and stylish, newly designed uniforms that reflect the excellence of our team and the pride of our school.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, WGS students have been engaged in multiple sporting events organised by the Independent Sydney Districts Schools Sports (ISD) this term, which will continue throughout the year.

Students will continue to enjoy and learn important sporting skills with Get The Kids Fit.

Mr Malik



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PARENTING PROGRAM TERM 1

Alhamdulillah, it was wonderful to reintroduce the Parenting Program this year.

By the Mercy and Grace of Allah SWT, we were extremely happy to have so many parents in attendance, Alhamdulillah. We sincerely hope this will continue with other parenting sessions during the year.

Sheikh Abdullah Hakeem, who beautifully talked about how parents can and should be more involved in their children's lives, left us all with quite a few takeaway reminders, Alhamdulillah. As always, we pray that these sessions are of benefit to all. We ask Allah SWT to accept the hard work of everyone involved in organising and those who attended the event, Ameen.



MEET THE TEACHER (PRIMARY)

This year Western Grammar transformed the way 'Meet the Teacher' was conducted.

The Assistant Principal, Ms. Kirsten; K-6 Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Ms Osta; and the Wellbeing Coordinator, Ms Khan, delivered an informative session to parents about vital school matters across various areas in teaching and learning, well-being and administrative matters.

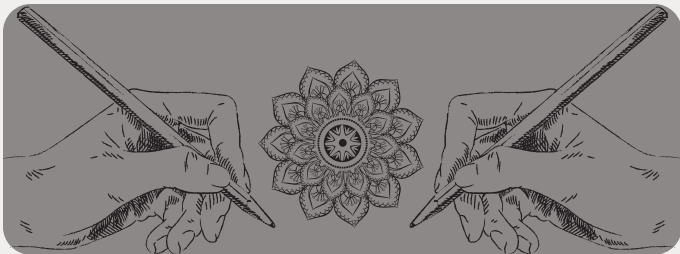
Parents enjoyed socialising afterward with the classroom teachers as they got to casually discuss their child's engagement at school. This event marked an important partnership with our parent community.



LET'S HEAR FROM THE 2019 ALUMNI STUDENTS

RAMI AL-TURK

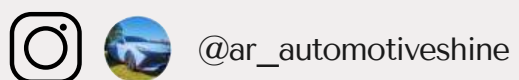
Investing my efforts into a career in security is where I went shortly after graduation. Full-time work had me wanting to awaken a dormant aptitude for art that my teachers helped me recognise years ago. With some nudging from those same teachers recently I have been able to broadcast my artwork which I now produce under the name 'Regicidium'. Realising the many gates this could open up, be it in profession or simply self-progression, I've delved into other things like CG art and painting, and have specialised in mandala artwork. This experience helped me look towards a career in cybersecurity, which I'm now focusing on.



@regicidium

AMAAN RAFIQ

Following my HSC, I commenced my studies in Construction Management/Technology at university in 2020. It was great to reconnect and return to in-person tutorials with my classmates following the transition from online learning. Simultaneously, I undertook a position at WGS, fulfilling roles in building maintenance and IT. In 2022, I gained valuable experience by working for a civil company where I collaborated closely with engineers, managed external contractors, and tackled on-site challenges. These experiences enriched my understanding of both academic and practical aspects of the construction industry. Over the past year, I ventured into entrepreneurship and Alhamdulillah, established AR Automotive Shine, specialising in car wash detailing. I look forward to seeing what the future holds insha Allah.



@ar_automotiveshine

HADITH OF THE WEEK



THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

**"WHOEVER STANDS
(FOR THE NIGHT
PRAYER) IN RAMADAN
WITH FAITH AND
HOPING FOR A REWARD,
ALLAH WILL FORGIVE
HIS PAST SINS"**

(AL-BUKHARI)

07: NIGHT PRAYER

قال النبي ﷺ
مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا
وَإِحْسَانًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا
تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ
البخاري

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

**ALLAH SAYS:
"FASTING IS FOR
ME AND I WILL
REWARD IT"**

(AL-BUKHARI)

06: FASHING FOR ALLAH

قال النبي ﷺ
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى
الصَّوْمُ لِي وَأَنَا أُجْزِي بِهِ
البخاري

THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

**"A BELIEVER TO
ANOTHER BELIEVER IS
LIKE A BUILDING, EACH
PART SUPPORTING THE
OTHER"**

(AL-BUKHARI)

04: SUPPORT

قال النبي ﷺ
الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ
يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا
البخاري

Term 1

Start: 31st Jan 2024
End: 9th Apr 2024

Term 2

Start: 30th Apr 2024
End: 3rd Jul 2024

Term 3

Start: 23rd Jul 2024
End: 14th Sep 2024

Term 4

Start: 14th Oct 2024
End: 11th Dec 2024

TERM DATES 2024

