

Western Grammar School

KNOWLEDGE IS THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION

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Hadith:

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day let him speak good or remain silent."
[Bukhari and Muslim]

Divine Speech

Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving; Surah 67. Al-Mulk, Verse 2:

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Assalaam-o-Allaikum

I am humbled and honored to contribute to Western Grammar School's last newsletter in 2013. It is indeed a great blessing of Allah SWT for giving me the opportunity to lead the school board in 2013.

Western Grammar School has grown from infancy to stability within a year and there are exciting times ahead insha-Allah and the Board will continue its efforts to support the development of this new school to serve the Islamic community in the west of Sydney. We have exceeded our target of 100 students and will be starting 2014 with 125 students.

Unfortunately due to high demand and our limited capacity we regretfully had to place some kindergarten applications on the school's waiting list and we hope we can cater for them in the near future insha-Allah.

Western Grammar School continues to strive in order to provide quality education to our children. To support quality education, spiritual and social development, we have inspiring working environment and highly committed staff. The School will continue with infrastructure improvements as demands increase through enrolments.

I encourage the staff and students to continue with their dedication and the trust that the management has placed in them. This journey which you have taken with Western Grammar will mark the history and leave the legacy behind for generations to come insha Allah. May Allah guide you & provide you with courage, patience & dedication on this journey.

I continue to see hope in the future for our children as Western Grammar excels itself with a strong foundation for its graduates to become dedicated Australians.

The Board as a whole and through its committees has addressed various improvements in its governance responsibilities throughout the year. In conclusion, my very sincere thanks to fellow Board members for their commitment and I look forward to their support throughout the 2014 and to the mentors and teachers – you have a well-deserved break. You have taken pride in your work and collaborated with your colleagues in all educational matters within a team environment where you had the student interests as your first priority.

Subhan Ali JP

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**Western Grammar School
Board Chairperson**



We have now reached the last school week of 2013. We are saying goodbye to 2013, a year that felt like a guest who came to give a bundle of flowers and fragrances and departing quickly without any delay. An emotional time that brings tears to the eyes.

On one hand there has been many achievements and on the other hand life is drifting away and there is a lot to be done. There are many commitments ahead of us and on top of our agenda is our continuous commitment of serving the community and the humanity at large. 2014 is now on our doorstep, approaching with big expectations combined with a strong zeal. With our dedicated team and positive work environment, we will achieve it all by the Will of Allah.

I thank Allah for guiding us to successfully find and choose the right team members, who are the backbone of Western Grammar School. May Allah reward them immensely for their continuous efforts and unwavering commitment. I end by saying, "May Allah (SWT) protect you and your families".

Take care and Allah Hafiz.

Irfan Azal

Assalaamu Alaykum Dear respected parents and Guardians,

We are quickly approaching the end of the year and all students are extremely excited about the upcoming holidays. This year has been a very busy and productive year for all students and teachers. We had many great events that took place this year. Some highlights of the year were the AFL sports program, our whole school sports carnival, Eid ul-Fitr fun day, science week and book week.

Many students across K to year 6 have excelled academically this year. All their teachers are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of the students and their parents. We can see the excellent results which they have produced all year, Tabarakullah. I hope the dedication and hard work of all students continues on next year.

This year was my first year working at Western Grammar School as Primary coordinator. It has so far been an absolute joy working here as I feel this school is my home and all staff is like my family. I have very much enjoyed being a part of this vibrant and energetic team at Western Grammar School. This is truly a unique school whom all staff are dedicated to the well-being and learning of the students.

I will be taking some time off next year for maternity leave, and Insha'Allah will be visiting the school and checking up on all the students and staff at certain times. It has been a great journey for me at WGS and while I'm absent, I will miss the great working atmosphere which all students and staff have created.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff for being so welcoming and friendly. Western Grammar School is truly a place one would like to be a part of, Alhamdulillah.

A big thank you goes out to Ms. Sadika Zaarour and Ms. Eman Zaarour who had worked extremely hard in the past two terms with year 1 and 2. Ms. Sadika Zaarour will also be going on maternity leave next year, and we are hoping to have her join us once again in the near future. Ms. Eman Zaarour has been an important member of our school. She will be also taking some time off next year to spend with her little ones at home. I wish you both well and May Allah swt reward you for dedication at WGS. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. Insha'Allah we will see you next year.

Wasalaamu Alaykum Wa rahmatullahi Wa Barakato.

Ms. Mona Qadan
Primary Coordinator



KINDERGARTEN

As Salaamu Alaykum respected parents,

Kindergarten Roses had a wonderful journey this year. It was as if it were yesterday was their first day at Kindy, and now they will make their way to year 1. I'm proud of all my little Kindys as they have grown socially, intellectually and mentally over this past year. They have proven to me that they are ready for year 1 and its challenges that lie ahead of them. They have been a great class to work with all year, and I will miss them dearly. May Allah swt protect each and every one-ones of my Kindy students and see you succeed in this world and the Hereafter, Ameen.

This term K Roses have been studying Australian Animals in English. We have learnt about various Australian reptiles and mammals. We wrote many information reports and narratives about our topic. Along with this theme, we looked at the Australian map and all the states within in Australia. To further bring this unit alive, K Roses went to Featherdale Wildlife Park in Blackdown to have the opportunity to see, touch, hear and smell the animals which we have been studying in the classroom. All students were extremely well behaved and excited to visit the Park. We first had recess once we arrived at the park then made a tour around the park. We saw many animals and touch some of them. Animals which we saw were kolas, kangaroos, cockatoos, wombats, echidnas, different types of snakes and lizards, emus, dingos, some farm animals and many more. K Roses also had the opportunity to get a private lesson about Australian animals at Featherdale along with touching and patting the animals.



YEAR 1 & 2

During the last part of the year, the students in 1-2 Lillie's have covered a lot of work on text types. These include narrative, information report, exposition, procedure and a recount. Here are some samples of the text type students have done in class.

In the holidays

During the holidays I went to the park. I went with my family. Firstly I played on the pink slide then I played on the slow sea saw. Later we went back home. After that we had lunch and I ate a big green apple. Then we went to the shops and bought a strawberry milkshake. Finally we went back home.

Recount By Ruifaldah year 1

Should all children learn how to swim?

I believe that all children should learn how to swim. Firstly children should learn how to swim because it can save their life by swimming back to shore if there is danger. Secondly you can escape from dangerous sea creatures. Also if there is a flood you can swim and help other people. Finally it gives you more exercise. That's why I believe that children should learn how to swim.

Exposition By Samwecha Year 2

The Girl

10,000 years ago there lived a girl and her name was Bell. She had brown hair and she loved going to the park.

One sunny day as she was going to the park, she saw a tornado. She tried to run away.

After her mum came and helped her. Soon the tornado went and the girl was happy.

Narrative By Adia Year 1

Title: Emu

Classification: Emus are a part of the bird family.

Description: The emu has brown feathers and a blue neck. The baby emu has brown and white stripes. They have a tall body but can't fly.

Habitat: they live in Australia

Feeding habits: The Emus eats insects, fruits, flowers and grass.

Movement: The emu runs with its fast legs.

Breeding: The emu has big white eggs in the winter months and they lay about 20 eggs at one time.

Interesting fact: Families of emus are called a mob.

Information report By Ammar and Zainab Yr 1



YEAR 3 & 4

This year has been a very successful year for the year 3s and 4s. With the relatively good results in NAPLAN for year 3s. In addition, for both the classes overall improvement has been seen in the academic results especially in listening and comprehension. Jazaallah khair for the parents help. Generally, the parents are encouraged to get their children to read as much as possible and practice as many questions as possible to enhance their thinking skills. In science we have looked at different types of rocks and soils. In HSIE, we have studied about China and compared it to Australian culture. As a result, we will have an excursion to the Australia Museum to learn more about Australia and China. In CAPA we have made models of colourful mats to explore the art involved in the carpets. We have also made the Iron Man and used crepe papers to make beautiful decorations. In PDH, other than sports, we studied personal hygiene and the consequences of bad hygiene. The students have practiced the Nasheed to be performed in the graduation ceremony with enthusiasm. Many of my pupils have worked diligently to attain good results in the exams. Congratulations to all those who will receive a medallion for achieving highest or second highest in Math or English. May Allah assist everyone achieve excellent results in future.



YEAR 5 & 6

As 2013 comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the year 5 and 6 students for a wonderful job this year. For the year 6 students it is a time of excitement and achievement as their primary school journey comes to an end. Just as these feelings of accomplishment and triumph start to subside the feelings of curiosity, anticipation and excitement start to move in. Their secondary school journey will start next year and making them the inaugural batch of High School students at Western grammar.

While the transition into High School should be smooth, it can be difficult when the foundational skills and knowledge are not acquired. For this reason I would like to lay an emphasis how these students can prepare for this challenge and take advantage of the summer holidays. Firstly I would encourage all parents to work with their children especially in numeracy and literacy. The children are now at a stage where they cannot afford to miss out on the groundwork namely in reading, writing and mathematics. As students' progress forward in their schooling, assumed knowledge increases and concepts taught move further away from the foundation.



Therefore if a child has not grasped their basics the loss increases a greater level in High School. What can parents do if they feel their child has not grasped the foundation work in literacy and numeracy? Firstly they can pursue a formal path through tutoring or they can choose to work together with their child through many activities using replicating questions covered in class throughout the year. In addition to this they can utilise the resources that many websites provide in numeracy and literacy. For further advice parents can contact the class teacher.

2013 AT A GLANCE THROUGH PICTURES

YEAR 2013 AT A GLANCE



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Last Day of the year 12th Dec, 2013
- Special Assembly/Graduation 12th Dec, 2013
- Australia day 27th Jan, 2013
- First Day of Term1 ,2014 28th Jan, 2014
- Last Day of Term1 ,2014 10th Apr, 2014



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