

Responses from Lebanese Quaker Community

Sami Cortas, Clerk of the Brummana Monthly Meeting

The Friends of Brummana send their greetings to the Friends in Australia. We thank you for the letter of love and solidarity, and for holding us in the light. Your message of "Peace and Justice" is shared by all the peace-loving people of the world and it is our hope that one day the whole world and its leaders will embrace it.

Palestine and its people have witnessed tremendous injustice and suffering for many decades. As a Palestinian poet once wrote, "Palestine, the land of peace that knows peace not".

Let us all put our hands together to spread the message of Justice, equality, human rights, love, and peace throughout the world.

In friendship,

Sami Cortas

Clerk of the Brummana Monthly Meeting.

David Gray, Principal, Brummana High School

Thank you very much for your kind expressions of support and of concern to those who are suffering the consequences of conflict in the Middle East.

We at Brummana are not entirely detached from this, with many of the 90,000 from the South of Lebanon who have fled the area, coming to live in rented accommodation, in places like Brummana. Of course the main impact which we suffer in this ungoverned, economically collapsed country is the uncertainty of life, not only in the medium term, but on a day to day basis as well.

We very much appreciate your thoughts, reflections and prayers, and assure you that Brummana High School, as a Quaker School, remains strong amidst the sea of troubles, and determined to continue to promote values of respect, tolerance, and peaceful resolution amongst its students.

We try to be a beacon of light in a beautiful, wonderful, but benighted country, and will continue to prepare the over 1200 students, who are members of our community, for a better, happier and more peaceful world.

Thank you for all your good wishes, which we warmly reciprocate.

Yours,

David Gray

(Principal, Brummana High School)