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Admin Managers Message

As Term 3 wraps up, the administrative team at Western Grammar School takes a moment to reflect on the vibrant and eventful weeks we've experienced. It's been a term full of activities, growth, and achievements, and we're thrilled to share some highlights from our perspective.

Our admin team has been busy managing daily operations and special events, always striving to support our students, staff, and parents. Highlights include the book character parade, parent-teacher interviews, and market day, all of which fostered meaningful connections with our school community.

Looking ahead to Term 4, we're excited to continue our efforts in enhancing school operations. We eagerly anticipate reuniting in Term 4 to continue our shared journey. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break.

Warm regards,
Hina Rafiq
Admin Manager

Hadith

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم
مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ
مسلم

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Charity does not decrease wealth" (Sahih Muslim)

Charity is a hallmark of a true believer, as it reflects love for helping others and fulfilling our duty to those in need. At Western Grammar School, we've seen the generosity of our students and parents through your donations towards orphan sponsorship and the homeless run. Your contributions are a beautiful reflection of your commitment to being compassionate Muslims.

As we head into the two-week break, I encourage you to continue instilling the value of charity in your children, reminding them that giving brings both blessings and joy. May Allah reward your efforts and grant you a restful holiday with your families.

Abdullah Hakeem
Head of Islamic Department

Sponsor





Athletics Carnival



The Western Grammar School Athletics Carnival kicked off the term with an exciting display of school spirit, athleticism, and teamwork. Held at the beginning of the term, the event was a resounding success, with students putting on an impressive performance filled with flair, enthusiasm, and incredible athletic ability. From the opening races to the closing relays, the carnival was a burst of energy and colour. Students dressed in vibrant costumes to support their house teams, adding to the electric atmosphere that filled the event.

The house teams also played a key role in making the day special. The Red Lions took home the Chanting Competition trophy with their energetic and spirited chants. The Green Bears demonstrated incredible coordination throughout the day, while the Yellow Eagles stood out for their responsibility and sportsmanship. Ultimately, it was the Blue Wolves who emerged victorious, winning the overall competition and celebrating their triumph with pride.

A big thank you to all the students, staff, parents and sponsors who helped make the carnival such a success. We look forward to another great year of sport at Western Grammar!

Zoheb Khan
PDHPE/ Tech Mandatory/ Visual Arts
Teacher

Drummoyne Wharf Excursion

This term, Year 4 has been learning about community, remembrance and the First Contacts in History. In line with this unit of work, students were provided with the opportunity to board the Rosman Ferry and visit a range of historical locations. Rosman Ferries took the students on a tour to a large range of interesting places where the excursion leaders explained their history and current use.

They informed the students about the different aspects of British colonization including food, particular landmarks, building shelters, and the different uses of the land. Students also investigated the effects on the local aboriginals living in the area currently.

Zafirah Ayoub
Year 4 Teacher



Islamic Schools Debating Competition

Alhamdulillah, our school has had the opportunity to once again participate in the annual Islamic Schools Debating Competition. This year, our school has had three competitive teams take part in the competition, ranging across years 7 – 11.

The competition, known for its challenging topics and high standards, provides students with a platform to engage in thought-provoking discussions and hone their public speaking abilities. Our students have navigated through these demanding debates with exceptional skills and remarkable enthusiasm.

Through their consistent efforts throughout the year, our stage 4 and stage 6 teams qualified for the semifinals, with the stage 6 team going through and qualifying for the grand finals! Alhamdulillah.

As the final stretch of the competition approaches, we keep our students in our duas and wish them continued success.

Parsa Qureshi
Highschool teacher





Semester 2 SRC



Our semester 2 SRC were announced and given their badges earlier on in the term. Semester One SRC's were acknowledged for their effort and contributions.

Some of the activities they engaged in were leading morning assembly, making themselves known at recess and lunch with their hi-vis vests and monitoring the friendship bench.

They attended regular meetings and presented their class's concerns to the meetings. They enjoyed activities in the meetings that helped develop relationships across Kindergarten to Year 6 students and developed leadership values.

Our new SRCs are eager to take on the roles and become voices for their peers in their classrooms and contribute positively to the Western Grammar student community.

Shana Khan
Head of Wellbeing



Puppet Show

Western Grammar School organized an anti-bullying puppet show on the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, which took place on August 16, 2024, under the supervision of Ms. Kaukab, the school counselor. Our Kindergarten students were thrilled about the stage performance.

Our show tackled tough topics like "No Bullying Zone", "Be Yourself," "Stand Up," "Be Nice to People," "Respect Others, Be Kind to Others" "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully," "Say No to Bullying," "Stop Bullying," and "Let's Be Strong Together."

The students' participation in the Q&A session demonstrated their solid understanding of the theme. This fun and educational experience left the audience feeling uplifted and empowered to make a positive difference.

Kaukab Nagi
School Counsellor





Peer Support



As we reflect on another remarkable year at Western Grammar School, I am filled with gratitude for our vibrant community. This year, we have prioritized the holistic wellbeing of our students, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

Our peer support program led by year 6 fostered connections and camaraderie among students across kinder to year 6 reinforcing the importance of looking out for one another.

The Student Representative Council played a crucial role in voicing the perspectives of their peers, fostering a sense of community and engagement. Our Values Program emphasized being respectful, being responsible and being resilient, encouraging students to embody these principles in their daily lives at school and at home.

We also prioritized anti-bullying initiatives, equipping our students with strategies to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Additionally, I am incredibly proud of our students' growth and the kindness they continue to show each other. Together, we are building a brighter future at Western Grammar School.

As we move forward, let us continue to champion wellbeing and support one another in our journeys. Remember, it's okay to ask for help, and together, we can achieve anything.

Shana Khan
Head of Wellbeing





Hadith of the Week



THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

"VERILY, I HAVE BEEN SENT TO PERFECT GOOD CHARACTER"

(AHMAD)

قال النبي ﷺ
إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

أحمد

26. GOOD CHARACTER



THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

"WHOEVER ENCOURAGES OTHERS TOWARDS GOOD WILL HAVE THE REWARD LIKE THE ONE WHO DOES IT"

(MUSLIM)

قال النبي ﷺ
مَنْ دَلَّ عَلَى خَيْرٍ فَلَهُ مِثْلُ أَجْرِ فَاعِلِهِ

مسلم

27. ENCOURAGEMENT



THE PROPHET ﷺ SAID

"THE BEST OF YOU ARE THOSE WHO LEARN THE QURAN AND TEACH IT"

(BUKHARI)

قال النبي ﷺ
خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

البخاري

28. THE QURAN

Upcoming

- First day of Term 4 - 14th October
- Last day of Term 4 - 11th December
- Catch-up vaccinations for Year 7 and 10 - 16th October
- World Teachers Day - 25th October

Reminders

Uniform shop Address and Timings:
14/4 Eddie RD Minchinbury
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm



Term Dates 2024



Term 1
Start: 31st Jan
End: 9th Apr

Term 2
Start: 30th Apr
End: 5th Jul

Term 3
Start: 23rd Jul
End: 27th Sep

Term 4
Start: 14th Oct
End: 11th Dec