



IQRA Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Assalamu Alaikum

Principal's message:

We have had a wonderful start to the year and all the children are excited to get back to routines and some really exciting activities this year! We all enjoyed a short week due to Waitangi Day on Thursday 6.2.25. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to our Meet the Teacher session on Wednesday after school. It was lovely to put a face to a name for many parents and I am sure great to hear from your child's teacher about important classroom routines and expectations. It was also a chance to speak to the Special Character teachers about the Qu'ran, Islamic Studies and Arabic programme. If you need any more information please reach out to the school staff.

This week two special students were given their role and responsibility as Head Students. We congratulate **Adam Member** and **Reham Sabto**. It is exciting to have a real student voice created by our two leaders and ambassadors of the school.



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Also this week we congratulate a number of wonderful Class Captains. They will wear a badge on their uniform for one term. Next term a new Class Captain will be voted by the children's peers.

Congratulations to Term 1 Class Captains:

Year 1, Room 1: Omar Ragued
Year 2, Room 2: Farhaan Mir
Year 3, Room 3: Layla Almasri
Year 4, Room 4: Safiyah Almasri
Year 4, Room 5: Aaliyah Afaq Khan
Year 5, Room 6: Daiyan Mohd Adnan
Year 5, Room 7: Yazen Al-Saidi
Year 6, Room 10: Edrees Almasri
Year 7-8, Room 8: Fareeha Fatima
Year 7-8, Room 9: Faris Al-Saudi



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We look forward to more leadership opportunities for students to put their hand up for going forward.

Just as a reminder, please know that the children need to wear a sunhat when they are on break at morning tea and lunch times for term 1 and 4. These are summer terms and the sun and UV is too great for the children to be out in the direct sunlight without a hat. Please ensure your child has a uniform green Iqra School bucket hat they can purchase from NZ Uniforms. Also please ensure your child puts on sunscreen at the start of each day. Thank you.

The children have had their uniforms checked by the Team Leaders this week so teachers will follow up with parents of children who may need to check they have the right clothing.

Thank you for your support



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Sports updates:

- Top Corner soccer will resume in Term Two not Term One.
- Tennis Tuesdays-started back this week
- Chess Wednesdays- started back this week
- Archery Saturdays- this is continuing (please see Mr. Anzar for the start date)
- Karate Wednesdays- this is continuing - starts 12 Feb

Please take a look at our sports booklet at reception to know how to register for these sports. It was also sent on Skool Loop.

Child's progress at Iqra School:

There will be further opportunities to receive feedback on your child's progress at Iqra School. Starting this year, there will be a Work Habits & Attitude Report Term 1 and 3 as well as the usual Academic Reports in Term 2 and 4. This will allow parents to get a better understanding of the values and attitudes of their child at Iqra School and support them if needed alongside the teacher. Also parent / teacher interviews will be held earlier in the year allowing parents to receive feedback sooner and have a chance to hear about their child's next steps and make changes before the year is coming to an end.



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Fundraising Events:

There are some exciting fundraisers events coming up at Iqra School this term.

- ⇒ On **February 23, 2025** (Sunday) there will be a soccer tournament and Hunger ball (+ food sales) session this day. Mr Anzar will provide information to the community about how to register for this amazing event so you don't miss out.
- ⇒ **Thursday 13 March and Friday 14 March** we will hold our annual Ramadan- Auction/ Fundraiser. See next page for more information.
- ⇒ **Iqra School Market Day on Sunday 6 April.**

Date: Sunday 6 April 2025

What: Come to the market to buy wonderful Islamic food/ products

Where: Iqra School carpark/ hall

Time: 1:00pm set up

3:00-8:00pm Market open

If you would like to be a vendor at this market please complete the application form / vending agreement that will be sent home next week with your child / and posted on Skool Loop.

Successful vendors will be contacted to confirm their place and table.

Cost: Vendors charge is \$100 (non-food stall)

\$120 (non-food stall)

Put this in your diary as a wonderful family event your friends will enjoy. We look forward to celebrating a wonderful Islamic community event. We hope you all can come.



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BREAK YOUR
FAST WITH
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Ramadan Auction/ Fundraiser-IFTAR

TIME & PROGRAM

Thursday 13 march 2025 Women's evening
Friday 14 march 2025 Men's evening

6:00 PM	→	<i>Qur'an Recital Nasheed</i>
7 pm	→	<i>Auction? Fundraising</i>
7.40 pm	→	<i>Dinner</i>
10 pm	→	<i>Finish</i>

رمضان مبارك

Cost: Free for the mother and father of each child at Iqra School. Only parents of Iqra School parents are invited. Iqra School children are welcome to come and eat dinner in a different room and meals will be provided free of charge. **Year 4-8 boys are asked to accompany their fathers on the Friday 14 March session.**

This is a fundraiser for Iqra School getting a new playground. Please give to this cause! **The school would like to auction goods from the businesses** of our community members. If you are able to provide a product or service for auction please contact Leanne Chartrand (leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz).

A note providing more information about the proposed playground as well as the invitations admitting entrance to the Iftar event will be sent home with your child next week. Each adult must be a parent of a child at Iqra School and must have an invitation to enter.



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Next week the teachers in year 4,5,6,7,8 will be starting the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT). New Zealand teachers use a variety of tests to determine what level students are at, what progress they are making, and where they may need extra help. Progressive Achievement Tests, commonly known as PATs, are one of the main sets of tests schools use.

PATs are multiple-choice tests designed to help teachers determine achievement levels of students in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar and Vocabulary. The test results help teachers decide what kinds of teaching materials are needed and which methods or programs are most suitable for their students. PATs are also important because they identify the progress a student is making from year to year.

All PATs are available as online tests. Schools can also buy printed PATs from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER), an independent research organization which first developed the tests more than 30 years ago.

PAT Pānui | PAT Reading Comprehension assesses how well Year 4 to 8 students understand the text they are reading. Each test is organized around several extended pieces of writing which include stories, poems, reports and explanations.

PAT: Reading Vocabulary assesses Year 4 to 8 students' ability to understand the words they read. Each question is based around a key word that is embedded in a short sentence. Students are asked to choose a synonym that best represents the meaning of this word from a list of five possible alternatives.

PAT Pāngarau | PAT Mathematics covers number knowledge, number strategies, algebra, geometry and measurement, and statistics. PAT Pāngarau is for Years 4 to 10, with some tests appropriate for ākonga in Year 8.

PAT: Punctuation and Grammar is designed to assess Years 4–8 students. Questions fall into three categories: punctuation, grammar use and grammar knowledge. Questions are aligned with the Literacy Learning Progressions
keen to have your help and support!



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A note has gone home this week about Iqra School students starting their visits to New Lynn Library. We look forward to the first visit for your child happening in week 4. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions about this wonderful literacy promoting program.

Parents to Help!

From time to time the school requires the help of parents to help run events at the school. If you are interested in joining this committee, being a regular parent helper to attend regular fundraiser meetings, help organise school events, and participate in school run programs, then please contact the Principal (Leanne) at leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz. We are keen to have your help and support!



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Term 1 Events

- 10.2.25 PAT testing week
- 17.2.25 New Lynn Library visits y1-8 this week
- 23.2.25 Hunger Ball tournament + food fundraiser
- 3.3.25 Curriculum Survey
- 13,14 March Ramadan Fundraiser/ Auction, 6:30pm-10:00pm
- 17.3.25 New Lynn Library visits Y1-8 this week
- 21.3.25 Term 1, week 8, Work habits & Attitude Report available online for parents
- 25.3.25 & 27.3.25 Mitey (mental health) programme visits Iqra School
- 31.3.25 Eid- counted as school day - HOLIDAY**
- 1.4.25 Eid- HOLIDAY**
- 2.4.25 - 3.4.25 Term 1 Parent/ Teacher Interviews after school, Term 1 week 10
- 3.4.25 Lockdown training with Harrison & Tew, 8-12:30pm
- 4.4.25 Bouncy castle / Eid Y7,8 Fundraiser
- 6.4.25 Iqra School Market Day/ Community soccer Event
- 11.4.25 Uniform free day- bring a gold coin, food stall, Last day Term 1, 2025
- 28.4.25 First day Term 2, 2025

Reporting for term 2

27.6.25 week 9, term 2 Academic reports available to parents

EID- 6 JUNE- counted as a school day- HOLIDAY

Reporting for term 3

16.7.25-17.7.25 Parent / Teacher Interviews after school Term 3

19.9.25 week 10 term 3 Work habits & attitude reports available to parents

Reporting for term 4

12.12.25 Term 4, week 10 Academic Reports available to parents

Have a lovely weekend.



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Attendance Dues Caregiver Portal student fees

Attendance Dues and Caregiver Portal:

- Iqra School is a state integrated school. The proprietors of integrated schools charge compulsory attendance dues. Our proprietor collects attendance dues, which are a condition of enrolment at Iqra School authorized under the Education and Training Act 2020. Attendance dues are not a donation and are not eligible for a tax credit.
- At Iqra School, attendance dues are set at \$1000 per year, per student. Third and fourth students subjects to 50% discount in 2025 as long as the first child is still enrolled.
- Payments must pay through Ezypay, our third-party provider. A link to this exists in the caregivers access portal.

With the Caregivers Access Portal, you can:

- View Your Child's Details
- Check Attendance
- Access School Reports
- Explore the School Calendar
- Make Payments Online "Ezypay"
- View Announcements and Activities
- Communicate with Teachers

How to Access the Portal

To access the portal, please follow these simple steps:

1. Visit the Iqra School website.
2. Click on the Caregiver Portal button located at the top right corner of the homepage.
3. You will be directed to the Edge Caregiver site. Enter your email (the email registered in the Student Management System at Iqra School).
4. If this is your first time accessing the portal, click on "Forgot/Reset Password."
5. You will receive an email with instructions to set up your password.
6. Once you have completed these steps, you can log in using your email and the new password you set.



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Attendance Due and Caregiver Portal:

Setting Up Payments Through Ezypay

We have partnered with Ezypay, a third-party provider, to make the payment process easier for you. You can also access the tutorial directly [here](#). Payment through online banking is no longer available.

We believe this portal will make it easier for you to stay connected with your child's education and the school community. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

A transaction fees will be added to each payment done as per below,

- the transaction fee for using Visa/Mastercard, which is 2.9% of the amount scheduled. Should the customer use a bank account as a payment method,
- the transaction fee would be 1.2% of the amount scheduled.

Payments for each term must be paid in advance and before the term starts. See below for term start dates:

Term One Date: 30 January 2025

Term Two Date: 28 April 2025

Term Three Date: 14 July 2025

Term Four Date: 6 October 2025



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Leader of Special Character Miss Ghada and her team:

With the beginning of a new academic year, we return with many dreams and goals in mind, aspiring to achieve them. This is how God has created life—to be based on positive change that enables us to fulfill our purpose: to develop the earth and be His stewards.

Since today's students are the leaders of the future, there is no doubt that as parents, teachers, and educators, we bear the responsibility of investing in them to raise a righteous generation, equipped to build and develop the earth in a way that pleases God and benefits all. This is a great responsibility that requires us to research, study, enhance our performance, and review our efforts—analyzing what we have succeeded in to further develop it, and identifying areas where we have not succeeded to explore new approaches.

This is what we, as a school, strive to do throughout the year, and we trust that you, as educators, are doing the same. To ensure our collective success, we invite you to keep the channels of communication open between us, so we can work together for the best interests of our children.

مع بداية عام دراسي جديد نعود وفي أذهاننا أحلام وأهداف كثيرة نحلم بتحقيقها. وهكذا قد خلق الله الحياة لتكون قائمة على التغيير الإيجابي الذي يجعلنا نحقق المهمة التي من أجلها خلقنا وهي أن نعمار الأرض ونكون خلفاء لله فيها. وبما أن طلاب اليوم هم قادة المستقبل فلا شك أننا كأباء وأمهات ومعلمين مسؤولين عن الاستثمار فيهم بما يجعلهم جيلا صالحا مؤهلا لعمارة الأرض على النحو الذي يرضي الله تعالى ويحقق الخير للجميع وهذه مسؤولية كبيرة تضع على عاتقنا واجب البحث والدراسة وتطوير الأداء ومراجعة حساباتنا لنرى ما الذي نجحنا فيه وكيف نطور، والذي لم ننجح فيه فنبحث عن طرق جديدة ونعيد حساباتنا. هذا هو ما نقوم به على مدار العام كمدرسة ونحن نشق أنكم كمربين تقومون بالأمر نفسه. ومن أجل أن ننجح جميعا فإننا ندعو لأن تكون قنوات التواصل بيننا دائما مفتوحة لنعمل معا على ما فيه صالح أبنائنا متمنين للجميع عاما مليئا بالإنجازات.



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Welcoming the New Students

The school warmly welcomed the new students during the first assembly of the year, creating an exciting and inclusive atmosphere. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to meet and start building connections. Here are a few photos from the event, capturing the energy and enthusiasm of the day.



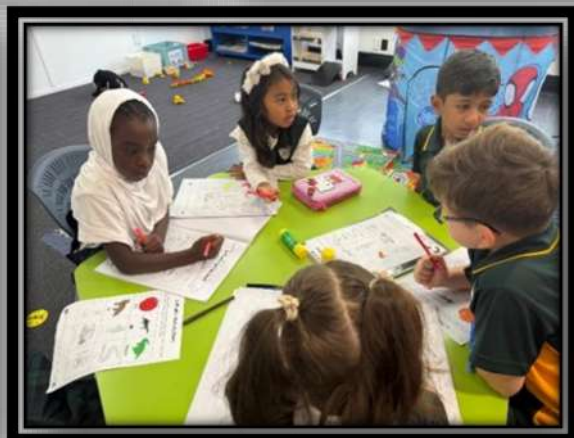
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Tasneem Numeracy and Literacy learning: Year 1,2 & 3

In **Literacy**, students across Years 1–3 are exploring **personal narratives**, weaving their own experiences into storytelling while embracing **Iqra School values**. Year1 and 2 students, through their writing, shared moments of **kindness and respect**—both felt and shown—strengthening their understanding of positive relationships. Our Year 3 students began their journey into personal narratives by brainstorming summer memories and drawing pictures to share their experiences



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In Numeracy, students are building strong **number knowledge**, developing confidence in **addition and place value** through hands-on activities. **Year 1-3 students are engaging in interactive tasks such as number tracing, counting games, reviewing their understanding of three digit number, and using counters to explore early maths concepts in a fun and tactile way.** With creative problem-solving and hands-on learning, they are strengthening their numeracy skills in meaningful ways!



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Staff interview

Sajdah Nazif (Year 4– Room 4)



Where are you from?

Afghanistan.

What are your hobbies?

I like sports, watching movies, and I love eating food, not cooking it (especially dessert, tea and coffee) , and shopping.

Why did you choose to teach here at Iqra?

It is an Islamic school and I get to pray, read the Quran, say the athkar. Incorporate Islamic teachings and connect with the students, like my kids

How do you feel teaching here at Iqra?

I love it!

Have you ever taught at another school, if so compare it to your experience here?

I have taught at another school and actually it was very different because you have to be more aware and educated about Islam and try to not say/ do anything wrong.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

My favorite subject to teach is Maths.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is, hmmm, that's a tricky question because I like food. Maybe Pizza, sushi, burgers, chips, chicken and rice.

What is your favourite colour?

At the moment my favourite colour is olive green.

How long have you been a teacher?

I started in 2015 and now it is 2025, so 10 years.

Do you have any pets?

No but I live on a farm with chickens, sheep, cats, kittens, cows and horses.

Interviewed by Reham Sabto (Y8) and Maya Sumaya (Y7)

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Board Member



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Our school board members



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Board Member



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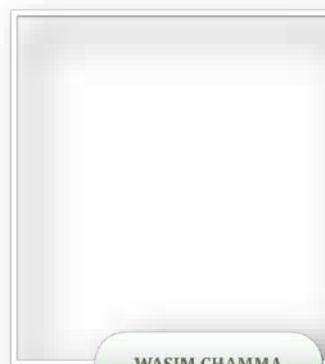
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70 posts

254 followers

7 following

Iqra School

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IQRA School is a state integrated area school catering to students from year 1 to year 8. IQRA was established in 2016 by our proprietors of Algoritim Educational Trust.

We focused on providing quality education as outlined by the New Zealand Curriculum as well as provide our localised curriculum and Special Character based on our integrated status.

Our special character focus in across the whole curriculum, however we have specialised areas such as Islamic studies, Quran and Arabic language. These areas are integrated within New Zealand Curriculum.

We at IQRA look forward to working with all of you on our journey toward making our school a leading Islamic School in New Zealand that ensures our students stay connected with our faith, languages, cultures and strong heritage.

Attendance dues:

Attendance dues must be paid through Ezypay, our third-party provider. You can access it through the caregiver portal under the payments tab. If you need help, contact the school. All parents have to set up the payment for 2025 prior to school start date 30 January 2025.

Check the notice sent through the skool loop for more information.



Skool Loop



Skool Loop is our main communication tool at Iqra school



Push notifications (Instant messaging)



Absentee Messaging: provides a quick simple and convenient way for a school parent or caregiver to report absentees to the school.



Notices: All push notifications (instant messages) sent from the school are recorded here as well any school notices.



School calendar: up-to-date school information regarding all school events, engagements and vital dates throughout the year.



Contact details: All the school details plus including titel of staff member.

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