



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou and Salaam Alaikum

It is Week 4 of Term 2 already, and the girls are busy and buzzing; the energy of a school is infectious.

In Week 1, camp and the at-school activities for those girls who did not go on camp went smoothly. I know those who experienced camp at the Kauaeranga Valley learned much that will endure. As is right in education, these learnings occurred not just for students but also for the staff involved, with many people finding themselves out of their comfort zone and conquering challenges not usual in their everyday lives.

In the past three weeks we have settled into the rhythm of the term, with student leaders demonstrating their creativity and maturity in contributing to the development of this year's Cultural Day (Thursday 4 July) format.

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback about the day last year - we have used this information to shape a celebration that is a little different. Be assured, it will be a day that promotes harmony and unity, in a way that is inclusive and comfortable for all in our Muslim community.

Congratulations to:

- The senior girls debating team who won round 2 v Aorere College in Week 2 - a great achievement by **Samia Dean, Serene Chaamaa and Husna Hussain!**
- **Shahifa Aara** who was officially awarded her First Foundation scholarship in Week 2
- All the girls who are contributing positively to our school environment and culture of KARE: Kindness, Appreciation, Respect, Equity. In particular, thank you to the **students of 11SKN** who led our assembly at the end of Week 2 developing the theme of appreciation - their engaging and interactive approach was appreciated by the assembly.

I note that these student leaders have emerging talents that would make them excellent teachers!

Upcoming events in the school calendar for you to be aware of, include our Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 4 June, and exam preparation for all students.

I wish you all a productive and joyful week.
Noho ora mai

Deidre Principal

WINTER ILLNESS

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the country, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Please encourage your school communities to follow Te Whatu Ora advice, particularly that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

[Measles – Te Whatu Ora](#)

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 a civil 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.

- Download Skool Loop from Playstore
- Choose your school
- Ready to Communicate

ATTENDANCE DUES REMINDER

JazaakumAllahu Khairan to the parents/ caregivers who have already paid their attendance dues in full for 2024.

We encourage parents to pay into our school School bank account number

BNZ: 02-0124-0100679-00

Reference: Child's Full Name

Code: Year Level

TERM 2 DATES

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

(92 half-days)

Monday, 3 June

Public Holiday-King's Birthday

Tuesday, 4 June

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday, 5 - 14 June

Junior Exams

Monday, 10 June

Green Week

Monday, 17 June

Eid ul Adha (TBC)

Thursday, 20 June

Y7 Boostrix Programme

Friday, 28 June

Public Holiday- Matariki

Thursday, 4 July

Cultural Day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LATE COMERS TO SCHOOL

Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at school **ON TIME** so they can participate and engage in learning.

Currently we are experiencing far too many late-comers and as such teachers from Monday will be taking note of students who are coming late.

Students who are regular late-comers will have home phone calls and possible follow ups with Attendance Services. Students coming to school on time is the responsibility of the parent.

Ref: Al Madinah School

ABSENCES

If a student is going to be absent for the day, a parent/caregiver should let the school office know BEFORE 8.30am on the day of the absence.

It is the parents' / caregiver's responsibility to communicate this absence by either, emailing admin@zayedcollege.school.nz; calling the school (09 255 0904) or using the Skool Loop App to notify the college every day a student is absent.

If a student is absent for three days or more, the school requests a medical certificate. This is also a life lesson that students will need to learn as it is also required in the workforce.

If there is a justified reason for absence (e.g. due to illness, a funeral or tangihanga, or other approved reason at the discretion of the school), the principal may allow a student to be absent from school for up to five days only (Education and Training Act 2020, s 45). In the case of planned absences, requests must be made to the principal at least one week before the planned event. The principal has discretion to approve or deny requests.

EARLY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL

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

Appointments must be made outside school hours. If this is unavoidable, please present the appointment card/ letter to the office **BEFORE** the appointment date.

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.

All communication to parents about going home should come from the office. If your daughter is feeling unwell in the classroom, she must come to sickbay and Reception will call home.

TRANSPORT OFFERS

Are you looking for transport in the following areas:

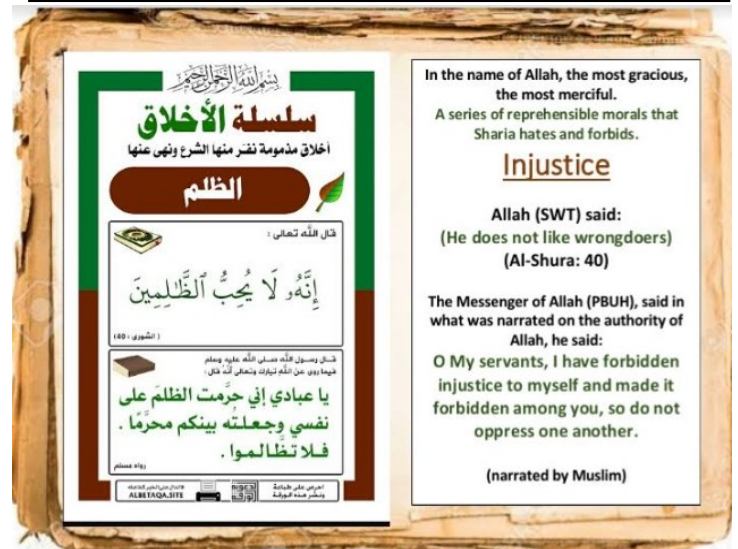
Sandringham/Mt Roskill area - contact Br Abdulsalam 021 0548299

Sandringham/Mt Roskill/St Lukes area - contact Ishrat 027698697

Mt Roskill/ New Windsor/Mt Albert - contact Fowzia 0212604528

Manurewa - contact Abu Mohammad 0210482540

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.





THE AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL

The Auckland Writers Festival is an exciting event that draws in literature enthusiasts from all walks of life, we were privileged to attend this year's event at Aotea Centre. The festival serves as a vibrant platform for renowned authors, poets, journalists, and thinkers to engage with audiences and share their insights, stories, and experiences.

For secondary school students, attending the Auckland Writers Festival can be a transformative experience. It's an opportunity for them to step outside the confines of their classrooms and delve into the rich tapestry of literature and

ideas that the festival offers. From attending author talks and panel discussions to participating in workshops and book signings, students are exposed to a diverse range of literary voices and perspectives.

One of the most valuable aspects of the Auckland Writers Festival for us was the chance to interact directly with authors whose works they may have studied in class or admire from afar. Meeting their literary heroes in person, asking them questions, and hearing first-hand about the creative process can be incredibly inspiring and illuminating.

Overall, the Auckland Writers Festival offered our students a unique opportunity to connect with literature in a dynamic and immersive way. By attending this event, students not only deepen their appreciation for the written word but also expand their understanding of the world and their place within it.

The girls really enjoyed the trip and asked the authors very relevant questions and thoroughly enjoyed meeting them in person especially Steph Matuku whose we study at Zayed. Their Behaviour was exemplary and Shahifa Aara is not in the picture because she was having her book signed by one of the authors.

~ Ust Famida

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

Benefits of reciting the Quran

- *Reading and reflecting over the Qur'an fulfils an Islamic duty.*
- *The Qur'an will be a proof for us on the Day of Judgment.*
- *The Qur'an will intercede for us on the Day of Judgment.*
- *Your status in this life will be raised.*
- *You will be from the best of the people.*
- *There are ten rewards for each letter you recite from the Qur'an.*

A crash course on understanding the beautiful pillar of Islam, Zakat by Ustadh Munir Abdellah of National Zakat Foundation
Wednesday 23 May.



CAMP KAUAERANGA VALLEY 2024

To be honest, camp is the most fun thing I do the whole year. From the activities, to the dorms, to the late night talks, and just the vibe generally. And this year was no exception. We travelled on a bus through rolling hills and grassy fields, heading to Thames, our camp site. We did so many incredible activities, and my favourite by far was the flying fox, but all of them were so so fun. Our dorms were spacious and comfortable, and they were perfect for all our chatter and lazing around, between the activities and for the night. The food we ate was delicious and the camp owners were very accommodating. Over all, camp was such an amazing experience, and I'm so glad I got to go.

Zaynub Chida
Year 9



We recently attended a three-day camping trip which was a huge success, full of exciting activities, challenges that helped us develop our skills, as well as delicious food! In addition to that, we had a wide range of activities which ranged from axe-throwing, low ropes, archery, go karting, kayaking, and sling-shot paintball. We all enjoyed these activities as it allowed us to truly reconnect with nature and spend time with our friends. Alongside these amazing activities, we were also fed warm delicious food every day of our stay with desserts that made us go over the moon. A main highlight for me, as this was my last camp, was enjoying myself with my friends and truly having a good time and experiencing each and every activity to its fullest. I was beyond grateful and thankful for this camping experience, as it taught me many life lessons which will stick with my for the rest of life.

Samia Dean, Year 13
NCEA PE student

A special thank you to Ustadha Shana and the staff at Zayed College. There are many people behind the scenes whose tremendous efforts and hard work make the school Camp a success.

It is greatly appreciated and without your help and support, camp would not have been possible.

A very special thank you and acknowledgement to **Fianz** for helping to sponsor our camp this year, it is very much appreciated and we look forward to working together in the future.

