

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Assalamu Alaikum

Playground

We are excited to let our community know that Iqra School will finally be getting a beautiful playground!

A huge thank you to all the parents and the whole community for all the fundraising that has happened to make this possible. I am sure the children will be very eager to see the new playground take shape. The ground work will begin this term and the playground installation will happen in Term 3.

Thank you to the proprietors for all their support to make this happen with the area and their support to the project. We can't wait!

Iqra School is Growing

Iqra School is working closely with the Ministry of Education, the Board of Trustees and the proprietors to integrate the property next door to create classrooms for up to 100 more students at Igra School.

Register your interest with Igra School at admin@igra.school.nz for enrolment.





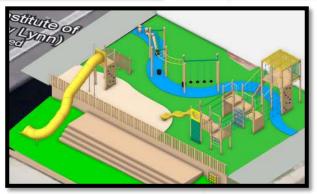


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Note from Auckland Transport

Please find below a message from Auckland Transport about the nearby train services.

As we get ready for the City Rail Link opening in 2026, critical upgrades are required across the network to ensure we can receive the full benefits of this major transport investment. Matariki weekend rail closure, including Monday 23rd June

We are reminding you of upcoming rail closures during Matariki weekend that includes Monday 23^{rd} June – a standard work and school day. Buses will replace trains on all lines, with all-stops rail replacement buses stopping at every train station. Attached is a fact sheet with rail replacement bus details for the Matariki weekend rail closure. Learn more at: Matariki rail upgrades



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Note from Auckland Transport

Following the Matariki Rail Upgrades, and during the winter school holidays from 28th June to 13th July, there will be some partial closures and changes to train services.

Winter Rail Upgrades – Saturday 28th June to Sunday 13th July 2025
The Southern Line will be closed between Puhinui Station and Pukekohe Station for essential drainage resilience works. Trains will be running but at reduced frequencies on the rest of the Southern Line, the Eastern Line, and the Western Line. The Onehunga Line will retain its all-day 30-minute service during this period.

The Western Line will be partially closed between New Lynn Station and Swanson Station from Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th July.

During the Winter Rail Upgrades, rail replacement buses, including an express service will serve closed parts of the Southern Line as we do our best to keep passengers moving. A Rail Bus West (RBW) will serve parts of the Western Line during 12th to 13th July.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Citizenship Assembly

Please know that teachers have contacted parents of children who will be receiving the Term Two Citizenship Award for their class. This is for the child who tries their best, wears their uniform with pride and follows the values we teach here at Iqra School. We look forward to seeing who are Citizenship Award recipients will be Monday 23.6.25 at 8:35am, in the hall.

Friday 27.6.25 Uniform Free day

Please remember that Friday 27.6.25 will be **uniform free day** as it is the last day of term. Please have your child bring a gold coin on the day as a fundraiser for Iqra School. Thank you in advance.

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.

Class regular attendance term 2 to date is 64.9%

- ♦ Y1-75%
- ♦ Y2-60%
- ♦ Y3-56.5%
- Y4 R4-75%
- Y4 R5-62.5%
- Y5 R6-77.3%
- Y5 R 7-55.6%%
- Y6-75%
- ◆ Y7-8 R8-52.4%
- Y7-8 R9-54.5%



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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 lets move Iqra School's regular attendance up to 90% or higher.

Term Two events

This week the children enjoyed **Primary Science Week**. This year's theme was "Exploring Science Safely and with Fun!" Throughout the week, our students will participated in a variety of engaging, hands-on science activities designed to spark curiosity and deepen their appreciation of how science works. Some activities included Water Care Education lessons, AUWS Science Workshop, I-talk sessions, STEMania show, a nature walk and a wonderful school wide science safety poster competition. A huge thank you to **Miss Fazleen** for all her work to make the week so much fun and full of learning about Science!

Reminder that Friday 20 June is Matariki so this is a holiday and there is no school this day.

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.



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Soccer for girls

If your child is in year 1-8 and interested in learning to play football after school on Mondays 3:45-4:45 pm this is free for a trial Monday 23 June. To join for term 3 the cost is \$20 per person. The coaches will be two parents of Igra School and each session will be one hour. Please the school contact if wish to register you email leanne.chartrand@igra.school.nz. We look forward to seeing our girls getting active with football!

We are still looking for a coach for boys soccer- if you are interested or if you know someone who is interested please contact leanne.chartrand@iqra.school.nz.





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Reports

The Term 2 academic reports will be available **Friday 27.6.25 online**. Please ensure you have access to the Helix parents portal to access these. Parent/ teacher interviews will be 16 July and 17 July and information will be coming on Skool Loop how to arrange interviews with your child's teachers.

Term 2 Events

- 20.6.25 Matariki holiday- no school
- 24.6.25 Y7-8 camp fundraiser- food stall (moved from week 7) TBC
- 26.6.25 Term Two Citizenship Assembly, hall Y1-8, 8:35am
- 27.6.25 Uniform free day- gold coin fundraiser
- 27.6.25 week 9, term 2 Academic reports available to parents

Term 3 Events

- 14.7.25 First day of Term 3
- 16.7.25 and 17.7.25 Parent/ teacher interviews- full day of school
- 21.7.25-25.7.25 New Lynn Library visits
- 31.7.25 Food stall- year 7,8 camp TBC
- 11.8.25-15.8.25 Maths week
- 14.8.25 Food stall- year 7,8 camp TBC
- 21.8.25 Science Fair
- 25.8.25 Class/ Individual Photos with Photolife
- 26.8.25-29.8.25 ASB Getwise financial literacy
- 1.9.25-5.9.25 New Lynn Library visit
- 4.9.25 Fire evacuation drill
- 5.9.25 Year 1-3 Production, time TBC
- 11.9.25 Year 6-9 Production, time TBC
- 12.9.25 Year 4-5 Production, time TBC



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Term 3 Events

- 15.8.25-19.9.25 Maori Language Week
- 19.9.25 Food stall fundraiser TBC
- 19.9.25 Term 3 available to parents, uniform free day (gold coin), last day Term 3

Term 4 Events

- First day of Term 4
- 6.10.25-8.10.25 Year 7-8 Camp TBC
- 20.10.25-24.10.25 New Lynn Library visits
- 23.10.25 Culture Day
- 24.10.25 sugar free ice block sale
- 27.10.25 Labour Day- holiday
- 28.10.25 Teacher Only Day- no school
- 31.10.25 sugar free ice block sale
- 4.11.25 Transition to Y1 session
- 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
- 17.11.25-21.11.25 New Lynn Library visit
- 20.11.25 Food stall fundraiser
- 24.11.25 Immunisation year 8
- 28.11.25 Year 8 graduation
- 2.12.25 whole school picnic
- 5.12.25 Orientation day
- 9.12.25 Prizegiving
- 10.12.25 Uniform free (gold coin) day and Term 4 reports available



SPECIAL CHARACTER DIRECTORS' MESSAGE:

ومع اقتراب نهاية هذا الفصل الدراسي المليء بالتجارب التعليمية المتنوعة، التي اتخذت أشكالًا متعددة داخل الفصول وخارجها، من خلال الأنشطة المختلفة، والاحتفال بعيد الأضحى، واستضافة متحدثين ومعلمين من خارج المدرسة، نختتم هذا الفصل بإحياء ذكرى الهجرة النبوية، التي تصادفنا في نهاية الأسبوع القادم.

وقد بدأنا بالفعل بالتحضير لهذه المناسبة العظيمة، حيث يستمع الطلاب إلى قصص الهجرة النبوية ويتناقشون حول ما تحمله من دروس وعبر، كما سيتم اختبار معلوماتهم عبر أنشطة تفاعلية وألعاب ومنافسات ممتعة بين الطلاب.

ونحن بدورنا نشجع أولياء الأمور على استثمار هذه المناسبة في الحديث مع أبنائهم حول أحداث الهجرة، وما تحمله من معانٍ عظيمة، وكيف يمكننا الاستفادة منها في حياتنا اليومية، وفي دورنا كمسلمين تجاه المجتمع والعالم أجمع.

نتمنى للجميع عطلة مليئة بالمتعة والفائدة.

As we approach the end of this school term this school term, which has been filled with rich educational experiences both inside and outside the classroom, through engaging activities, Eid celebrations, and hosting guest speakers and educators from outside the school—we conclude the term by commemorating the Hijrah (Prophetic Migration), which falls at the end of next week.

We have already begun preparing for this significant occasion. Students will be listening to and discussing the many lessons and values found in the story of the Hijrah, and their understanding will be tested through interactive activities, games, and fun competitions.

We encourage parents to take this opportunity to talk with their children about the events of the Hijrah, the valuable lessons it holds, and how these lessons can be applied in our daily lives and in our role as Muslims in both our community and the wider world.

We wish everyone a holiday filled with benefit and joy.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Rippa Rugby Blurb

Over the past three weeks, students have been training hard for Rippa Rugby under the guidance of **Mr. Kennedy, a professional coach**. With energy, teamwork, and a great attitude, they've been preparing for this competition. The big day is happened on **Wednesday, 18th June**, and the team was excited to put their skills to the test! **Mr. Anzar, Mrs. Marwa**, and some fantastic parent helpers accompanied the students on the day, thank you!























SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Hockey

Hockey practices have been in full swing over the past three weeks, with **Miss Ohoud** leading the sessions. The students have shown great dedication and improvement as they prepared for the competition which was on **Wednesday**, **18th June**. We're lucky to have **Mr. Anzar**, **Mrs. Marwa**, and a group of supportive parent helpers who joined us to assist and cheer the players on during the event. Thank you!











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Hockey













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Congratulations to our Iqra School Hockey Team for their outstanding performance and well-deserved victory on Tuesday, 18 June 2025! They won every match and were overall winners on the day amongst all the other schools! The team showed incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the match. Every player gave their best on the field, and their hard work and training truly paid off. A huge thank you to our dedicated coach and all the supporters who cheered us on. What a proud moment for Iqra School – well done, team!





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fitness Club Update

We are unhappy to inform you that **Fitness Club has been cancelled**. We understand this may be disappointing news, and we appreciate your understanding. All students who were enrolled will be **refunded back with half the amount**. Thank you for your support, and we hope to offer more exciting activities in the future.

Archery Club Update

Archery sessions are still in full swing and happening **every Saturday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. Students have been enjoying developing their focus, technique, and precision each week. It's been great to see their progress and enthusiasm — keep aiming high!









SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Primary Science Week

Primary Science Week has taken place this week. This year's theme was "Exploring Science Safely and with Fun!"

Science is a hands-on subject that forms an essential part of the Cambridge Curriculum. In Primary Science, students build their understanding by actively engaging in experiments and investigations. These practical experiences are key to developing important scientific skills such as observing closely, measuring accurately, and using scientific tools with care.

Throughout the week, our students participated in a variety of engaging, hands-on science activities designed to spark curiosity and deepen their appreciation of how science works. They also explored how to enjoy science safely by learning how to manage and reduce potential risks.

Water Education Lessons with Water Care NZ (Monday 16 June 2025)















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Primary Science Week

STEMania! is coming to our school

On Tuesday 17th June 2025, our Year 4–8 students enjoyed STEMania!—a high-energy live show in the school hall at 9:30am. This fun, fast-paced performance uses comedy, storytelling, and interactive moments to bring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) to life. It was packed with laughs, mind-blowing facts, and exciting insights into how STEM helps us understand the world and build our future. STEMania! makes STEM fun, engaging, and relatable—showing tamariki that STEM is not just important, but awesome! It was a perfect mix of learning and entertainment that sparked curiosity and inspired young minds.





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Primary Science Week

AUWS Science Workshop on Monday 16 June 2025

As part of Science Week, the Auckland University Women in Science (AUWS) team visited our Year 7 and 8 students on Monday 16th June. Students explored preserved insects, experimented with light polarizers, and took part in a microscopy challenge. The university students also shared their science journeys and showed how curiosity can lead to exciting science careers. It was a fun, hands-on workshop to inspire a love for science!













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Primary Science Week

Nature Day—Thursday 19 June 2025

Our Year 6 students took part in a special Nature Day on Thursday 19th June. This exciting day involved a "walk and talk" exploration of our local environment, including a visit to the nearby stream and river. Students walked from school along the walkway beside the stream to Rewarewa Reserve and then continued on to Ken Maunder Park. Along the way, they learned about the natural features of our local waterways and also took part in a litter clean-up to help care for our environment. The day ended with a creative nature art activity beside the river at Ken Maunder Park, encouraging students to connect with and reflect on the beauty of the natural world.





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Primary Science Week

Nature Day—Thursday 19 June 2025





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Primary Science Week

Exploring the science of food—Fun with recipes!

Our younger learners dove into the exciting world of food science through hands-on activities and tasty experiments. They got to create and try out fun recipes such as the Magic Milk experiment, safe and edible slime, and a fizzy lemon volcano. They also discovered the science behind what makes popcorn pop! Throughout these activities, we emphasised the importance of food safety and hygiene, ensuring that students learn how to use kitchen tools responsibly and safely.





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Water Cycle Lesson Years 1-2 (Thursday 19 June 2025)

Our youngest students in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a hands-on Water Cycle session. Through storytelling, interactive activities, and movement, they learned how water travels through its continuous cycle – from clouds to rain, rivers, and back again. This session was designed to build foundational scientific understanding in a playful and memorable way.





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Eid-al-Adha Celebration

Iqra School was filled with joy and excitement as we celebrated **Eid al-Adha** together! The students came dressed in their beautiful Eid clothes and brought delicious food to share during lunch time. It was heartwarming to see the spirit of giving, sharing, and unity among the children. Laughter, smiles, and full tummies made it a memorable celebration for everyone. Alhamdulillah for such a wonderful day!

















SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Junior Assemble Term 2

Our Term 2 Junior Assembly was a fantastic showcase of learning and confidence! **Year 2 students** did an amazing job presenting about **Community Helpers** and **Science Habitats** – their speaking, creativity, and teamwork were truly impressive. A big **congratulations** to all the certificate winners for their hard work and achievements. It was a proud moment for teachers, parents, and the Iqra School community!









Salsabil Team for Literacy and Numeracy

This term, we have been learning how to structure our ideas clearly through persuasive writing. We are focusing on how to present arguments with reasons and evidence that convince the reader. Our writing aims to express strong viewpoints while considering how best to engage our audience. When reading, we are learning to think about the author's purpose and intended audience. We explore how texts are shaped to inform, persuade, or entertain. This helps us become more thoughtful readers who can question and analyse ideas.

In Maths this term, we have been exploring geometric angle rules and how they help us solve problems. We have learned about the properties of different polygons and how to identify their features. Our work has included recognising patterns in shapes and using angle facts to find missing values. We have also focused on percentages, decimals, and fractions, and how they connect to one another. Students have practised converting between these forms to solve real -life problems. We aim to apply these concepts to everyday situations and more complex challenges.



Salsabil Team for Literacy and Numeracy















Staff interview

Ms. Samar Ahmad (Executive Officer)

Questions:

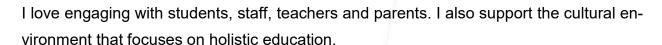
1. Where are you from originally?

I am originally from Palestine, born and lived my whole life in UAE

2. What's your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is blue

3. What do you enjoy most about working in a school environment?



4. How do you build positive relationships with students and staff?

I engage in the school cultural events, be kind, meet the deadlines, uphold the school values, offer help where it is needed, share resources, participate in staff activities, be respectful and listen actively and value others.

5. Describe a typical day in your role. How do you stay organized and manage your responsibilities?

I would list my tasks to do on a daily basis, schedule meetings and deadlines, I have prayer breaks and manage school events and set reminders for follow ups and prioritize tasks. I clear my desk at the end of the day.

6. What led you to work in an Igra School?

Firstly an Islamic school that provides lessons like Islamic Studies and Arabic. It's an opportunity to be in an educational environment that blends respect and Muslim values and it helps bring up successful young people.





Staff interview

Ms. Samar Ahmad (Executive Officer)

Questions:

7. What motivates you to do your best every day at work?

Being among the students and staff that's one of the things that motivates me

8. What's your favorite food?

Chinese food

9 Who is your favourite author?

Honestly I don't have one. I like to read quotes but I do not read full books

10. Which day was the best for you?

The best day was the day when I became a mother



Interviewed by Rayyan Quazi (Y8) & Abdulmehsen Ajeil (Y7)



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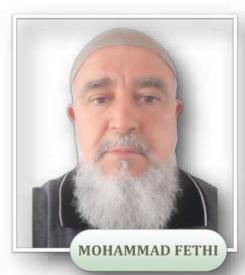
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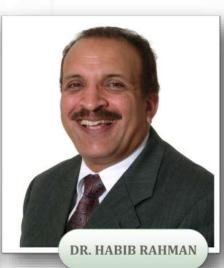
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Our school board members



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Board Member



Proprietor Rep Board Member



School Principal

Board Member



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Iqra Values

















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P.O. Box 15425 New Lynn 0640 Auckland 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 is our main communication toola 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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