



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

Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim whānau!

Ramadan is a time for spiritual reflection, fasting, prayer, and community.

Here are some additional tips to help your daughters cope with the longer fasting hours and their school work:

Gradual adjustments: In the days leading up to Ramadan, consider incorporating gradual adjustments to your daughters' sleep schedules to prepare them for earlier Suhoor (pre-dawn meal) and later Iftar (evening meal) times.

Hydration: Encourage your daughters to drink plenty of water and fluids before Suhoor and after Iftar to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Rest and relaxation: Ensure your daughters get adequate sleep during Ramadan and not be on their devices late at night.

Celebrate achievements: Acknowledge and celebrate your daughters' achievements during this holy month, even small milestones like completing a full day of fasting.

Ramadan is a time for self-reflection and refinement of character:

Surah Al-Baqarah (2:219): "Thus Allah makes clear to you the signs that you might give thought." This verse emphasizes the importance of contemplating and reflecting on the signs of Allah, including the verses of the Quran.

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said: "Seeking knowledge of religion is obligatory for every Muslim, and understanding the Quran is a form of knowledge." (Ibn Majah) This Hadith emphasizes the duty of every Muslim to gain knowledge about their religion, including understanding the Quran through reflection.

Please note that your daughters still need to be at school all day, every day during Ramadan. School starts at 8.30 am. Unfortunately we cannot support parents picking up their daughters earlier to help with iftar for family gatherings, avoid traffic, etc. Legally they cannot miss school for these reasons.

We acknowledge the potential impact on students, particularly with Ramadan coinciding with daylight saving time this year. To support our students, we encourage whānau to communicate openly with teachers about any support your daughter may need.

May Allah accept our good deeds and guide us, and may He grant us the strength to continue righteous actions even after Ramadan.

We wish every student and their

families a beautiful and peaceful Ramadan.

Kia kaha, kia pai te Ramadan
Mrs Regina Rasheed
Principal

Congratulations to **Serene Chammaa** and **Shahifa Aara** who were presented with medals and acknowledged at the Academic Awards Night at the Fickling Centre held on Monday 4 March.

NZ Ethnic Women's Trust (NZEWT), in partnership with the Ministry of Education recognize the top NCEA academic achievers from diverse ethnic backgrounds in Auckland's secondary schools.

The special night provides an opportunity to celebrate the increasing diversity in Tāmaki Makaurau and acknowledge the academic accomplishments of our rangatahi and their families.



Serene Chammaa, Head Girl on the left and Shahifa Aara, one of our Deputy Head Girls at the Academic Awards Night.

Kia ora koutou

I would like to introduce Mrs Deidre Shea who will be Acting Principal while Ust Regina is on her sabbatical next term.

Deidre was the principal at Onehunga High and has been SPANZ president. She is well experienced and is currently sitting on a number of boards and working groups related to education nationally. She received a MNZM in the recent New Year honours for her services to education.

Deidre is a caring person, a pleasure to work with and fully committed to all she does within the educational setting.

Again, I take this opportunity to wish Ust Regina all the very best for her sabbatical which I know includes research, travel and hopefully some relaxation.

Ngā mihi nui,
Linley.
Commissioner

Linley Myers MNZM, M Ed(Hons), B Ed
Myers Bruce Leadership



Mrs Deidre Shea

IMPORTANT NOTICE: YEAR 7 CLASS SPLITTING

Sent in Skool Loop, March 5

In an effort to provide the best possible learning experience for your child, we have made the decision to split our Year 7 class into two smaller classes, effective 11th March 2024.

Benefits of a Smaller Class Size -

Increased Individualized Attention: This change will allow teachers to dedicate more focused time and support to each student's individual needs and learning styles.

Enhanced Learning Environment: Smaller class sizes foster a more collaborative and interactive learning environment, allowing students to participate more actively and confidently.

Stronger Student Relationships: This structure will enable students to build stronger relationships with their classmates and teachers, fostering a more positive and supportive learning community.

Considerations for Class Placement:

We have carefully considered various factors when placing students in their new classes, including:

Age: Ensuring a balanced age distribution across both classes.

Student and Family Input: We have taken into account information shared by students, parents/caregivers, and whānau during the initial enrolment interview meetings and conferences.

School Assessments: Individual social and learning needs were assessed through easTTle testing, ongoing observations, and teacher feedback.

Class Composition and Space Availability: Maintaining balance within each class regarding learning styles, social dynamics, and available classroom space.

Next Steps:

We understand that any change can raise questions and concerns. If you have any major concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Senior Management team and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the class split and the new class placements.

This decision takes a holistic approach to your daughters teaching and learning and will ultimately benefit your child's learning and social development. We are committed to providing a positive and enriching nurturing learning environment for all Year 7 students and look forward to your support.

URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED

Regent Road, Papatoetoe
Namata Rd, Onehunga
Tahuhu Road, Mount Wellington

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

We have a Year 7 student who lives on **Massey Road** by **Viola Ave, Mangere East** who urgently requires reliable transport.

Mum catches the bus with her and picks her up everyday by bus. She also has a little boy she must bring with her.

Please help ease the burden of this mum and any parent who needs help with transport and in general.

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah said: "Whoever relieves a Muslim of a burden from the burdens of the world, Allah will relieve him of a burden from the burdens on the Day of Judgement. And whoever helps ease a difficulty in the world, Allah will grant him ease from a difficulty in the world and in the Hereafter. And whoever covers (the faults of) a Muslim, Allah will cover (his faults) for him in the world and the Hereafter. And Allah is engaged in helping the worshipper as long as the worshipper is engaged in helping his brother."

Reference : Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1930
In-book reference : Book 27, Hadith 36

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.



**POSTPONED TILL
AFTER RAMADAN**

... Again!

... for us every **Wednesday** at the
end of day by the gate.

Bring your money and support your school 😊



Ramadan Mubarak

Assalamu Alaikum
wa Rahmatullahi
wa Barakatuhu

Wa alaikum salam
wa Rahmatullahi
wa Barakatuhu

ETIQUETTES OF SALAM

Bringing beautiful Islamic etiquettes and manners
in our lives

Some guidelines and etiquettes related to salaam:

1. Make an effort to be the first to say salaam. Do not wait for others to give salaam. When you enter a room, say salaam. When you leave a room say salaam.
2. Greet with salaam frequently. Say salaam every time you meet someone!
3. Correct your salaam by getting its pronunciation right.
4. Say salaam to everyone, be they younger or older than us.
5. If someone greets us with salaam reply to their salaam immediately.
6. Make an effort to say and reply with the full salaam as there are more rewards.
7. If someone is busy talking to someone, or busy in ibadat (worship) or studying and saying salaam will cause them inconvenience or disturb them then do not say salaam.
8. Greeting with salaam and shaking hands are two separate sunnah and should both be followed for greater reward.

Reference: <https://smallstepstoallah.com/>

But Do They Care? A Palestinian Reality

I saw the bomb coming from afar,
A descending monster, fiery as a star.

I saw it exploding and time stopped,
I heard my child scream as to the ground she dropped.

I ran to my baby, searching through the rubble,
But I knew in my heart, it was a hopeless struggle.

I finally found her mutilated body,
Her arms all wrong, her face all bloody.

My breath came in rasps, as I tried to shake her awake,
This was all wrong, it was all a mistake.

My darling baby couldn't be dead,
I screamed as I hugged her, my clothes turning red.

They're so cruel, so evil, but how could they do this?
They can't fathom my heart, the terror in its abyss.

Now I am one amongst thousands, a childless parent,
My life an endless sadness, my existence transparent.

So many like me, how is this fair?
They know our suffering, but do they care?

-Zaynub Chida, Year 9

ONLINE RAMADAN CAMP

Noor Kids Online Ramadan Camp will help make the holy month unforgettable for your kids.

We've released our calendar of events for the Holy month -- and it's awesome !

Here are 5 things I am excited about....

Kids will be able to meet and actually ask questions to real-life role models such as Shaykh Omar Suleiman and Zain Bhikha (+ dozens of others)

Every night, kids join fun programs, for example Muslim Maker Mondays where we make Islamic art, and World Kitchen Wednesdays where we cook food from Muslim cultures .

On Thursdays, we're hosting special events like our Girls Night, where we have talented female artists joining, and the Muslim Talent Show, where kids from across the world share their talents.

Each night, kids learn a transformational lesson designed to help children build a life-long love for Allah, the Quran, and prayer.

Every night, we'll be doing giveaways! In total, we'll be giving away over \$10,000 in gifts and prizes.

The best part? Right now, we've waived the \$189 fees and made the camp free of charge.

[Enroll Online now via the website](#) for 6 - 12 year olds

[View Calendar](#)

Kids from across the world are already meeting each other -- join now so that we can create your custom login credentials.

PS - a big shoutout to Islamic Relief USA, Azzad Asset Management, Guidance Residential, Qalbox, Husna Vacations and My Salah Mat for helping make our camp free of charge.

Insha'Allah, I can't wait to see you and your family soon :-)

JazakumAllah Khayran,
Amin

Amin G. Aaser

Executive Director, [Noor Kids](#)

RAMADAN AT SCHOOL

At this time of year daylight hours are very long and it is inevitable that children who fast may feel tired, find it difficult to concentrate and be at risk of dehydration.

Children who fast will be monitored during their lessons and parents will be called if any child shows signs of being fatigued or unwell. Please support your child by packing their bags with a few snacks and a drink should they need to break their fast.

Please encourage your daughter to bring her own Mushaf (Quran) so she can read her (Wird- part) of the day during morning tea and lunch. It would be great if goals can be discussed and set with your daughter regarding her Quran Tilawa and Hifz.

Let us try to keep the spirit of Ramadan alive throughout the year, we can safeguard our religion and will be able to seize many opportunities to earn the mercy and blessings of Allah which will help us to be successful in all aspects of life.

Make sincere and constant supplications. And don't forget to include our brothers and sisters who are suffering in the world, our school and our Ummah.

May Allah accept from all of us and make us sincere and successful.