



# Newsletter

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu  
Dear parents, caregivers, students and community

We hope this newsletter finds you all in the best of Islamic spirits. Term 3 has been super busy with assessments, trips, new learning experiences and opportunities for akonga at Zayed College.

Our new playground is being constructed and it is looking great. We are sure all the students are looking forward to using it in Term 4.

Spelling Bee: **Yasmeen Musa y9** has represented us at the semi-finals in the Auckland Spelling Bee Competition. She has put in a great amount of effort to get to this level. We are proud of Yasmeen's achievement and congratulate her on her success so far. Well done to Yasmeen and her teacher Ust Asgari.

**The Junior market day** on Friday 13th September was very successful. Over 40 teams participated in this annual event and displayed a wide range of products including delicious food, drinks and beautiful accessories.

There was a huge level of excitement and customer satisfaction as our young entrepreneurs conducted the sales transactions and made profits as a reward for all their hard work and efforts. Special thanks to Ust Koriana and her team for organizing this event and making it a memorable occasion for everyone.

**CAA (Literacy and Numeracy) exams** ran smoothly with an excellent attendance rate. Thank you to all the parents/ caregivers for supporting your daughters to attend these important exams.

Our teachers are currently busy administering the school derived grade exams and we need your support in making sure that your daughters are preparing for their exams and attending in a punctual manner.

**Selected Year 9 and 10 students attended a South Auckland Girls Futsal Tournament** on 20th September. It was an awesome opportunity for our young akonga to develop their sporting skills in a fun and engaging way. Jazak Allah khairan to

Ust Shana and her team for organizing this event.

The **Spoken Word senior participants** did an excellent job in the finals and were placed second overall. They have shown their superb talents and captivated the audience with their performance. Special thanks to Ust Famida and the mentor for preparing the students plus all the staff who supported the students in any way.

**22 senior students will be attending IT courses at Techtorium in Newmarket in the upcoming two weeks holidays.** They will be undertaking IT courses in Cyber Security, Cloud Technology, Programming and Games.

Students will also be earning invaluable credits towards the relevant qualifications. We are planning to run another round of Health and Safety courses and Barista courses for students later in the year.

This is a friendly reminder to all students that the upcoming holidays are a brilliant time to plan your study for the upcoming NCEA exams later in Term 4. Planning your studies is the key to success.

Students are encouraged to connect with their teachers if they are unsure about their work and or if they need help in how to plan their studies.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ust Linley, Ust Deidre and all our staff for their hard work and efforts this term. We are hoping that staff and students have a lovely and restful break and are fully energized for Term 4.

May Allah SWT guide us all in the right direction.

Ameen

Was salaam

Ust Nazmeen and Ust Nahla

Acting Principals

## TERM 3 ENDS

This Friday 27 September.

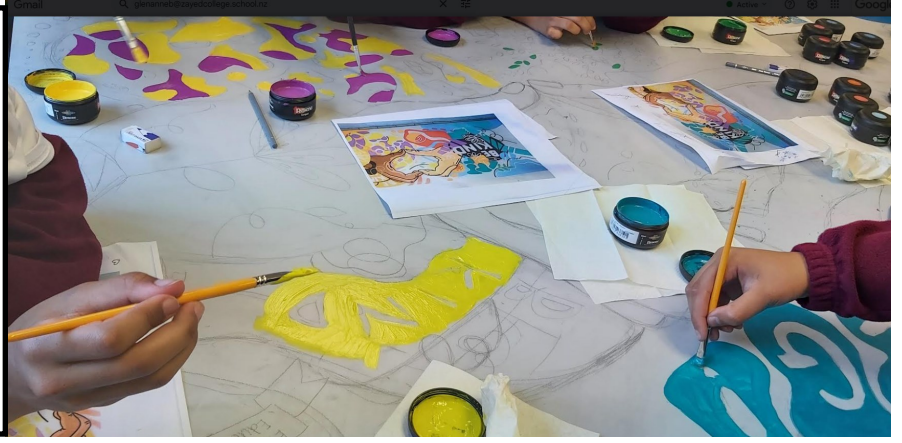
***The school office will be open 7 Oct to 11 Oct from 9am to 3pm for queries and enrolments***

## PLAYGROUND MURAL

Mural Club students are currently working on an exciting and vibrant outdoor mural for the playground.

It is a large aluminium sheet which will be screwed onto the wall and protected by a paint lacquer.

We look forward to seeing the finished product.



## STUDENT RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE ARABIC READERS IN THE WORLD-WIDE ARABIC READING CHALLENGE IN DUBAI.

We extend our best wishes to **Sumaya Muhammad Zeki, Year 9, and Hajer Muhammad Zeki, Year 8**, as they depart for UAE to accept the invitation to represent our school as third and fourth place National Winners at the International Arabic Reading Challenge in Dubai.

In preparation for this prestigious event, both students diligently compiled summaries of 25 Arabic reading books from a variety of contexts. They also engaged in critical thinking by answering a series of questions designed to assess their comprehension, opinion and knowledge of the authors.

We wish them a safe journey and express our gratitude to their caregivers for their collaborative efforts with the school, ensuring that all summative assessments were completed prior to their departure. Their unwavering support throughout this educational journey has been invaluable.

Attending this competition will provide Sumaya and Hajer with exceptional experiences as they observe International Top Winners in action.

This opportunity will enhance their speaking skills and prepare them for future challenges. We look forward to their continued success in next year's competition. Zayed College is proud to have an international presence thanks to their remarkable achievements and fully supports their aspirations to excel as top winners in the future.

Feel free to explore the International Arabic Reading Challenge here: <https://arabreadingchallenge.com/home>

~ Ust Hala

### From the New Zealand General Coordinator

The Arabic Reading Challenge is the largest ever Arab literacy initiative launched by Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

It aims to develop Arabic linguistic skills among youth regionally and internationally and to ignite a cultural renaissance by encouraging all students across the Arab World to read, as well as Arab students in foreign countries and bilingual Arabic speakers.

New Zealand has been an important part in this challenge for years, and winners have been competing against candidates

from other non-Arab countries to achieve the top three places world-wide.

The winners from New Zealand for the academic year 2023/2024 are:

First Place: Razan Ahmad Hawa (Home Schooling).

Second Place: Maisoon Mohamed Abdelwahab Abdallah (Auckland Normal Intermediate)

Third place: Sumaya Saleh Muhammad Zeki (Zayed College for Girls).

Congratulations to our winners and we look forward to seeing you all in Dubai in October 2024!

التاريخ: 2024/7/27

إلى من يهمه الأمر،

"تحدي القراءة العربي" هو أكبر مشروع عربي لتشجيع القراءة، أطلقه صاحب السمو الشيخ محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم، نائب رئيس دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة رئيس مجلس الوزراء حاكم دبي.

يهدف التحدي إلى تنمية الوعي العام بواقع القراءة العربي، وضرورة الارتقاء به لأخذ موقع متقدم عالمياً، ولإحداث نهضة في القراءة عبر وصول المبادرة إلى جميع الطلبة في مدارس وجامعات الوطن العربي، شاملة أبناء الجاليات العربية في الدول الأجنبية، ومتعلمي اللغة العربية من الناطقين بغيرها.

لطالما كانت دولة نيوزيلندا من الدول المشاركة في هذا التحدي، ويستمر أبطالها بالمشاركة والمناصفة مع أبطال الجاليات من الدول الأخرى على لقب بطل الجاليات.

والفائزون بالمراكز الثلاث الأولى من نيوزيلندا للعام الدراسي 2024/2023 هم:

المركز الأول: رزان أحمد حوا (تعليم منزلي)

المركز الثاني: ميسون محمد عبد الوهاب عبد الله (مدرسة أوكلاند نورمال المتوسطة).

المركز الثالث: سمية صالح محمد زكي محمد زكي (ثانوية زايد للبنات).

تهانينا للفائزين، ونتطلع لرؤيتكم في دبي في أكتوبر 2024.

تمنياتنا لكم بالتوفيق،

المنسق العام في نيوزيلندا



## FUTSAL

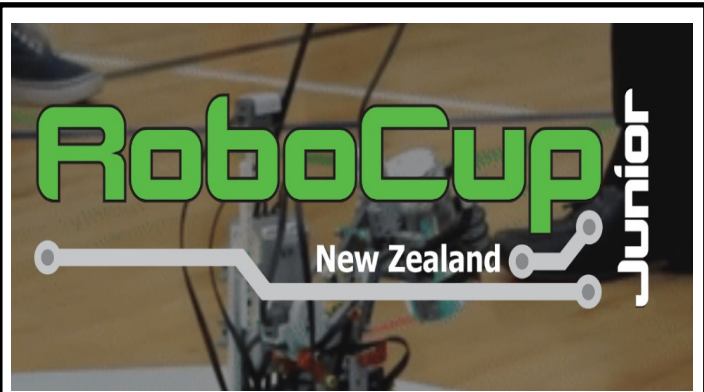
Selected students from Year 9 and Year 10 participated in an exciting Secondary School Girls' Futsal Festival at Pulman Arena, Takanini, which provided a fun and energetic introduction to the sport.

The event was designed to create a positive and encouraging environment, enabling girls to experience the fast-paced, dynamic nature of Futsal in a supportive setting. For many of the participants, it was their first time playing the sport, making it a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, develop confidence, and foster teamwork.

Throughout the event, the girls were able to engage with the game in a way that encouraged both personal growth, collaboration and teamwork. The supportive atmosphere allowed them to enjoy the game without pressure, focusing on building relationships and having fun.

This Futsal experience not only gave them a chance to be physically active but also helped to strengthen their bonds as a school community around Auckland schools. It was a memorable and empowering day for all involved.

~Ust Shana



## ROBOCUP FINAL

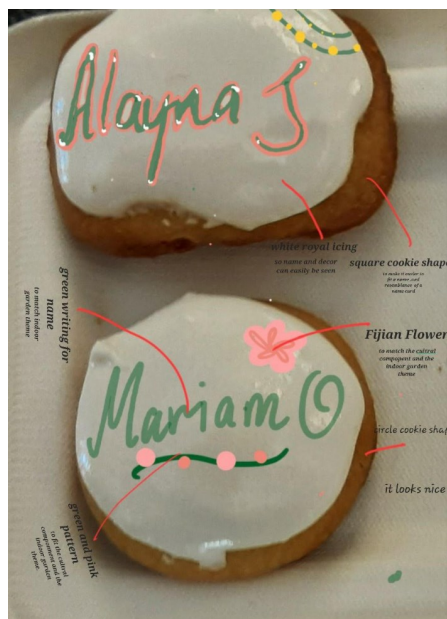
RoboCup Junior New Zealand is a national robotics competition for school children.

The 2024 national competition was held on Saturday, August 31st, at St Cuthbert's College Hall. Two teams of Year 9 students - **Jubn Falasteeni (Zaynub Chida, Hafsa Shahid, Umaiza Rehan, and Safiyya Patel)** and **Cyber Warriors (Sumaya Muhammad Zeki, Hafsa Nouman, Yasmeen Musa, and Arousha Ali)** had the opportunity to participate in the national competition after advancing from the regional rounds.

This competition offers an impressive integration of Science, Technology, and the Arts, as participants program their robots to move in sync with a soundtrack. The performance is a true team effort, with students designing and creating their own props, in addition to building and programming the robots. An important part of the judging process is a 10-minute team interview.

Although our students did not win at the national competition, their teamwork and critical thinking skills truly stood out. I'm confident they will carry forward a wealth of valuable learning from both the regional and national events.

~ Ust Aazmeen



## DESIGN FOR PURPOSE

Left: For our Design for Purpose Unit in Technology we decided to make edible name cards to specifications.

~ **Mariam Osman and Alayna Shiraz, Year 10**

Far left: We made an edible name card for a wedding with a garden theme and we also incorporated the couple's cultures so we added native Fijian wedding flowers.

~ **Madeena Gul and Shaniza Ali, Year 10**

## TECH24

was held at MOTAT on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

This forum opens opportunity for the students to hear from inspiring people who have a role to play with cutting edge technology.

The purpose of this event was to inspire ākongā (learners) into technology pathways and thrive in the Digital future. Also, to empower young people to gain a better understanding of future tech pathways and opportunities.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experimental zone where they had different activities such as Drone Legends, Media Design School, MOTAT, TENZ, and VAKA - 3 D printing technologies.

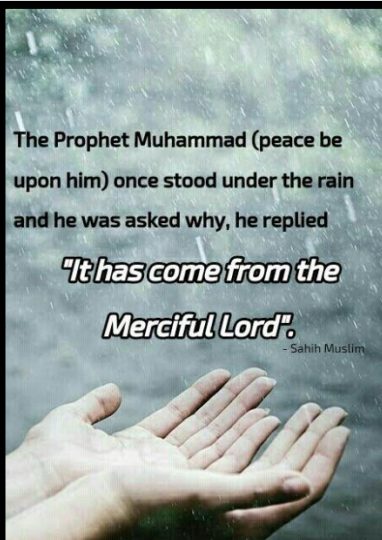


*"I learnt the importance of technology and how our future relies on it". ~Hajra Khan y9*

*"We got good insight about AI, the tech future and what we can do". ~Yasmeen Mussa y9*

*"It was a really fun time getting to know about how technology changes our life and how it makes our life easier". ~Farah Khan y10*

*"The whole event was fun and I had gotten to experience new cool things. I had created things such as a vehicle out of Legos and a paper box for popcorn, which was really fun. I loved to walk around finding cool creations and even tried participating in some of the interactive creations. My overall time there was really good." Alayna Shiraz y10*



The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) once stood under the rain and he was asked why, he replied

***"It has come from the Merciful Lord".***

- Sahih Muslim

WHEN IT RAINED

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (ﷺ) WOULD SAY:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ صَيِّبًا نَافِعًا

(O ALLAH, MAKE IT BENEFICIAL RAIN)

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After the heavy rain last week, it is a timely reminder that rain is a blessing from Allah, and it's important to be grateful to Him for it.

When rain falls, as it said in the hadith of Sahl ibn Sa'd that is attributed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "There are two which will not be rejected: du'a at the time of the call (to prayer) and when it is raining." Narrated by Abu Dawud

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Reference: Sadaqah

Our contact lives in Gaza. They are a trust-worthy individual who has been entrusted with continuing to pass these donations to the people of Gaza to help support them in these harsh circumstances.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact

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Ust Fawziyyah [frak@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:frak@zayedcollege.school.nz)

## EXCITING NEWS: OUR PLAYGROUND IS COMPLETE!

Our brand-new playground is officially completed and ready for action! Just in time for the start of Term 4, we can't wait for everyone to experience the fun and adventure that awaits.

A huge thank you to Aotearoa Charitable Foundation Trust for their generous support in funding this fantastic project. Thanks to their commitment to enriching our school community, we now have a vibrant space for play, creativity, and new friendships.

A special thank you also goes to the fantastic builders and staff at Playground Creations who have worked hard to transform our vision into reality. Your craftsmanship has given us a playground that is both safe and exciting for our students.

Finally thank you to our dedicated caretaker, Br Wahid, who has been overseeing the project and ensuring everything runs smoothly for the construction team on school grounds.

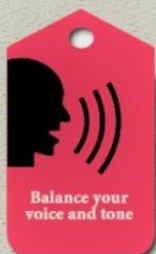
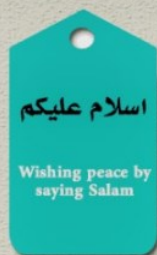
We're especially excited for all our girls to unleash their inner adventurer! We can't wait to see them all having a blast on our new playground!

Happy playing!

*Nafisah Rasheed*  
Executive Officer



## EFFECTIVE WAY OF COMMUNICATION ACCORDING TO SUNNAH



## THE MANNERS OF CONVERSATION

The tongue and the language are great gifts of Allah. These gifts that Allah has given him makes him superior to all other creatures:

***“The Most Gracious Allah has taught the Quran; He has created man; He has taught him speech.”***  
(Ar-Rahman..:1-4)

Islam has explained how people can derive benefit from this unparalleled blessing, and how the speech that flows from their tongues throughout the day be used for goodness and truth.

People who are never tired of talking are not few in number. If you examine their talks you will find that most of these consist of senseless, absurd and trash things, whereas Allah has not given men their tongues for this purpose, nor these capabilities were given for such a purpose:

***“In most of their secret talks there is no good; but if one exhorts to a deed of charity or justice or conciliation between men, (secrecy is permissible); to him who does this, seeking the good pleasure of Allah, We shall soon give a reward of the highest (value).”***  
(An-Nissa: 114)

### Take an Account of Yourself

Before addressing others take a glance at yourself, and ask yourself whether this is an occasion which demands speaking. If the answer is in the affirmative, then speak, otherwise silence is much better. To avoid talking unnecessarily on appropriate occasions is a worship of great rewards.

## TERM 4 DATES

Number of weeks: 10

**Term start and end dates:** Starts Monday 14 October and ends Friday 13 December

### Public holidays:

Labour Day – Monday 28 October

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December

Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December

New Year's Day – Wednesday 1 January 2025

Day after New Year's Day – Thursday 2 January 2025

## REPAIR CAFÉ

Please see attached the flyers for the Rangatahi Repair Café taking place at Māngere East Family Services on Saturday 28th September from 10am. All are welcome!

Bring your things in need of repair (ripped uniform, stuck zipper, wonky bike seat, items in need of aroha etc) and join in the fun, food and festivities.

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK PRESENTS

# RANGATAHI REPAIR CAFE

**SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER '24**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM  
ME FAMILY SERVICES  
16 - 18 FERGUSON ST, MANGERE

**STATIONS FOR THE DAY:**  
BIKE REPAIR  
SEWING  
ELECTRICAL  
RONGOA WORKSHOP  
TOOL STATION -  
GENERAL REPAIR

**GIVEAWAYS**  
FOOD & DRINKS  
PROVIDED



Repair Café Aotearoa New Zealand

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## DID YOU MOVE ? DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

It is important that parents/caregivers keep us updated on contact details in case of emergencies and also to keep you up to date on school matters.

Email [admin@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@zayedcollege.school.nz) if any contact details such as address, email address, contact phone numbers need to be updated.



## ATTENDANCE

As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

