

ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS EDUCATE A WOMAN, EDUCATE A NATION

# Newsletter

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Praise be to Allah; we have ended Week 7 with minimal disruptions.

Despite the cold, our Athletics Day was remarkably successful, with Marwa securing the overall trophy. The senior girls' badminton tournament is running at the moment, the spoken word artists have advanced to the finals, and aquabot training is picking up speed. We wish the girls all the best as they compete in various events.

Shifting our focus to academics, both students and teachers are dedicating themselves to preparing the seniors for their derived grade exams in Week 8. Information regarding the exams will be sent out soon.

Our PTA had a lovely afternoon tea and it was heartwarming to see such a lovely group of mothers coming together to support our school. JazakAllah khair to all the mums who attended and for sharing your wonderful baking with the staff.

We make dua that Allah grants our students success in all their endeavours InshaAllah.

Ust Regina Rasheed Principal



### ATTENDANCE DUES

JazaakumAllahu Khairan to the parents/caregivers who have already paid their attendance dues in full. Please note that the full attendance dues must have been paid by or before the end of Term 2. Those who have not paid, please pay immediately.

Are you happy with our newsletter? Have your say. Please complete this short survey https://forms.gle/gkiy8Qtd1sndBu4k6

# Key Dates & Upcoming Events

Mon 4 Sep Tue 5 Sep 11—15 Sep

14—Sep

Fri 22 Sep

Senior Exams begin Yr 9 participate in TIMMS research study Arabic Language Week Maori Language Week Aquabot Competition, Year 10 End of Term Three

# **Term Four**

Mon 9 Oct Fri 20 Oct Mon 23 Oct Fri 27 Oct Mon 6 Nov 28 Nov Wed 13 Dec

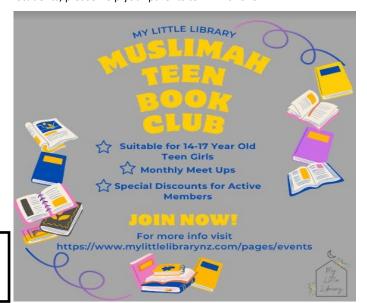
Term Four, school starts Year 13 Graduation Dinner Public Holiday, Labour Day Year 13s farewell assembly, Study leave NZQA Exams begin Junior Integrated Presentation to Whanau End of school for 2023

#### SURVEY REMINDER

On the 24th of August, we sent out a Survey to gather feedback from our school community, starting with the parents.

We want to know how well the school is meeting your needs and what it can do to improve as well as give parents the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues. The results will help the school plan for the future by making better choices with the community in mind.

We really need your input. Please support us by taking the time to fill this survey. Thank you to those parents who have responded. <u>https://forms.gle/EDTKBHjDzZki5x4V9</u> Students, please help your parents to fill in this form.



# YEAR 8'S SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT SHINES.

In an inspiring display of creativity and eco-consciousness, Year 8 students dedicated themselves to their technology hard materials project with a sustainability theme.

Emphasizing environmental responsibility, they planted trees and employed recycled materials like pallets and tarps to craft usable items. The outcome is not only practical but environmentally friendly.

To capture their journey, the students are crafting presentation slides that clearly narrate their project's story. Their efforts exemplify the potential of young minds in fostering sustainability and innovation.



#### **SPOKEN WORD**

6 teams, 6 schools are in the finals!

Who will be the 2023 Grand Slam Champions?!

Auckland Girls' Grammar School Mount Roskill Grammar School Ngā Puna O Waiōrea Papakura High School Wesley College Zayed College For Girls

Featuring a special performance from the WTFL - Ōtautahi Champions Christchurch Girls' High School / Te Kura o Hine Waiora!

More than a poetry slam, these poets have been on a Journey together since the start of the year. Rehearsing, connecting, and growing as leaders and artists. Come celebrate their stories, voices and truths in a one of a kind battlefield unlike any other in Aotearoa.

Slam will be held in the Hunua Room at the Aotea Centre, Saturday 16th September, 7pm!

Tickets available through Ticketmaster: Link announced SOON!

\$10 unwaged, \$15 general.

Spoken word poetry, or performance poetry, is an art form that transforms poetry readings into theatrical events. Much like live theatre, it has the sole purpose of being performed on a stage in front of an audience.

Unlike written poetry, spoken word poetry is created with the audience foremost in mind and is devised explicitly to 'come to life' before an audience. It has to be heard out loud or witnessed in person.

Poets work with their voices as poetic tools: body language, hand gestures, eye contact, pronunciation, intonation, voice inflection – these are important devices to create that unique connection between the audience and the poet that spoken word poetry requires.

### URGENT TRANSPORT REQUIRED

A parent would like to make contact with anyone wanting to share or help with transport next year from Takanini or surrounding areas. We have students in the following areas urgently requiring transport.

Blockhouse Bay	Wattle Downs
New Lynn	Manurewa
Ponsonby	Takanini
	Flatbush

Please remember, 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 directly. If you have any transport issues, please let the driver of your child/children know.

If you can help, please contact the office on 09 2550904 JazakumAllah Khairan



#### SCIENCE

GLOBAL GAMBLE is an educational incursion, delivered live-inschool, and features educational science/stem comedy sketches presented by professional actors for students.

Our Years 7-10 students had the opportunity to learn about energy, climate change and global warming through four fact filled sketches. The program focused on science-based messages encouraging sustainable consumption, energy efficiency, and conservation. The students loved the interactive nature of the performance. The students were inspired to engage in topics that they might not normally find interesting.

- Ust Aazmeen







#### **EARLY PICK-UP**

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 are

Mon-Thurs 1:30pm - 1:45pm

Fridays - 1:20pm - 1:35pm

Parents/caregivers are advised NOT to pick-up their child/ children during the above times. If there is any urgent appointment during these times, please pick them up before Salah. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) Said: I have left two matters with you. As long as you hold to them, you will not go the wrong way. "The Book of Allah and The Sunna of His Prophet."

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**ATHLETICS DAY** was held on the 15th of August at Papakura Harriers Club. The students compete against each other in sporting events in Aelah's, Marwa, Mina and Safa.

Athletics Day was a very fun event where we participated in various sports and activities, such as shot put, long jump, 100-meter run, and many more activities. Athletics Day involved a lot of teamwork, healthy competition, and excitement among students from different year levels and classmates. Athletics Day was a day filled with energy, excitement, and lots of cheering, especially for the chant! The chant was one of the most exciting and memorable activities of the day. Singing the chant creates a very exciting atmosphere! Team Marwa did a great job with the performance of the chant and left everyone with a smile on their faces! ~ Asiya Salim, Yr 11

Winning athletics day was an exhilarating experience that filled our hearts with immense pride and joy. The moment our team emerged victorious was like a burst of elation that resonated throughout our being. Every challenge we faced, every effort we put in, and every ounce of determination we displayed was worth it in the end.

The camaraderie and teamwork among our fellow Marwa students was exceptional. We pushed ourselves beyond our limits, demonstrating a level of dedication that showcased our unity as a team. Congratulations to Mina and Safa for their valiant efforts.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the Marwa students and teachers who supported us throughout this journey. Their unwavering dedication and encouragement were integral to our

success. The guidance of Ust Shana and the enthusiastic monitoring of our beloved P.E. monitor Zaara Dean played a crucial role in keeping our spirits high and our performance top-notch.

Marwah House Captains: Hafsah and Sameera, Yr 13



#### FUTSAL

Wed 26 Jul Zayed College for Girls participates in the Girls Futsal Festival held at Pulman Arena, Takanini.

To participate in a Futsal anything was a dream come true and the amount of students interested in playing made me happy. As the day of the tournament came, I was nervous and excited, first for the tournament and second for the bus ride with my friends. I was pleased to see so many people at Pullman Park, Takanini. After a tiring game, everyone knew it was not going to be easy but we love challenges. I saw spark and excitement in our girls' faces as we faced other school teams. We all had an awesome day with laughter, support and encouragement. I still smile when I think of Futsal because Zayed College for Girls made history by playing in the Futsal festival for the first time. May Allah bless us with more beneficial opportunities In-ShaaAllah. **~ Husna Safi, Year 9** 





#### **Badminton**

Alhamdulillah, badminton has been a fun experience for me, from playing friendly matches with my family when I was a child to it being one of my option subjects for NCEA.

This engaging sport helps keep me fit and active while also providing important health advantages. Beyond the physical aspect, it's a great opportunity to establish relationships with my peers and connecting with girls from other schools. I highly recommend girls embrace the sporting opportunities Zayed College have to offer. ~ Humaira Khan, Yr 13

Badminton competitions are thrilling events where NCEA students who take PE participate in weekly competitions. During our competitions, we get to test our abilities and challenge our opponents. Playing during competition can be very nerve-wracking since you don't know the abilities of your opponent and don't know what to expect. However, whether you're playing singles or doubles, participating, or cheering from the side-lines, badminton is a great way to have fun and stay active! ~ Asiya Salim, Yr 11

### ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE STUDY

Our school has been selected to take part in the Year 9 TIMSS 2023 research study, which will be conducted on 05/09/2023 [Tuesday of week 8].

The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is an educational research study on student achievement in mathematics and science around the world which takes place every four years.



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# VAN GOGH

Year 8s are painting Starry night by Van Gogh. The painting on the left is by Hafsa Nouman.



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SURAH ADH DHARIYAT [51:55]