



IQRA Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Term 4 - Volume 15

17 October 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Assalamu Alaikum

Building Renovation Update

The building next door is being renovated to accommodate 4 new classrooms including Science and Technology spaces for up to 100 more students at Iqra School. Ready by Term 1, 2026. The building was painted over the holidays inside and partly outside! Soon new flooring will go in!

Enrolment is open now- if you have family or friends interested in enrolling at Iqra School, don't miss the chance to be part of this exciting chapter. Register all interest with Iqra School at admin@iqra.school.nz for enrolment.

Strike

Please know the school will be closed on **Thursday 23 October** due to PPTA and NZEI industrial action. Year 1-8 stays home this day. There is normal instruction for all other planned industrial action.

Sugar Free Ice-Blocks

Don't forget next Friday **24 October** we will begin our ice-block sales, \$2 each ice-block. This is a real treat as the weather gets warmer, we hope you enjoy.



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Uniform

All children will need to bring a hat to play outside in the summer term. No hat, no play!

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle of water every day to be refilled at the drink fountain when needed.

Please know that the junior girls summer **culottes** are available at NZ Uniform and are much cooler than the wool dress for the children in the warmer months.

Please know that from 2026 year 6 will be considered a Senior and are requested to wear the Senior uniform only.

Important Parent information session

On Thursday 16 October there was a parent information session in the hall after school. Teachers had a chance to explain the maths, literacy and special character programme/ books. If you were not able to attend this session please see your child's teacher for further information.

Culture Day

Thank you to all the children who took part in Culture Day on Thursday 16 October! It was a lot of fun to see everyone in their traditional clothes and the shared food was a delicious treat. Thank you parents for helping your child on the day with the food and costumes!



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Halal Show 2025

Iqra School will have a stall at the Halal Show 2025 held November 1,2 at the Auckland Showgrounds. We hope you can attend and stop by to visit the Iqra School leaders on the day!



Students of the Week

This week we celebrated the following Students of the Week who were nominated by their teachers for trying their best, wearing their uniform with pride and being a role model student. These children were awarded their trophy at our whole school Monday assembly this week.

Y1-3 Tasneem team-Mohammed Sami Shoeb Paik (Y1)

Y4-5 Kawthar team-Samara Quazi Y5 R6

Y6-8 Salsabil team-Saeed Hakim Rm 8 Y 8

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Regular Attendance

In the Ministry of Education NZ, regular attendance is defined as being at school more than 90% of the term. This means a student is present for more than 90% of the scheduled half-days during a term. The Government has a target to have 80% of students meeting this definition by 2030.

The school is tracking attendance each week to date. The results to date are below.

Class regular attendance term 4 is **64.3%**

Y1-82.6% class with the highest regular attendance this week

Y2-78.9%

Y3-81.8%

Y4 R4-78.3%

Y4 R5-75%

Y5 R6-70%

Y5 R7 -44.4%

Y6-64.3%

Y7-8 R8-33.3%

Y7-8 R9-30.4%

Parents and legal guardians are required to:

- make sure their child (including enrolled 5-year-olds) attends school every day the school is open until they are at least 16 years old.

Please check your parent portal on Helix to find your child's attendance pattern and let's move Iqra School's regular attendance up to 90% or higher.



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**ATTENDANCE
REMINDER**

Don't fall back. Be on
time and stay on
track with your
learning.

If you need support,
we are here to help.

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Second Hand Uniform Shop

Please know that we have a second hand uniform shop kept at reception. This is a place where you can bring any Iqra School uniforms you are not using and have the school sell on behalf of your family. We sell uniforms at half price and we give a half of that to parents in exchange. Please come to drop off any donated or sell-on-behalf Iqra uniforms that are cleaned and dried ready for another family to enjoy.

A price list is below.



IQRA School Uniform Pricelist 2026



JUNIOR UNIFORM (Years 1-6)	PRICE
Boys S/S Polo Bottle/Gold w Logo Sizes: K4-K14, S-M	\$40.00
Girls S/S Polo White Sizes: K6-K16, S-3XL	\$40.00
Unisex L/S Polo White Sizes: K6-K16, S-3XL	\$45.00
Boys Shorts Bottle Sizes: 52-117	\$35.00
Boys Trousers Bottle Sizes: 57-112	\$45.00
Culotte Black Sizes: K4-K20	\$55.00
Tartan Pinafore Blackwatch w Logo Sizes: K4-K16	\$88.00
Vest Bottle w Logo Sizes: K6-K16, S-3XL	\$65.00
Junior Fleece Bottle w Logo Sizes: K6-K16, S-L	\$65.00
SENIOR UNIFORM (Years 7-8)	PRICE
Boys S/S Shirt White w Logo Sizes: K6-K16, S-L	\$50.00
Girls S/S Blouse White w Logo Sizes: 4 - 22	\$45.00
Girls L/S Blouse White w Logo Sizes: 4 - 22	\$55.00
Boys Trousers Black Sizes: K6-K16, S-3XL	\$45.00
Girls Ankle Length Skirt Black Sizes: K8-K16, S-L	\$85.00
Vest Bottle w Logo Sizes: K6-K16, S-3XL	\$65.00
Jersey V Neck Bottle w Logo Sizes: K6-K16, S - 3XL	\$88.00

* Prices are current as at 15th October 2025, but are subject to change

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Staying Active

Here is some advice from Sport New Zealand, Aotearoa.

How to be active

Young Kiwis should:

- do 60 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day
- be active in as many ways as possible
- be active with friends and whanau at home, school and in the community
- spend less than two hours a day, out of school time, in front of a TV, computer or game console.

Open spaces

This should be moderate to vigorous exercise and that means an increased heart rate and some huffing and puffing. The 60 minutes can be completed all at once or in chunks throughout the day. This might include:

- playing games
- walking, running or riding a bike to get from place to place
- participating in cultural activities such as kapa haka
- working
- acting- Tamariki giving heart and soul performance.



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Board of Trustees

If anyone would like a copy of the latest Board of Trustees meeting minutes please feel free to contact the Principal.

Term dates 2026

Please know that the term dates for 2026 are published below and also on the Iqra School website. The first day of school will be *2 February 2026*.

Kids Art Works- orders closing soon

Kids Art Works is a creative and meaningful fundraising program that celebrates your child's artwork while raising funds for our school. Through this initiative, your child's unique art is professionally printed onto a range of high-quality products like calendars, notebooks, greeting cards, diaries and mouse mats — perfect for keepsakes or gifts for now or early 2026 events. Not only does this encourage creativity and pride in their artistic expression, but a portion of every purchase also goes directly back to our school to support educational resources and activities. It's a fun and inspiring way to turn your child's creativity into something special that benefits everyone!

These products will be available to purchase now as your special code has been sent home with your child now to order online. Last day is Oct 20, 2025.



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\$15.75 per calendar

\$16.75 per pack of 8 cards

\$20.75 per diary

\$18.75 per mouse mat

\$17.75 per sketch pad

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Term 4 Events

- 20.10.25-24.10.25 New Lynn Library visits, last day for Kids Art Work orders online
- **23.10.25 School closed due to NZEI and PPTA strikes**
- 24.10.25 sugar free ice block sale
- **27.10.25 Labour Day- holiday**
- **28.10.25 Teacher Only Day- no school**
- 30.10.25 Chelsea Sugar Factory, Year 4 classes
- 31.10.25 sugar free ice block sale
- 1.11.25—2.11.25 Halal Show, ASB Showgrounds, 10:00am—6:00pm
- 4.11.25 Transition to Y1 session
- 5.11.25 Chelsea Sugar Factory, Year 5 classes
- 6.11.25 Whole school athletics day, Ken Maunder Park
- 7.11.25 sugar free ice block sale
- 13.11.25 Rain date whole school athletics day
- 14.11.25 sugar free ice block sale
- 14.11.25 Year 8 graduation
- 17.11.25—21.11.25 New Lynn Library visit
- 20.11.25 Food Stall fundraiser TBC
- 24.11.25 Immunisation Year 8
- 26.11.25 Butterfly Creek Y1-3
- 2.12.25 whole school picnic
- 3.12.25 Orientation day
- 9.12.25 Prizegiving
- 10.12.25 Uniform free (gold coin) day and Term 4 reports available, last day T4



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2026 Term Dates – Iqra School
380 half days for composite (area school)

Term 1 - 9 weeks

26 Jan Auckland Anniversary

28 Jan call back day

29 Jan call back day

30 Jan call back day

2 Feb- first day T1

6 Feb- Waitangi Day- holiday

19 March – Eid (Q, Board approved offsite learning- counted as a school day)

20 March- Eid (Q, Board approved offsite learning- counted as a school day)

2 April- last day Term 1

3 April- Good Friday holiday

6 April - Easter Monday

7 April - school holiday

Total T1 = 86 half days

Term 1 holidays Friday 3 April - Sunday 19 April

Term 2- 11 weeks

20 April- First day T2

27 April - ANZAC holiday celebrated today

29 May Teacher Only Day - Structured Maths PLD with Prospect Primary

1 June- King's Birthday- holiday

25 May - Eid (Q, Board approved offsite learning- counted as a school day)

26 May- Eid (Q, Board approved offsite learning- counted as a school day)

3 July- last day Term 2

10 July- Matariki- holiday

Total T2=106 half days

Term 2 holidays Saturday 4 July- Sunday 19 July

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380 half days for composite (area school)

Term 3- 10 weeks

20 July- First day of Term 3

25 Sept- Last day of Term 3

Total T3 = 100 half days

Term 3 holidays- Saturday 26 September- Sunday 11 October

Term 4- 10 weeks

12 Oct- First day of Term 4

26 Oct- Labour day- holiday

27 Oct Teacher Only Day - Structured Maths PLD with Prospect Primary

11 Dec- Last day of Term 4

Total T4 = 88 half days

Leanne Chartrand

Iqra School Principal

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SPECIAL CHARACTER DIRECTORS' MESSAGE:

هذا الأسبوع، نظّم قسم رعاية الهوية الإسلامية في مدرسة اقرأ آخر مسابقة سنوية لهذا العام، وهي مسابقة الحديث النبوي الشريف تحت عنوان "عَلَّمَنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ".

وقد استخدمنا هذا العام كتيبات أحاديث مميزة ورّعت على الطلاب ليتعلموا منها. تمتاز هذه الكتيبات بألوانها الجذابة، وكونها مكتوبة بالعربية والانجليزية، وتحتوي على صور وشروح لمعاني الأحاديث، مما جعلها مصدرًا رائعًا للتعلّم لجميع أفراد الأسرة.

لقد كان من الرائع مشاهدة هذا العدد الكبير من طلابنا وهم يشاركون بحماس، ويتلون الأحاديث بدقة، ويقدمون أمثلة من حياتهم اليومية تعبّر عن فهمهم العميق لمعانيها.

نتوجّه بخالص الشكر إلى طلابنا الأعزاء، وأولياء أمورهم، ومعلمينا الكرام على جهودهم الكبيرة ومساهماتهم في إنجاح التصفيات النهائية.

ونؤمن أن كل طالب يعدّ فائزًا، لأنه سعى إلى حفظ أحاديث نبينا الكريم ﷺ والعمل بها في حياته اليومية.

This week, the Special Character Department held the final annual competition for this year — the **Hadith Competition**, under the theme *"The Prophet of Allah Taught Me."*

This year, we introduced beautiful Hadith booklets for students to learn from. These booklets are colorful, have the Hadith in Arabic and English, include pictures, and explain the meanings of each Hadith — making them a wonderful learning resource for the whole family.

It was heartwarming to see a large number of our students participate, reciting their Hadiths with confidence and sharing personal examples that reflect their understanding.

A sincere thank you to our students, their parents, and our dedicated teachers for their efforts and support in preparing and running the finals.

We see **every student as a winner**, because each one of them took the time to learn the words of our beloved Prophet ﷺ and reflect them in their daily lives.

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Class Captain Term 4—2025

Congratulations to our **Term 4 Class Captains!** These students have been chosen for their leadership, responsibility, and positive attitude both inside and outside the classroom. As class captains, they will help represent their peers, support teachers, and contribute to creating a caring and respectful learning environment at Iqra School.

Well done to all our new leaders — we are proud of you!



Y1: Hamza Shurrab

Y2: Yahya Syed

Y3: Muaaz Abdul Azeem

Y4 R4: Faris Hour

Y4 R5: Waard Hakim

Y5 R6: Maya Shamia

Y5 R7: Duaa Hayiwang

Y6 R10: Fatema Othman

Y7/8 R8: Subia Suhail

Y7/8 R9: Rayyan Al Nobani

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Athletics Day – Wednesday, 6th November!

Get ready for our exciting **Iqra School Athletics Day** happening on **Wednesday, 6th November** at **Lynndale Athletics Club**! Students have been training hard during weekly practice sessions, preparing for both track and field events. On the day, all students **must wear their house shirts** to earn points for their team, along with their **suitable running shoes**. It's going to be a fun-filled day of teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit—so come prepared, stay hydrated, and get ready to cheer for your house!

ShakeOut NZ Drill—Thursday 16 Oct 2025

On Thursday morning, 16 October, Iqra School took part in the **nationwide ShakeOut NZ earthquake drill** at 9:30am. The drill helped our students and staff practise the key safety steps — **Drop, Cover, and Hold** — to stay safe during an earthquake.

Participating in ShakeOut is an important way for our school community to build awareness, confidence, and preparedness in case of a real emergency. We're proud of how calmly and responsibly our students took part in the drill!



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Culture Day – Thursday, 16 October 2025

Iqra School celebrated **Culture Day** on Thursday, 16 October, with great excitement and pride! Students came dressed in their **beautiful traditional outfits**, showcasing the rich diversity within our school community.

One of the highlights of the day was the **Cultural Parade in the hall**, where students proudly represented their heritage and enjoyed the vibrant display of colours, styles, and traditions from around the world.

Students also **brought delicious traditional foods** to share with their peers and staff, creating a wonderful opportunity to experience and appreciate the flavours of different cultures.

It was truly a joyful day of **unity, learning, and celebration** — a reminder of the beauty in our diversity as one Iqra family.



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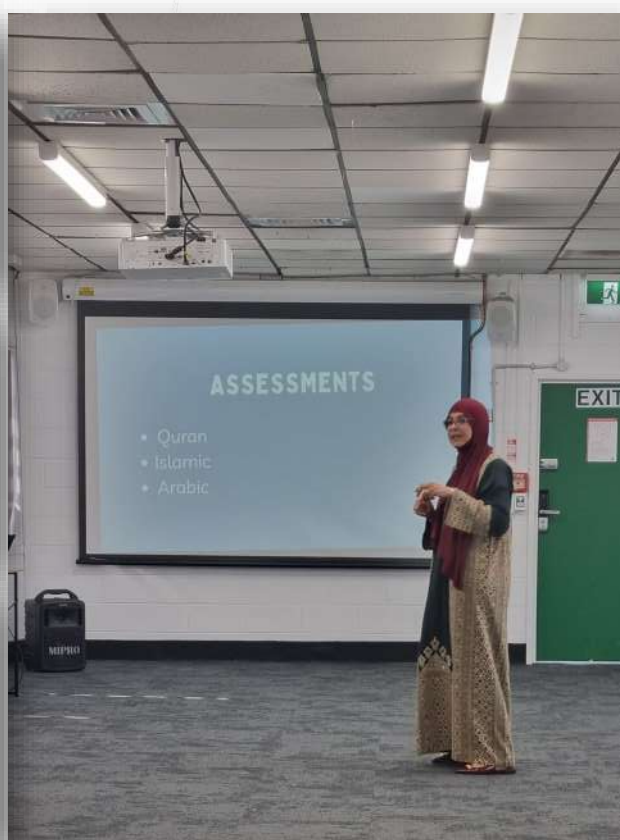
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Parent Information Session – Thursday, 16 October 2025

Iqra School held a **Parent Information Session** on Thursday, 16 October, focusing on **Structured Maths, English, and Special Character** programmes.

We were pleased to see **many parents attend** and engage in learning more about our school's approaches, including the **Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA)**, our **Structured Maths framework**, and the **Special Character programme** planned for **2026**.

It was a valuable opportunity to share how these programmes support student learning and growth. We hope parents left the session feeling **well-informed and confident** about the learning journey ahead for their children.



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Literacy for Salsabil

Halfway through Term 4, we are on track with our literacy goals. In morphology, students increasingly use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to decode, spell, and broaden vocabulary. They map word families, notice simple etymology, and apply morphology to interpret unfamiliar words in context. Through BSLA routines, learners read widely with before/during/after strategies, pre-teach and use critical vocabulary, activate prior knowledge, and respond to purposeful QAR questions. In writing, students plan, research, and draft informative pieces on current events with engaging openings, logically ordered body paragraphs, clear sub-headings, and precise conclusions.



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Numeracy for Salsabil

Halfway through Term 4, numeracy learning is progressing strongly. In Statistics, students use the PPDAC cycle to pose questions, plan fair data collection, select displays, describe patterns and variation in context, and write conclusions that answer the question. In proportional reasoning they are learning to apply percentages, and fractions of amounts in real-life contexts and in straight-forward as well as reverse-played scenarios.



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Staff interview

Ms. Diana Nazzal (Special Character Teacher)

Questions:

1. Where are you from?

I am from Palestine

2. What made you want to teach at Iqra School?

The environment of Iqra School is good, so I love teaching here

3. If you were not a teacher, what would you do for a living?

If I was not a teacher, I would have been a hair dresser.

4. Do you enjoy being an Arabic teacher?

Yes, I enjoy teaching Arabic.

5. What is your favourite part of teaching?

I enjoy communicating with students and engaging with them in different activities.

7. What is your hobby?

I enjoy drawing.

8. What was your favourite subject as a child?

As a child I really enjoyed learning science.

9. If you could change one thing about Iqra School what would it be and why?

I would want the classroom to get bigger so that we can do different things during learning time.



Diana Nazzal

Special Character Teacher

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Interviewed by Aliksir Sunkar (Y7) and Zainab Omar (Y7)



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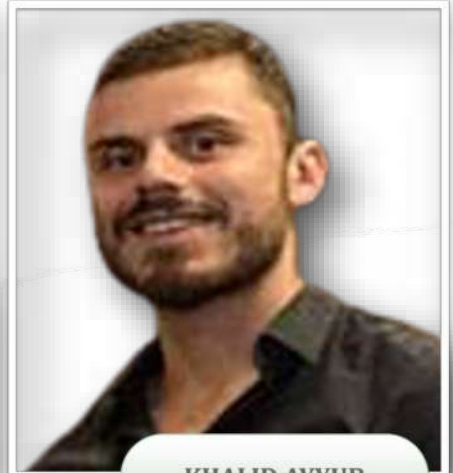
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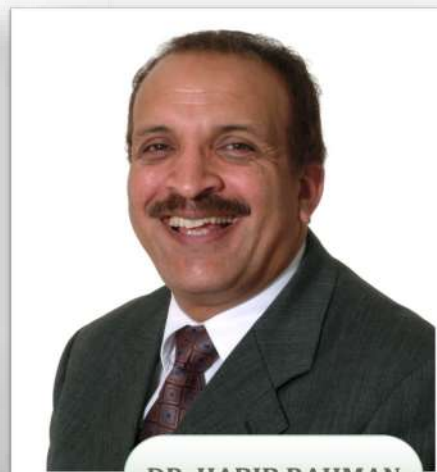
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IQRA School is a state integrated area school catering to students from year 1 to year 8. IQRA was established in 2016 by our proprietors of Algoritim Educational Trust.

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 the start of each term.

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.

Please download free from your Android/ios store.

(Select Iqra school)



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