



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa and Salaam Alaikum

Welcome all students, families and staff to term 2! I hope you have all been able to enjoy spending more quality time with each other over the school holiday break, and students are ready and looking forward to this autumn term at school.

It is a privilege for me to act as principal of Zayed College for Girls while Ustadha Regina is on sabbatical this term. I very much appreciated being welcomed, together with Ustadha Waseema, at a beautiful mihi whakatau in the final week of last term. Thank you to students and staff for the warmth and kindness you extended. Ustadha Waseema has joined the school for the rest of the year, whereas I will only be with you for this term until Ustadha Regina returns at the beginning of Term 3, after what I hope will be a wonderful sabbatical experience for her.

All the very best to students and staff who are on school camp for the final three days of this week - these experiences stay with you and are so important as part of experiencing wider curriculum and school life. The Kauaeranga Valley is stunning; I am sure everyone will have a fabulous time!

I note that staff used my favourite whakatauki to frame their work together last term:
He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata! / What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people!

The feeling I have is that this is understood at Zayed. I am looking forward to working alongside students, families and staff, with this as a shared foundation.

Term 2 is a business term for students to work hard and get key learnings and assessments under way or done, so they are in good heart for the second half of the school year. I'm looking forward to supporting students, staff and families to achieve this.

Noho ora mai

Deidre Shea
Acting Principal

NEW PHONE RULES IN EFFECT

New Government regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school,



including during lunch time and breaks.

As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all state and state-integrated schools to put in place school rules regarding mobile phones.

Our current mobile phone procedures remain in place while our bylaws are being updated to reflect the new regulations, meaning that mobile phones must not be used in class.

How parents and caregivers can help

We have had conversations with students here at school about the new mobile phone rules and we are also stressing to students the importance of complying with these new requirements so that programmes of learning are not disrupted. We would be grateful for parent/caregivers to speak to your teens about these rules and to reinforce the expectations of the school.

Finally, it is important to note that if students do make the decision to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be turned off, handed in or kept at the bottom of their bag at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any mobile phone.

TERM 2 DATES

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (92 half-days)

Wednesday 1 - Fri 3 May-CAMP
Monday, 3 June King's Birthday -Public Holiday
Thursday, 6 June Cultural Day
Monday, 10 June Green Week
Monday, 17 June Eid ul Adha
Friday 28 June Matariki - Public Holiday

LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

Zayed College for Girls is an inclusive school where we accept students with all levels of abilities and understand that not all children learn at the same pace.

Learning support is a school-wide responsibility but in addition, we have a dedicated team of teacher aides to support students who need that bit of extra support.

Our Learning Support team falls under Pastoral Care, headed by Ustada Nahla. Ustada Nadeema is the SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) as well as the LSC (Learning Support Coordinator) and she is responsible for the assessment of students, allocation of support, supporting teachers with strategies to support our students, funding applications and managing the team who works in the classroom alongside both teachers and students.

The team is made up of Ust Aomoema, Ust Jahaan, Ust Mariam and Ust Huma, who have varying skills and experiences. They are integral to the contribution of the success of our students.

We are here to help so feel free to contact Ustada Nadeema, should you have any questions.

EARLY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL

It has been observed that some parents are picking-up their child/children early on a regular basis.

Please try to make appointments outside school hours. If there is urgent appointment, please bring the appointment letter. There should be a genuine/good reason to pick-up your child/children during the day as they miss out on important learning.

DUHR/ JUMU'AH SALAH TIMES

Mon-Thurs 1:30pm - 1:50pm

Fridays - 1:10pm - 1:45pm

Parents/caregivers are advised NOT to pick-up their child/children during the above times. If there is any urgent appointment during these timing, please pick them up before Salah.

DID YOU MOVE IN THE HOLIDAYS? DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

It is important that parents/caregivers keep us updated on contact details incase of emergencies and so that we can keep you up to date on school matters.

Email admin@zayedcollege.school.nz if any contact details such as address, email address, contact phone numbers need to be updated.

URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Namata Rd, Onehunga
Tahuhu Road, Mount Wellington

TRANSPORT OFFERS

Do you need transport in the Papatoetoe area? We have a parent needing transport in the Regent Road area, however if he can fill his car with students, it could be another option. For his contact details, call Lina

There is a van coming to and from the Avondale Islamic Centre. They have one seat available.

If you can help please contact the office on 09 2550904 ext 212 or email linat@zayedcollege.school.nz and we will put you in contact with the parent/s.

The school is not responsible for transport nor will the school act as a communication between you and the driver. Please exchange numbers with the driver and speak to them directly. If you have any transport issues, please let the driver of your child/children know.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP ON YOUR PHONE YET?

We can not reiterate enough the importance of parents and whanau downloading our school communication app **Skool Loop**. This is our main form of communication especially in an emergency. Thank you to those parents who have **Skool Loop** already.

At least one parent has a mobile phone. We would like all our parents to have access to this app.

Please download the app as soon as possible and encourage other family members to do the same.

1. Download Skool Loop from Playstore
2. Choose your school
3. Ready to Communicate

Easy as that. If you have any problems please contact Lina on 09 255 0904 ext 212 or reception after 2pm.



Public transport 

Fares are changing for under 25s from 1 May

Find out if you are still eligible for discounts



AT.govt.nz/farechanges

Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds on AT bus, train and ferry services will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the government’s decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.

This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

5 to 12 year olds will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares, and free travel on weekends). The child concession will be applied to anyone aged 5 to 15 who have an AT HOP card registered with their correct date of birth. These customers should ensure their HOP card is topped up by May 1.

13 to 15 year olds will stop receiving the half-price child fare discount and instead pay full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who have a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

16 to 19 year olds with a secondary student concession will stop receiving the half-price secondary fares discount and instead pay full secondary fares (at least 40% off an adult fare). Students aged 16-19 should apply for the secondary student concession to ensure they are paying the cheapest fare possible.

More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at AT.govt.nz/

Congratulations to Ust Sahar and her family on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Hamza.

May Allah make the child a blessing for you and a blessing for the Ummah of Muhammad Sallallahu Alayhi wa Salam, Ameen

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: ZAYED COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY AT PAKURA HARRIERS CLUB

Zayed College Athletics Day at Papakura Harriers Club's Athletics Day at Massey Park brought together students, families, and the community for a day of spirited competition and celebration. From the crack of the starting pistol in relay to the final leap in the long jump pit, the day was filled with excitement and achievement.

Girls of Aelah groups (Marwa, Mina and Safa) showcased their talents in a range of events, including sprints, relays, and field events like high jump and shot put. It was inspiring to see our students push themselves to new heights, displaying perseverance, sportsmanship, and teamwork throughout the day.

The events were very competitive and Marwa was able to hold the first place and Mina second while Safa third. The support from families and friends created an exciting, positive and memorable atmosphere where all students not only showcased their athlete talents but also a celebration of teamwork, determination, and community spirit.

Once again, Masha Allah and congratulations to all our athletes on a fantastic Athletics Day, and a special thank you to all the teachers, supporting staff and Papakura Harriers Club for hosting such a memorable event. Here's to many more years of success on the track and in the field.

See you all in 2025.....In Shaa Allah.
Ustadah Shana

