

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be taking the NAPLAN writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy exams online between the 10th and 20th of May 2022.

Western Grammar School will also be running practice tests to assist in preparing our students for their examinations. These practice tests are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked, but will provide students with valuable practice.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Principal's Message

By Mr. Irfan Afzal

Assalamu Alaikum,

Alhamdulillah, we have had a very successful start to the 2022 school year. We began Term 1 online and have since transitioned into full time in-school learning for all students. This term has been packed with events, excursions and activities which have proven what a huge blessing it is to be able to learn and teach in person.

Ramadan has blessed us once again and it is our duty to take advantage of this month by utilizing our time effectively. As Muslims, we seek to learn patience and taqwa through our fasts and our worship. Balancing our religious goals against the time constraints of our everyday schedules drills in us the importance of using every moment to its full capacity.

May Allah bless us all this Ramadan. I wish you all a pleasant break and look forward to seeing you in Term 2 insha'Allah.

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Notices

Uniform

Please note that students who are wearing the incorrect uniform and do not have a note from parents/carers will be sent to the office. The parents/carers will be called to bring the correct uniform. If parents cannot provide the correct uniform the child will be sent home. The incident will then be recorded.

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.

Recycled Art

As a part of Clean-Up Australia Day, students from primary school used their creativity to come up with ways to reuse materials rather than adding to landfill. Students investigated ways that plastic, cardboard and food packaging could be turned into works of art.

Their art was displayed in the hall for others to appreciate and the winning classes were given a pizza party.

Well done to all the students and their teachers for their hard work and creativity in making Australia a cleaner place!



*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



International Women's Day

On the 8th of March, students at WGS celebrated International Women's Day.

The students were involved in a range of discussions and workshop activities aimed at acknowledging the efforts and contributions women make to our society both currently and historically. Students engaged in discussions around being empathetic towards the struggles and challenges that girls and women may face in life and the liberation that came to women through Islam.

The Prophet (s) said: "The best of you (men) are those who are best to their women" (at-Tirmidhi).



Cyberbullying Workshop

Western Grammar School held cyberbullying workshops for two days as part of Harmony Week and we could not be more pleased with the outcome, alhamdulillah!

We are forever grateful to brother Dean Mousad from Invictus Solutions for coming out to WGS to discuss all things bullying related.

Our high school students were wonderfully engaged, learned many new things and got involved with creating their own anti-bullying posters with amazingly positive messages for all of us to learn from tabarakAllah.

We pray this incursion was of great benefit to our students and ask Allah the Almighty to allow it to lead to a safe and happy school for all. Ameen.



Important Dates

Week 11:

F: Last Day of Term

Week 1:

M: ANZAC Day

T: First day of school

Week 2:

M-T: Eid Holidays (TBD)

W: Eid Festival

Week 3:

T: NAPLAN starts

**may be subject to change*

Disability Centre Visit

This term, the Year 10 Leadership students visited the My Home Respite Disability Centre.

Students had the opportunity to spend time with the participants, prepare lunch for them, tour the sensory rooms and get an amazingly educational briefing from the centre's director.

Lunch was then enjoyed by all, organised by brother Dean from Brothers in Need, who also gave the students a beautiful talk about what it means to be a leader, the importance of serving the Ummah, the need to do things now and not wait and the value of young people stepping up and taking over from those involved in Dawah.

Students, staff and families had been fundraising for the centre and, subhanAllah, raised \$3000, which was presented by the SRC members, Hafsah Muqaddam and Sayed Umar Qaasim.

Some comments from students:

"I wish I could stay longer and actually work here."

"Today I learned how to be grateful."

"Best excursion I've ever been on."

"A real eye-opening experience."

"My cheeks hurt from smiling so much with the people there."



Hadith of the Week



Interschool Debate

On Thursday 31st March, Western Grammar School's primary students participated in the Islamic School's Public Speaking Competition held at Arkana College.

Three students were selected after a rigorous round of in-school trials to represent WGS, including Aaliya Safa (Year 4), Yasser Mohammed (Year 5) and Ubaidullah Hasim (Year 6). This was the first time WGS students have participated in a public speaking competition at this level and the results were **AMAZING!**

Aaliyah Safa won second prize in the Year 4 category, Ubaidullah Hasim won first prize in the Year 6 category and Yasser Mohammed spoke with passion and zeal. Together the trio scored the overall highest rank in the school competition, giving WGS the status of **"Overall School Champions"** out of more than ten Islamic schools.

A special mention goes to Ubaidullah Hasim for his victorious impromptu speech on **"Ramadan is special because..."** Ubaidullah displayed a high level of confidence, articulation and passion throughout his delivery that engaged the audience in a deeply emotional way. Well done to all three students for their hard work and commitment!

A massive thank you to Arkana College and the organisers for an outstanding event and their great hospitality.

