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NEWSLETTER

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Principal Message

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Kia Ora and Bula Vinaka,

It's been such a vibrant few weeks at school already! We celebrated Wellbeing Week with lots of fun

activities for staff and students, including Colourful Hijab Day, our Leavers' Assembly and Fun Day and meaningful community service by our seniors.

We also had our ERO visit, and I'm so proud of the way our school community came together to show our academic engagement, faith, spirit and values.

A reminder that our senior students start study leave from Monday, 20th October. They had their exam orientation today at AMS, and I want to wish all of them the very best for their NCEA exams!

We have some exciting news! We will be at the NZ Halal Show on the 1st and 2nd of November at the Greenlane Showgrounds. Keep watching for updates and we hope to see you there.

Thank you for being part of the Zayed whanau. Ka kite Ano, Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

Ust Nazmeen Ahmed
Acting Principal

Important Dates

Mon 20 Oct	Year 7 & 8 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Thu 23	Full Day National Strike - no school however there will be staff onsite for the Barista Course that runs Thu 23rd and Fri 24th for selected Year 11.
Fri 24 Oct	Last day of Barista Course
Mon 27 Oct	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Wed 29 Oct	Strike Action- Normal school day - ban on extracurricular activities
Fri 31 Oct	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Sat 1, 2 Nov	HALAL EXPO - we will be there! Come along and support us!
Tue 4 Nov	NZQA Exams begin
Wed 5 Nov	Strike Action - National 2 hour strike in the afternoon. Time to be confirmed.
Mon 17-21 Nov	Junior exams/assessments begin
Tue 25, 26 Nov	Book Week Activities
Fri 28 Nov	Teacher Only Day - no school
Mon 1 Dec	Junior School Trip
Thu 4 Dec	Poetry Day
Tue 9 Dec	Prizegiving
Wed 10 Dec	Last day of school

Enrolments for 2026

We are now accepting enrolments for 2026.

Priority enrolment will be given to siblings of current students. If you have a Year 7 you wish to enrol, please contact the school office as soon as possible to secure your place.

Transport Wanted and Offered

8-seater car service has started from Blockhouse Bay to Zayed College for Girls and Al Madina School for pickup and drop-off. Charges: \$60 per week or \$15 per day please contact us directly for more details or to book a seat. Haji - 022 572 9411

Transport wanted from New Lynn area in 2026.
Contact the school for details.

Swimming Classes Commencing Next Week Year 9 & Year 10

We are pleased to inform you that swimming classes for our Year 9 and Year 10 students will commence next week, starting Monday, 20 October 2025.

These lessons form an important part of our Physical Education program, helping students develop water safety awareness, build confidence and improve overall fitness.

What Students Will Need:

- Appropriate swimwear
- Towel
- Goggles (optional but recommended)
- Waterproof bag for wet clothing

Please ensure your daughter is well-prepared and brings all required items on her swimming days.

If your child has any medical conditions or concerns we should be aware of, please inform the class teacher or school office before the program begins.

Swimming is a valuable life skill, and we strongly encourage full participation.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school.
~Ust Manalia

Senior Students – Study Leave and Exams

Our Year 11, 12, and 13 students are now on study leave as they prepare for their upcoming exams. We wish them all the very best and make dua'a for their success and ease in their studies, Ameen.

A gentle reminder that senior students are not to come to school during study leave or exam time unless prior arrangements have been made with staff. There will be callbacks for selected students only (e.g. Barista course).

Parents are to drop your daughter/s to the Exam centre and collect them from there. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**The Prophet ﷺ said,
"Cleanliness is half of faith"**

~ Sahih Muslim (223)

Attendance Matters

Attendance is an expected behaviour and an important part of success at school and beyond. We hope you enjoyed the pizza and rewards last week — more importantly, we hope you felt the self-satisfaction and benefits that come with being at school every day.

Consistency builds confidence, friendship, and achievement.

Be assured we will continue to recognise your commitment through ways such as acknowledgements and certificates each term. Keep up the great effort!

Strike Action Update

There will be ongoing industrial action over the coming weeks:

Wednesday, 23 October: Full day national strike

Wednesday, 29 October: Ban on extracurricular activities

Wednesday, 5 November: National two-hour strike in the afternoon — school will close early on this day. Time to be confirmed.

We will keep you informed of any changes as they arise.

YEAR 12 - COMMUNITY SERVICE

JazakumAllahu Khairan to our Year 12 students and teachers who volunteered their time to clean the Airport Masjid. Your efforts in serving the House of Allah are truly appreciated. May Allah reward you abundantly for your dedication and sincerity — Ameen.

