

# NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## 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

Alhamdulillah, we are halfway through Term 2 and have thus far had an eventful time, starting off strong with the Islamic Quiz and Quran Competitions in Ramadan followed by the Eid break. Students and staff also partook in charity events such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and visiting the head office of Brothers in Need to raise money and assist with their wonderful causes such as feeding the homeless.

Online NAPLAN exams were the highlight for the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, while our Primary Coordinator collaborated with Al-Faisal College to launch an improved version of the Get Reading Right program, which will further advance literacy skills in foundational years. This term also saw gymnastics introduced to selected classes in primary school to create awareness of physical activity and its benefits.

In Week 3, Sheikh Abdullah Hakeem successfully delivered a parenting program on a difficult but important topic to all participating parents. WGS will insha Allah organise two more sessions this term, so please keep an eye out for them.

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

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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-2:00pm. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

# Robotics in Action

In the Science unit 'Out of this World', Year 5 students learned about the solar system. They researched Mars and investigated features necessary for humans to inhabit a planet.

Students studied rovers and their role in exploring planets and transmitting data. They concluded the unit with a STEM activity where they built a rover called 'Milo' in groups using a WeDo 2.0 kit and programmed it to move on a designated path.

Students had a blast becoming our STEM pioneers at WGS!



*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."*  
—Michael Altshuler



# Biggest Morning Tea

On Friday, 20th May 2022, Western Grammar School participated in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research.

Primary and high school students and teachers donated different food items to be sold at the stalls that ran between 9:30am and 11am. Students enjoyed the different treats sold at the stall, while SRC students helped run the stall with teachers' assistance. They appreciated the opportunity to raise awareness and make a difference to cancer research.

All up, we raised over three times our projected goal to donate to cancer research. What a beautiful effort from everyone involved.

# Parenting Program

Alhamdulillah for a very insightful and educational talk presented by Sheikh Abdullah Hakeem this term on the topic 'Pornography and Its Effect on Children'. It was not an easy topic to explore but without a doubt it was a topic that really needed to be discussed.

With statistics and surveys that were quite staggering, Sheikh Abdullah highlighted just why, as parents, we NEED to be discussing this and being even more aware than ever before.

It was great to see so many parents open to this discussion and not allowing their discomfort to stop them from learning more. Alhamdulillah. it was even better to see Sheikh Abdullah being so sensitive, honest and open about the content and implications of this topic tabarakallah.

May Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala protect us all from the evils of this dunya. Ameen.



## Important Dates

### Week 6:

**M: Harmony Cup**

**Th: Parenting Program  
Interschool Debate  
Canberra Excursion**

### Week 7:

**M: Year 11 Fundraiser**

**W-F: K-10 Half Yearly Exams**

### Week 8:

**M: Public Holiday**

### Week 9:

**M-F: Refugee Week**

*\*may be subject to change*

## Debate Competition

On Tuesday the 24th of May, Western Grammar School welcomed Rissalah College debating teams and coaches to our school for Round 2 of the Islamic Schools Debating Competition.

The competition, which our Stage 4 team won last year, had been conducted online last year and earlier this year, so we were excited to finally have in person debates and they certainly did not disappoint!

Stage 4 (Years 7&8) debated the motion, 'parents should not be able to access their children's social media accounts' and were arguing the affirmative case. Stage 5 (Years 9&10) were faced with the motion 'sports clubs should be responsible for the actions of their fans' and were arguing against the proposition. The debates were conducted with vigour, passion and gusto from all teams involved, and both debates were closely contested.

Rissalah College were extremely gracious guests and presented their respective cases strongly. Nonetheless, Western Grammar School was granted the win with both debates alhamdulillah!



# Hadith of the Week

**NIGHT OF DECREE**

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
 "Say: O Allah, You are forgiving and generous. You love to forgive, so forgive me." (Tirmidhi)

قال النبي ﷺ  
 « قُولِي (قُلْ) اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ كَرِيمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي »  
 (الترمذي)

**TRIALS OF LIFE**

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
 "When Allah wants goodness for someone He gives him a test" (Al-Bukhari)

قال النبي ﷺ  
 « مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُصَبِّ مِنْهُ »  
 (البخاري)

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
 "The dearest of actions to Allah is that which is done consistently, even if it is small!" (Al-Bukhari)

**Consistency**

قال النبي ﷺ  
 « أَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ »  
 (البخاري)

قال النبي ﷺ  
 « وَاعْلَمَنَّ أَنَّ النَّصْرَ مَعَ الصَّبْرِ، وَأَنَّ الْفَرَجَ مَعَ الْكُرْبِ، وَأَنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا »  
 (الاحمد)

**PATIENCE**

The Prophet ﷺ said:  
 "Know that success comes with patience, relief with affliction, and with every hardship there is ease" (Ahmad)

# Ramadan Charity

On the 14th to the 18th of March, Western Grammar School, in collaboration with iCharity, ran its annual Ramadan Charity Drive. The money collected helped feed poor and needy families with their Suhoor and Iftar throughout Ramadan, alhamdulillah.

Year 12 students ran this project throughout the week and the school students and staff managed to successfully raise \$21,100. This money helped feed over 400 families throughout Ramadan.

Masha Allah, what a tremendous effort by everyone involved. We thank iCharity for their amazing efforts and we thank all our students, parents and staff for donating to this wonderful cause. Jazakallahu Khair.

The Prophet (s) said: "Whoever gives iftar to one who is fasting will have a reward like his, without that detracting from the reward of the fasting person in the slightest." (Tirmidhi)

