



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
 EDUCATE A WOMAN, EDUCATE A NATION
NOTICES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Dear Parents, students and whanau

As we reach the blessed month of Ramadan and the end of another rewarding term, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support for Zayed College. Alhamdulillah our roll is now over 200 students.

It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and a deepening of our Islamic values. I am incredibly proud of our students' dedication to their studies and commitment to practising their faith. Its so lovely to see them at different places inside the atrium and outside on the school grounds reading Quran. May Allah (SWT) accept all of our good deeds during this holy month.

Looking ahead, I'd like to inform you that I will be taking a sabbatical leave during Term 2. This will be a valuable opportunity for me to pursue professional development and visit esteemed Muslim schools in Sydney and Brisbane. I am eager to learn new strategies and share best practices upon my return.

In my absence, Ms. Deirdre will be serving as Acting Principal. Ms. Deirdre is a highly experienced and dedicated educator, and I have full confidence in her leadership. Please extend your support to her as she guides our school community.

Finally, I kindly ask you to keep me in your duas as I embark on this journey of learning and reflection. May Allah (SWT) grant us a peaceful and productive Ramadan, and may He guide us all towards success in this life and the hereafter.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan (May Allah reward you),

Regina Rasheed

**ZAYED COLLEGE QURAN COMPETITION
 TERM 3 2024**

Important dates:

Semi-final Friday 26 July

Final Thursday 1 August

The Quran competition consists of 4 categories.

1. Beginner memorisation - Surah Ad Dhuha to An Naas
2. Intermediate memorisation - Surah Al Waqi'ah
3. Advanced memorisation - Surah Al Furqan
4. Recitation - Surah An Nur



NEW PHONE RULES 2024



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.

When do the new rules take effect?

The new government mobile phone rules must be in use as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than Term 2. 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 are having 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, they do so at their own risk. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to any mobile phone.

More information will be sent out shortly.

BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN PARKING/DRIVING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

It's time to remind everyone about how to be a responsible member of the Zayed College for Girls community. In particular, when dropping off your child to school or when picking them up at the end of the school day.

What's the problem?

We received three complaints within a 10 day period about the driving or parking behaviour of our parents from either other parents or members of the wider community. This is in addition to the conversations had with individual parents and the interactions that teachers have had while on duty.

Specific complaints have been about drivers overtaking the queue and turning left in front of cars turning right or even cars overtaking cars to turn right!

Yellow Lines

Yellow lines tell drivers that they can't stop there. They are there to make sure that all road users can see other traffic and pedestrians. Drivers must remember that the yellow lines are there to keep everyone safe, and can't be ignored just for the sake of their own convenience.

What's the solution?

We know that parking is limited nearby the school and there is little that we can do about it. What we can control is our own driver behaviour.

Our combined attention to traffic safety and ongoing courtesy to others at the school drop off and pick up is what ensures that all of our children get to school safe and happy.

All of us have a role to play in this. Thank you to those of you who already understand this and always park and drive legally.

Here are some tips to help you get your children to and from school safely:

- Parking areas to save congestion in the driveway: the carpark between Al Madinah and Zayed College for Girls and the park across the road.
- Plan ahead to park a bit further away from the school gate. Park further down Westney Road and enjoy the walk with your child.
- Arrange for your daughter to meet you somewhere at the end of the school day for pick up.
- When you leave the school grounds, all turn left and turn around at your safest convenience.
- Don't park on yellow lines.

I know that it's tiresome for the majority of our whānau, who are already driving and parking with extra caution, to hear this message again.

The safety of our children is everybody's responsibility and we need everyone in our school community doing all that they can to keep all of our children safe.

If you've let your driving habits slip lately, or if you are guilty of any of the poor driver choices mentioned above - it's time to do better. For everyone's sake.

URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Regent Road, Papatoetoe
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.



IF Eid is on Thursday 11 April
Friday 12 April Teacher Only Day

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Teacher Only Day will be deferred to 6 May
Thursday 11 April is a normal school day.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Saturday 13 April - Sunday 28 April
(includes ANZAC Day 25 April)

TERM 2 DATES

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

Monday, 29 April -School Photos
Wednesday 1 - Fri 3 May-CAMP
Monday, 3 June King's Birthday
Thursday, 6 June Cultural Day
Monday, 10 June Green Week
Monday, 17 June Eid ul Adha
Friday 28 June Matariki

YEAR 8 TRIP TO ECOMATTERS IN NEW LYNN

In Week 4, our Year 8 students embarked on an enriching excursion to Ecomatters, an innovative hub dedicated to sustainable practices and the utilization of recyclable materials.

Led by Amanda, they delved into topics such as sustainability and kaitiakitanga, learning how to repurpose recyclable materials effectively. The session included a tour of the gardens where various fruit trees were cultivated, alongside demonstrations on composting techniques. Lasting for four hours, the trip aligned closely with their technology curriculum, exposing students to alternative gardening methodologies and waste management strategies.

They gained insights into segregating waste and the Auckland Council's endeavours to foster recycling initiatives, thus contributing to a greener urban landscape for generations to come.

This immersive experience not only broadened their understanding of environmental stewardship but also empowered them with practical knowledge for sustainable living. - **Ust. Sahar**



I found the trip to be educational, enjoyable, interactive and fun. We learnt about landfills, soil, recycling, caring for our environment and so much more. We increased our knowledge of our planet's situation with excellent presentations and experiments followed by a walk through the Ecomatters hub garden.

We learnt the importance of fertilized soil and worms and tried some of their fuzzy peaches, juicy plums and fresh grapes straight from the trees.

I loved their cute little shop where they sold many recycled and natural products such as beautiful beeswax candles and stylish recycled scrunchies. We left with an unforgettable experience in our hearts that would surely help us in the future. -**Fajar Asif**



When we first entered the community gardens there were many things to see and learn.

We had speakers who explained how we can help the environment, we visited their onsite shop where everything is handmade and I remember the many bumble bees circling the

pink and yellow pineapple looking flowers.

In the garden they grow their own fruits and vegetables. Our guide needed help picking out the good fruits from the plums and peaches. After we had sorted the fruit, we got to eat some! The plum was sour but sweet in the middle and the peaches were juicy and really sweet, yum! We also ate some grapes and unexpectedly it was exactly like jelly. I really did not like it but I ate one. It was amazing to see how they look after the gardens.

It was a really tiring day and very hot but enjoyable.

- **Mahekk Khan**



DEMYSTIFYING NCEA

Ministry of Education Community Partnerships team is hosting a webinar for our parents to understand NCEA on 6th of May. [The registration link is here](#). This will be delivered by 2 NCEA Implementation Facilitators from MOE. This will be an opportunity to understand any changes, differences between NCEA , Cambridge and IB etc. You can even get the youth to attend to understand and ask any questions they may have.

GAZA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT
PLEASE CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT HOW

MOE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM INVITES YOU TO FIRST WEBINAR OF 2024

DEMYSTIFYING NCEA

6 May 2024
6pm - 7.30pm

Graeme Ball
NCEA Implementation Facilitator

Alex Moffat-Wood
NCEA Implementation Facilitator

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE

UNIFORM REMINDERS FROM THE DEANS

Assalamwalaikum Whānau,

I hope and trust that Ramadan is treating you well.

Since the beginning of the year, there has been a key focus on wearing the correct uniform to school. However, there are some students that are consistently defying and disrespecting the school uniform by not wearing the school shirt, wearing incorrect shoes, etc.

Students are not displaying the values of Respect and Appreciation with this behaviour.

Please support us with this matter. We highly encourage you to talk to your daughter(s) about this issue.

Students who persist with wearing incorrect uniform or not wearing the school shirt, will be receiving a follow up email or phone call home.

