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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and whanau,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued support, trust, and partnership. Your presence in your daughter’s life—your reminders, your guidance, and your duas—lays the foundation for her success both in dunya and deen.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs. Rehab Al-Obaidi** as our new Head of the English/ Literacy Department, starting 2026.

Mrs Al-Obaidi brings with her over 12 years of teaching experience both in New Zealand and abroad and comes to us from Papatoetoe High School. She has a Master’s degree in Education, her expertise, passion for literacy, and commitment to student success make her a valuable addition to our leadership team.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Al-Obaidi to her new role and wishing her every success as she leads our English Department forward.

A gentle reminder that as we gather for our Prize Giving this year, we honour not only the students receiving awards, but every one of our young Muslimahs who have shown determination, growth, and quiet acts of ihsan throughout the year. Prize Giving is not only about receiving an award; it is also about uplifting your peers, celebrating their achievements and strengthening the bonds of our school community.

True achievement is not measured only by certificates and awards, but by effort, sincerity, resilience, and the small steps taken every day.

We encourage you to remain actively involved in your daughter’s educational journey: to notice her progress, celebrate her strengths, and support her through challenges. When home and school walk together, our learners flourish with confidence and purpose.

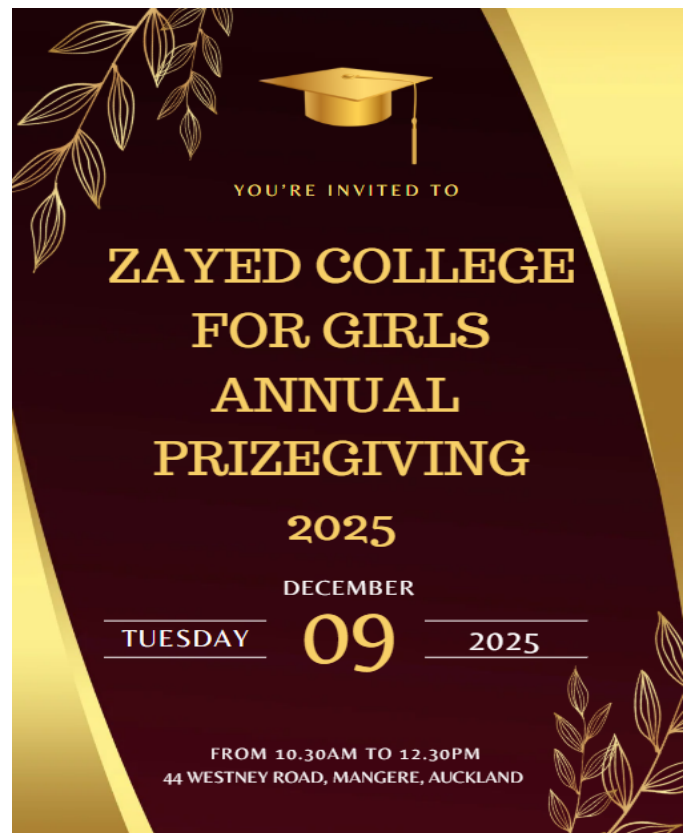
We warmly invite and look forward to welcoming each of you to join us in celebrating the achievements of our students.

May Allah Subhana wa Ta’Ála reward your efforts, strengthen your families and place barakah in the path ahead for all of us, Ameen.

Jazakum Allah Khairan

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

Nazmeen Ahmed
Principal



Fri 28 November
Teacher Only Day
No school for students

ATTENDANCE AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UNTIL 10TH DECEMBER

Attendance at school is compulsory unless your daughter is unwell, in which case it must be followed up with a medical certificate after 3 days.

Some students have been telling parents that “there is nothing to do,” but please be assured that we have full programmes running daily.

Every day at school is an opportunity to learn, engage, and develop literacy and other essential skills.

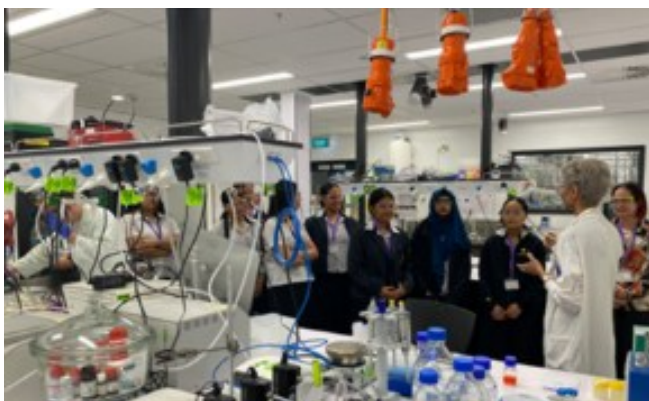
School does not finish until 10th December, so we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your daughter attends school every day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

YEAR 10 UoA EXPERIENCE

Recently, eight girls from the year 10SJA were invited to visit the Engineering faculty in the University of Auckland for previously participating in the Buzzy eco brick competition with a winner and runner up position.

We arrived in the morning for a quick briefing about the day and began our tour. We attended a presentation by a PHD student about Musculoskeletal modelling. We then went to a few science labs where we learnt about stem cells, got to do a practical, and learnt about cultured meat.



Women in Engineering

Te Herenga Auaha | Faculty of Engineering and Design
Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland

Soon after we were taken to a robotics faculty where they demonstrated how to design and control prosthetic hands and we were shown how the robots operate a conveyor belt in a factory. We had a delicious lunch of pizza, then continued to our final part of the exciting tour. In the end we visited the most exciting labs which were the tech gadgets! We encountered a robotic dog, google earth VR sets and a lens that could show a finished product of a structure designed to illustrate its final outcome. Overall we had a very enjoyable time and created many memories whilst gaining knowledge.

~**Safiyah, Yasmeen, Zaynub, Arousha, Amara, Khadeejah, Maria** and **Nishath Year 10's**



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION WiE and ABI

Collaborate on Successful High School Showcase.

The Women in Engineering (WiE) team, in a collaboration with staff from the Auckland Bioengineering Institute (ABI), hosted over 30 enthusiastic Year 10 students for an immersive day of engineering discovery this week.

We welcomed three groups from local schools—Ōtāhuhu College, **Zayed College for Girls**, and Auckland Girls Grammar School—to explore the exciting possibilities within the Faculty of Engineering and the Auckland Bioengineering Institute. The initiative aimed to inspire young women by providing a hands-on look at diverse engineering disciplines and cutting-edge research. A really big thank you to the dedicated staff, students and ambassadors for guiding the students through various facilities.

WELLNESS WEEK

During our Wellness Week, Zayed College followed the national slogan for Mental Health Awareness: "Top up Together". This refers to the shared responsibility we have to uplift others, as much as we care for ourselves. Colourful posters were created by 3 Peer Supporters, **Ariha Tariq, Deema Abbass and Sumehra Deraiya.**

We began with Gratitude for the many blessings we have, and all the students thought carefully about how blessed they are, and recorded their blessings on post-it notes and placed these in the jars in the Atrium.



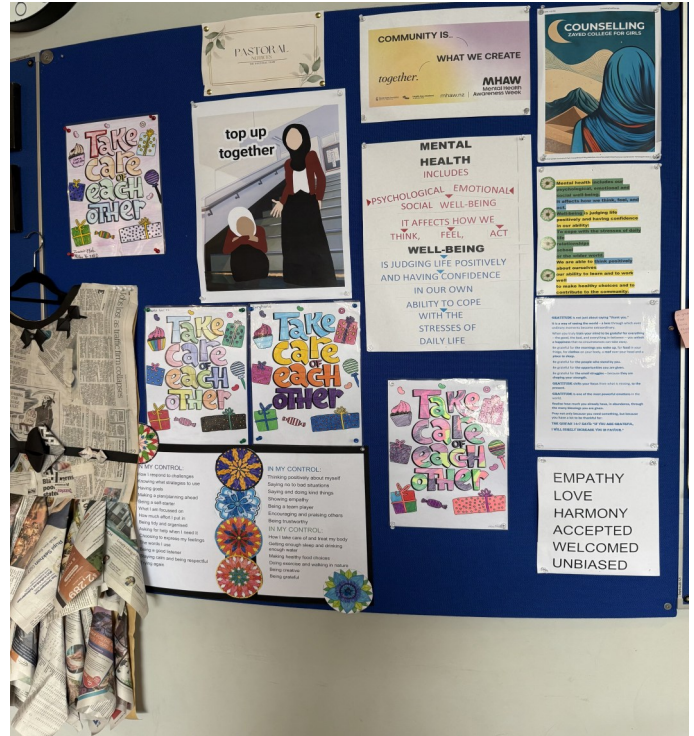
Then we reached out to support others who may be struggling. We chose **Jannah Road Charity** and **Breast Cancer Research**. Students brought cans and other appropriate foodstuff to donate. Amira Rashid and other Peer Supporters baked delicious cupcakes to sell on Colourful Hijab Day, and the money raised was donated towards research into an illness that is the most common form of cancer to affect women in New Zealand.

Care Packs were also given to uplift our Year 13 Leavers, and the students also enjoyed an assembly performance on friendship support, led by our Year 13 Peer Supporters, **Nabeeha Khan** and **Mariyah Farid.**



During the week we also had a colouring competition for Years 7 and 8, a treasure hunt and bubble fun. Students gathered with their treasure under the two new red umbrellas that were purchased after fundraising during the year by the Peer Supporters. It was a happy week!

~Ust Sandy



TRANSPORT WANTED AND OFFERED

Offer: An 8-seater car service has started from Blockhouse Bay to Zayed College for Girls and Al-Madinah School for pickup and drop-off. Charges: \$60 per week or \$15 per day. Please contact us directly for more details or to book a seat. Haji - 022 572 9411

Offer: from the Manurewa, Clendon and Weymouth area. Nisha - 02102419770

Offer: Mt Roskill/ New Windsor/Mt Albert Fowzia 0212604528

Wanted: Transport urgently wanted from Flatbush area in 2026. Contact the school for details.

Have you thought about carpooling with your friends and neighbours? Talk to your brothers and sisters in the Masjids, they might know of someone who drives to school or maybe you have a van and can transport students to and from school.

The school is not responsible for transport arranged by the parent. If you have any transport issues, please let your relevant transport provider know.

NOW ENROLLING

2026 RETURN & ENROLMENT

This is a friendly reminder that if your daughter will not be returning to Zayed College next year, please let us know by sending a quick email. This will assist us with planning and administrative requirements for the upcoming school year.

If you are considering enrolling siblings for 2026, we kindly encourage you to submit their enrolment applications as soon as possible to secure a place.

If you need any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office — we are always happy to help.

NASEEHA (ADVICE) ON THE ISLAMIC ATTITUDE TO RECEIVING EXAM RESULTS

The core principle when receiving exam results is to trust in Allah's plan (Tawakkul) after having exerted your best possible effort. Regardless of the outcome, view it as a lesson and an expression of Allah's will.

Here are key attitudes to adopt:

Make Dua (Supplication): Before, during, and after receiving results, turn to Allah in prayer. Dua isn't just to change the outcome, but to calm your heart and seek guidance. A powerful general supplication is: "Alhamdulillah ala kulli haal" (Praise be to Allah in all situations).

Acknowledge Effort vs. Outcome: Understand that your duty was the effort (studying, preparing, praying), which you have completed. The outcome is solely in Allah's hands. This perspective helps relieve anxiety and worry.

Accept the Qadr (Divine Decree): Accept every result, even the one you didn't want, with patience (sabr). The result may be a success, a redirection, or a test of resilience, and Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala knows what is truly best for you, both in this world and the Hereafter.

Be Grateful (Shukr): If the results are good, be grateful to Allah for His blessings and mercy, not your own intelligence or hard work alone. Pride can negate the blessings.

Learn and Move Forward: If the results are not as hoped, do not despair. Reflect on the experience, learn from any mistakes, and identify areas for improvement in the future. Do not let a single test define your worth or your life's path.

Keep Perspective: Remember that exams are a worldly test, and the ultimate success is in the Hereafter (Akhirah). Don't sacrifice your well-being or faith over academic marks.

By adopting these attitudes, a believer can navigate the stress of exam results with peace, faith, and a strong reliance on Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala.

