



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Celebrating the Conclusion of Term Three Alhumdulillah

As-salamu alaykum وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

As we bid farewell to another successful Term, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making it such a remarkable period of learning and growth.

Alhumdulillah, we are proud of the collective efforts of our dedicated teachers, hardworking students, and the unwavering support of our parents. Your commitment to our school community is truly commendable, and we appreciate it more than words can express.

PTA FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

This term marked a significant milestone with our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) hosting their fundraiser. It was heart-warming to witness the enthusiastic participation of our students and the selfless dedication of many mothers who generously offered their time to support our school's continuous development. [We welcome more parents to support the PTA.](#)

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the term, we celebrated numerous achievements that showcase our students' incredible talent and dedication. These highlights include:

- **Summaya Burka y7, Syeda Fajar Asif y7 and Zaynub Chida y8** participated in Mangere Schools Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language Speech Competition.
- **Mariam Khan y9** reached the finals of the National Spelling Bee, no easy task, congratulations!
- **Fatima Tayyib y13, Iqra Ali y13, Shifa Ahmed y10 and Summer Arwani y11** represented Zayed College for Girls at the finals of the National Spoken Word competition. impressive performance girls, well done!
- [Serene Chammaa and Zahra Mohamed achieved exceptional scores in the Cambridge Arabic exams.](#)
- Our **Year 9 students** took part in the TIMSS exam (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study), a testament to our school's commitment to academic excellence.
- The **Year 11s** undertaking their pilot exams in Mathematics as we continue to challenge our students to reach their highest academic potential in preparation for the upcoming year.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff who give of their spare time, after school and weekends and efforts to provide these opportunities to our students.

PARENTS SUPPORT FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

I encourage parents to provide unwavering support for their daughters by prioritizing their study time and encouraging them to allocate some of their school holidays to diligently prepare revision notes and study for their upcoming external exams.

It's important to realize that students will have merely three full weeks in term four before they embark on their study leave. For senior students aiming for excellence, a mere one-week study break is inadequate for comprehensive revision and achieving the highest standards of academic success. To set them up for success, ample preparation time is absolutely necessary, and this journey should commence during the holidays.

As we all approach the well-deserved break, we extend our warmest wishes to all students and staff for a restful and rejuvenating time. [Key Dates and Events for Term Four.](#)

Once again, thank you for your unwavering dedication and support. We look forward to a promising Term Four filled with continued growth and success.

May Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala keep you all well and safe during the school holidays and beyond.

Wa 'alaykumu salam (وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ)

Ust Regina Rasheed

Principal

ENROL NOW

Secure a place for your daughter at Zayed College for 2024. Enrol now to guarantee your enrolment, as we anticipate high demand and the possibility of a waiting list for late enrolments in specific year levels for 2024.

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TE REO MAORI AND ARABIC LANGUAGE WEEK 11 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2023 TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI ME TE REO ARAPI 11 - 18 HEPETAMA 2023

Zayed College for Girls celebrated te reo Maori Week along with its partner language Arabic from the 11th to the 15th of September. Students took part in the Education Perfect Whakataetae Reo Maori (competition) and had a chance to play against students nationwide to explore our tangata whenua's mother language. Furthermore, students focused to build their competency on a selected set of language in class in both te reo Maori and Arabic.

Through play and in class competition, students learned how to use a set of commands useful to apply in their day to day life and at school. These included; take out, put back, give me, take, go, come back, put and pass. Interactive games placed as stations around the class, swat competing, spelling activities, reading comprehension tasks and online Quizlet competing encouraged some good engagement. Why not have a play yourself!

Language Week - [Commands \(te reo Maori\)](#)

Language Week - [Commands \(Arabic\)](#)

Let's keep developing our love for learning a language, especially the language of the Quran. Please enjoy some "play to learn" time with your daughters by asking them to teach you some new learned words! – Ust Hala



Want to increase your knowledge of te ao Māori (the Māori world)? With a mixture of Māori and English, the **Taringa** podcast is the perfect way to learn te reo and tikanga Māori in a fun and relaxed way. Taringa is brought to you by Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. <https://www.taringapodcast.com/>

HOW ARE YOU?

Kei te pēhea koe?

A: I am feeling.

Kei te feeling ahau.



harikoa
happy



māuiui
sick



whakamā
shy



riri
angry



pōuri
sad



ohurere
surprised



mataku
scared



ngege
tired



taiatea
nervous

Te Wananga O Aotearoa teaches how to do a Mihi and Pepeha for Non-Maori with Mariam Arif, a middle eastern sister who speaks fluent Te Reo Maori <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSjfdVl35g&t=84s>

Pepeha is a **way of introducing yourself in Māori**. It tells people who you are by sharing your connections with the people and places that are important to you. This beautiful and easy to use website is here to help all New Zealanders introduce themselves in Te Reo Māori, through [Pepeha](#)

The zoom recording for the "[Exploring Te Reo through a Muslimah's Perspective](#)" Zoom Talk that took place last thursday evening during Māori Language Week. Sr Māia shares a story about her life and experiences as a Māori Muslimah.

[Learn Arabic with Duolingo](#). Its free, bite-size lessons feel more like a game than a textbook, and that's by design: Learning is easier when you're having fun. Maori coming soon In Shaa Allah.

Ka taea te whakatika te reo hapa, tē taea te whakatika te reo ngū. You can fix language that is broken but you can't fix language that is not spoken.

This whakataukī teaches us that it's OK to make mistakes and it's OK to start at the beginning. It's better than OK – it's the very key to the revitalisation of our language. Every week is language week.

Mangōpare: The mangōpare is an artistic Māori design used in a Kōwhaiwhai pattern. It represents the hammerhead shark. It is a symbol of strength, courage and power.

PTA

It's hard to believe another term has rolled around already! Alhamdulillah The PTA started slowly but strongly these past weeks in planning and implementing many fundraising projects. Our first bake sale was a huge success! The girls loved having different flavoured cakes and donuts!



To support the PEER SUPPORT project led by Ustatha Sandy and a group of lovely girls, the PTA organized a sausage sizzle, and it sold out very quickly! It was heart-warming to

see the parents coming together to help and support the school (Jazakum'Allah Khairan Ladies) and to see the girls eating a nice warm lunch, we loved the smiles and laughter around us as we were selling the sausages.

PTA has also run two ice blocks sales, we are trying to organize fixed dates for these, but keep your eyes open, there will be more! PTA is fundraising for projects around the school for our girls to enjoy.



When your daughter joins Zayed College you automatically become a member of the PTA and are welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings and events, offer suggestions /ideas, and/or volunteer your time. Welcome to you all!

PTA FACEBOOK GROUP

To keep up to date with all things PTA does such as events, lunches, fundraisers etc, please request to join 'Zayed College for Girls PTA' on Facebook or scan the QR code.



PTA MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Second week of next term, stay tuned and we will update you with the date and time. **ALL WELCOME!**

– PTA Committee

A CAMBRIDGE SUCCESS

Arabic at Zayed College has been highly driven to meet requirements for Cambridge Arabic, a world renowned assessing standard. While not all students will be assessed, all students within the junior school will be engaged in its syllabus.

Earlier this year, Zayed College became the first school in New Zealand to offer IGCSE Arabic Cambridge Assessments. These consisted of listening, reading, writing and speaking examinations over a few days to test the four strands of language.

Today, we congratulate the following students for their excellent results:

Serene Chammaa Year 12 earned an A+
Zahra Mohamed Year 12 earned an A

We are proud to have these two students make history and wish them all round great academic success

– Ust Hala

THANK YOU

For Supporting the
Charity Events for
the Moroccan
Earthquake & the
Libyan Floods.

From the Enviro Club

HEALTH EDUCATION SURVEY 2023

At Zayed College for Girls, we are reviewing our statement on the delivery of the Health Curriculum. This is done to ensure that our health education programmes meet the needs of our school community. The units of work relate to four main areas of health including puberty at all year levels from Years 7-10.

Your answers are confidential and we hope you will answer as many questions as you can.

Jazak Allah khair for taking out your time to answer the questions below. Your responses are invaluable to us as it helps us make informed decisions regarding curriculum planning and implementation.

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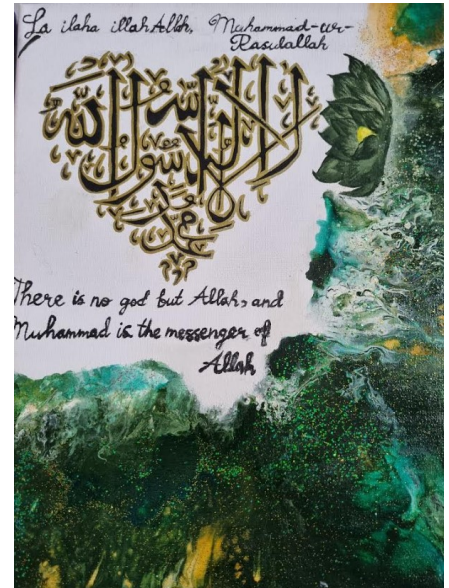
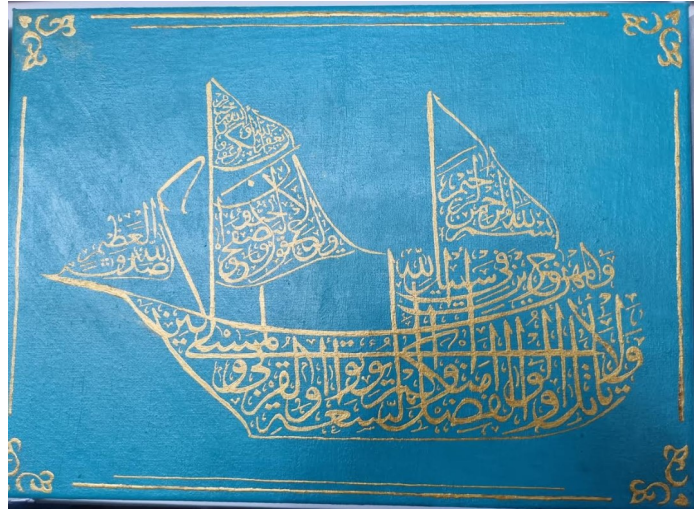
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CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION

In conjunction with the Quran competition we had earlier in the term, the Quran department also organized an Islamic Calligraphy contest for Zayed College students. More than 40 students have participated in the contest. They have designed beautiful calligraphy canvases, with Islamic words and phrases from the Quran and Hadith, names of Allah and also Adzkar (dhikr). Our atrium looks beautiful with the calligraphy on the walls. Congratulations to the winners of the Calligraphy competition **Hafsa Saeed Y9** and **Yafia Khan Y10** and to the runners up, **Zaynub Chida Y8** and **Iqra Ali Y13**.

Ma Shaa Allah to everyone who entered the competition.
~ Najiha Suhaimi Yr 7



KAITIAKITANGA

This week our Quran and Religious studies classes were integrated. Our main focus was educating ourselves on the Maori concept of "kaitiakitanga" which means guardianship of the environment. We reflected on the ethics and practices of protecting and conserving the environment and the natural resources within it, on which people depend.

Looking at kaitiakitanga from an Islamic perspective it is our priority as Muslims who are the Khalifa (trustee) to take care of the environment we live in. Islam considers the environment as a sacred creation of Allah and exhorts followers to actively engage in stewardship.

The Quran provides guidance on the interdependence of the natural world and human existence. Surah Al-An'am (6:165) states, "It is He who has made you successors on the earth and has raised some of you in rank above others so that He may try you in what He has given you." ~ Amira Rashid, year 10



Personal body hygiene



Use a deodorant under the armpits to reduce the smell of sweat. Instead of anti-perspirant that closes the pores of the skin, use deodorant from natural materials, environmentally friendly and free from alcohol, aluminum and parabens to avoid allergies.



Clean your body with soap and water daily. Take a shower regularly, especially after sweating, to prevent the accumulation of sweat, oily secretions, and dirt on the skin.

Do not apply deodorant over sweat. To prevent mixing of odors and avoid allergies, use your own loofah to take a shower. Wash the underarm area well with soap and water before using deodorant. Repeat this process when needed.

Do not use school uniforms except at school. Keep them clean. Wash them often, and don't expose them to cooking smells.



Help your child bathe daily with shampoo and soap appropriate for her age.

Dry your body well after washing because humidity helps the skin to become infected.

Wash your hands and mouth well after eating.

Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, Said:

"Cleanliness is half of Faith (Imaan)"

(Hadith: Sahih Muslim)

Keep the house of Allah clean!
Just remember its part of your Deen (Religion)

KEEP YOUR SCHOOL CLEAN

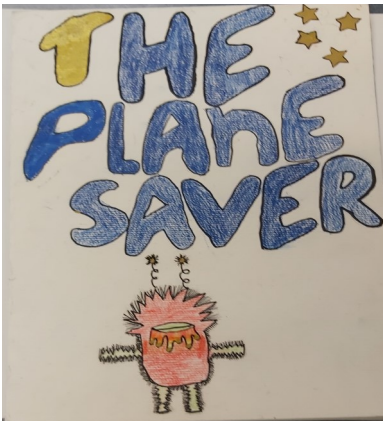
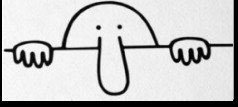
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There are about a million ways your child can feel self-conscious during her school years so it is important to maintain good personal hygiene for body image and social reasons. Teach your child good personal hygiene habits that will help them feel good about themselves and stay healthy.

- *If the weather is very hot your child may need to change their clothes every day – especially her shirt. It is recommended to have a spare set of uniform.
- *Encourage your child to take off their school uniform as soon as they get home and to hang it up to air before she has to wear it the next day.
- *Physical Education is compulsory for all students from Year 7 to Year 10. Students are expected to provide and change into the following gear at the start of each lesson:
 - tracksuit pants
 - plain white T-shirt
 - Sports shoes
- *On completion of the lesson or lunchtime sports, the students will change back into their full school uniform.
- *We seek your cooperation in ensuring that the students bring the correct gear and participate as best they can. PE gear is also required on mufti days.
- *Students will need to keep their PE gear in a sports bag, this is separate from their school bag along with a towel and anti-perspirant.

ART

Year 7 students wrote an adventure story and then illustrated it in an animation /comic style.



SCIENCE DISSECTION

In science class today, we had the amazing opportunity to dissect a sheep heart.

As a class we first watched a video on all the instructions, steps and safety requirements.

We then got into groups and received the equipment needed. For fun, my friend and I pretended we were performing a real surgery and we named our so-called patient Kharooofi which means sheep in Arabic.

We discovered many different parts of the heart and we located the two ventricles and two auricles. My friend and I took turns to dissect the heart and we both communicated well during the dissection procedure.

I am very grateful to be able to have this experience and I have learned so many new things about the heart. - Asmaa Belgacem, y10



Key Dates & Upcoming Events

Term Four

Mon 9 Oct	Term Four, school starts
Wed 11 Oct	Auckland University Orientation Year 13 trip
Tue 17 Oct	Yr 7&8 Badminton Competition, Counties Manukau
Fri 20 Oct	Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Mon 23 Oct	Public Holiday, Labour Day
Thu 26 Oct	Seniors farewell assembly
Fri 27 Oct	Year 13s farewell assembly
Mon 30 Oct	All Seniors on study leave
Mon 6 Nov	NZQA Exams begin
Tue 28 Nov	Junior Integrated Presentation to Whanau
Wed 6 Dec	Prize giving 6pm - 8pm
Thu 7 Dec	School Excursion
Wed 13 Dec	End of school for 2023