



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
EDUCATE A WOMAN, EDUCATE A NATION
NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamualaikum wa rahmatullahi barakatuh
Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3. In sha Allah you and your families are well and keeping warm in this winter season.

We would like to let you know that we are currently working collaboratively as Acting Co- Principals together with Ust Deidre in an advisory role whilst Ust Regina is away on leave.

We welcome Ust Musharat as a fixed term reliever in Term 3. She will be relieving and also supporting our numeracy initiatives in class.

Term 3 is a busy term as seniors are getting ready to complete their internals and preparing for their externals. Juniors are also engaged in a variety of learning experiences.

The focus for Term 3 would be for all our akonga (students) to develop a high degree of student agency. This would be reflected in students taking responsibility and ownership in their learning, application and practices. We would like all our students to live the school vision and display the KARE (Kindness, Appreciation, Respect, Equity) values in all settings. Our school vision is :For every girl to develop a beautiful character and academic excellence in a nurturing Islamic environment.

Jazak Allah khairan to all the parents/ caregivers who attended the recent Parent Teacher Student Conference recently. It was great to see a good turnout and to discuss their daughter's achievement and next steps.

Please help us to improve this conference by completing this short survey. <https://forms.gle/RFKesYTK5KTGCjPU9>

During the July holidays eleven senior students attended a holiday programme at Techorium in Newmarket for two weeks. They gained invaluable skills in Cyber Security, Cloud Technology, Games and Programming.

These courses were at Level 3 and 4. Students gained 20 credits in total. Thank you to all the parents/ caregivers who supported their daughters in their learning journey. There will be another round of courses available in the September holidays and enrolments are now open. Anyone who is interested can see us for further information.

We also had great success in the South Auckland Robocup Junior NZ Competition where several junior students took part in. One of the teams has qualified to be in the national finals in the novice category. Congratulations!

Year 11 YES Business students are holding the annual market day at Mangere Village Boutique on 17th August, 2024 from 9 am till 12.30 pm. Students will be showcasing their lovely products and interacting with their customers whilst making sales and profits.

Leadership training sessions have been provided to the year 13, supporting their growth as leaders from an Islamic perspective. In addition, The Learning Place will be at our premises to conduct a Health and Safety Course for 22 senior students on 21st and 22nd August, 2024. Students will be able to gain lifelong skills and credits. The Junior classes will be participating in building confidence, career planning and time management training sessions in week 4.

Attendance and punctuality are major focus areas for the school this year. We request all our parents to play an active role in encouraging attendance on a daily basis unless their daughter is sick.

Improving literacy skills continues to be one of our important goals as we encourage our students to read books that are suitable for their age group in their spare time.

The Education Review Office(ERO) will be visiting the school on the 19th and 20th August.

We wish all our students the best for the term, jazakum Allah khairan for all the parents and caregivers for their continuous support of the school and the students.

Fi amman Allah wa Hifthih
May Allah be your Guardian/Protector
Ust Nazmeen , Ust Nahla
Acting Co- Principals

Seek (beneficial) knowledge, because seeking it for the sake of Allah is a worship. And knowing it makes you more God-fearing; and searching for it is jihad, teaching it to those who do not know is charity, reviewing and learning it more is like tasbeeh. Through knowledge Allah will be known and worshiped."
-Ibn Taymiyyah

ATTENDANCE

One of the things we are continuing to focus on this term is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age.

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.

We know we have had our share of crisp mornings chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times.

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call. Check out the Ministry of Education [website](#) for more information. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us.

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.

Parents and caregivers can find more information [here](#).



TERM 3 DATES

Number of weeks: 10

Term start and end dates:

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (100 half days)

Public holidays: None

School holidays: Saturday 28 Sept to Sunday 13 Oct

12 -16 August

- Ethnic Youth Wellbeing Initiatives (EYWI). Programme for Year 7 to 10

Saturday, 17 August

- L1 Business Studies YES Market Day, Mangere Town Centre, 8:30am to 12:30pm.

- NZ Aquabots Regional Competition, Zayed College for Girls Pool. Some Year 10 students.

Friday, 13 September

- Junior Market Day. 1pm to 3:30pm

NUMERACY CAA SESSIONS FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Ustadha Waseema and Ustadha Suriyya are offering extra tutoring sessions for Numeracy for all Year 10 students who did not achieve in the last exam.

Every Tuesday and Thursday: 8.15am to 9.00am in Room 6.

The next session for this exam (Numeracy CAA) is between September 9 - 20. Exact date will be confirmed soon, inshaAllah. **This Numeracy assessment is worth 10 credits and is a prerequisite for university entrance.**

Please make sure that your daughter is on time at school (i.e. 8.15am) to attend these sessions. Email Ust Suriyya suriyyab@zayedcollege.school.nz with confirmation that your daughter will be attending.

NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS 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 an 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.

1. Download Skool Loop from Playstore
2. Choose your school
3. Ready to Communicate

Easy as that. If you have any problems please contact Ustadha Lina on 09 255 0904 ext 212 or reception after 2pm.

SPOKEN WORD

Alhamdulillah we are Semi Finalists and our students will be performing their poems on 17th August @ Aotea Centre. Please come and support our amazing students.

The Six Participants are **Serene Chammaa, Shifa Ahmed, Amira Mohammed, Amina Osman, Rimsha Malek and Jowairryah Safi.**

On 3rd August our students attended a Writing Workshop in Whangaparaoa (Peter Snell Village Camp) along with **Ustadha Famida and our coach Sara Alhmadi.**

14 other qualifying schools were also present and it was a rewarding day for all.

Spoken Word Camp Highlights

Ice-Breaker Activities: The camp kicked off with engaging ice-breaker games that helped participants connect and feel comfortable. These activities set the tone for a collaborative and supportive environment.

Workshops on Writing and Performance: Expert poets and spoken word artists conducted workshops focused on the art of writing and performing spoken word poetry. Participants learned techniques for crafting powerful verses and delivering them with confidence.

Open Mic Sessions: Participants had the opportunity to share their work in open mic sessions. This was a highlight for many, as it allowed them to express themselves in front of a supportive audience and receive constructive feedback.

Guest Performances: Established spoken word artists performed during the camp, inspiring participants with their powerful pieces and unique styles. These performances were both educational and entertaining.

One-on-One Mentoring: Participants had the chance to work closely with mentors who provided personalized guidance on their writing and performance techniques. This individualized attention helped many participants refine their skills.

Overall the camp encapsulated the essence of the Spoken Word, emphasizing creativity, expression, and community.

~ Ustadha Famida



QURAN COMPETITION FINALS

We extend our heart felt gratitude and a warm jazak Allah khairan to Ust Nor, Ust Aomaema, the events team(Ust Fawziyyah, Ust Hala, Ust Koriana and Ust Shalu) and all the staff for your invaluable contribution and support for our highly successful Quran Competition. Alhamdollah. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and enthusiastic.

The participants recited the verses in a beautiful manner. The competition showcased the need for us to deepen our relationship with the Quran and let its wisdom guide us throughout our lives.

May Allah SWT bless you all for all your hard work and efforts. Ameen. It is much appreciated.

~ SLL Team.

The results of the Quran competition held on Thursday 1st August:

Tilawah category

1st place - Hajer Muhammad Zeki Year 8
2nd place - Iqra Halane Year 10
3rd place - Jowairiyah Safi Year 12
Finalists - Rumaysa Rizwan Year 10 and Rasina Miakhil Year 7

Beginner category

1st place - Nada Tawfiq Year 7
2nd place - Annisa Afsandi Year 8
3rd place - Najjha Suhaimi Year 8
Finalists - Habeebah Ali Year 8 and Maria Afridi Year 8

Intermediate category

1st place - Zaynub Chida Year 9
2nd place - Ilham Halane Year 9
3rd place - Tayyibah Yeasin Year 8
Finalists - Safiyyah Patel Year 9 and Shaimaa Abboud Year 8

Advance category

1st place - Shifa Ahmed Year 11
2nd place - Akifa Rahman Year 8
3rd place - Yasmeen Mussa Year 9
Finalists - Serene Chammaa Year 13 and Sumaya Muhammad Zeki Year 8

OVERALL QURAN AWARD - Shifa Ahmed Year 11

Speech Winner - Sameeha Ali Year 11

Runners up - Shahifa Aara Year 13 and Rimsha Malek Year 12

Calligraphy Winner - Yafia Khan Year 11

Runners up - Zaynub Chida Year 9 and Tayyibah Yeasin Year 8

Class nasheed winner is year 7

FROM REGIONAL ROBOCUP JR TO THE ROBOCUP NATIONALS!

Last Saturday on the 27th July our two Robotics teams went to the Ōtara Music Arts Centre (OMAC) to take a part in the South Auckland Robocup Junior New Zealand, Theatre branch.

The competition, which is sponsored by Foundation North, provides a platform for students to showcase their skills in designing, building, and programming robots to compete in various challenges where the only specification is that each robot used is programmed, not remote controlled.

Our girls showed outstanding teamwork, creativity in problem solving, and design skills while navigating coding challenges with a basic robot. They had to design and make the theatre, props, costumes, create a sound track and program the robots. They were also interviewed by the judges to evaluate their knowledge and assess their teamwork before they head to the theatre board to showcase their performance.

The results were amazing:

Secondary Theatre:

1st Place - Cyber Warriors - Zayed College For Girls
2nd Place - Jubn Falasteeni - Zayed College For Girls

With that both of our teams have secured a spot in the national finals at St Cuthberts school by the end of August.

This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of our staff, who assisted in purchasing resources and sacrificed their class time for girls to prepare, as well as the support of our parents.

Ka pai girls and good luck in the Nationals!

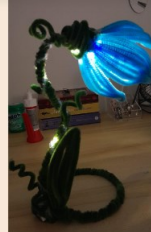
~ Shaimaa W. Zahmak, Parent in Attendance





Welcome to LuminFlora!

LuminFlora handmakes beautiful and colourful flower lamps out of fuzzy pipe cleaners. These flower lamps can be used for different purposes, whether for you or as a gift! Most of our materials are recyclable or in other words they can be used again and again for the same purpose. We have successfully sold a few flower lamps, delighting our customers. Now, we're creating a trendy TikTok-inspired flower bouquet, where each flower represents a letter. You can personalise your orders with your chosen flowers!!



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LEADERSHIP HAUORA FORUM TE PUKE OTARA COMMUNITY CENTRE, OTARA

The Future Leaders Hauora Forum was a well-organized and beneficial event, featuring workshops that refined our leadership skills and introduced new methods. The specialized catering made us feel welcome, and we learned the importance of staying true to ourselves and respecting others. Exposure to sports and panelist stories broadened our career perspectives and motivated us to make a difference in our schools. Special thanks to my PE teacher; Ustadah Shana, the workshop organizers, and Brother Wahid for their contributions to the event's success.

~ Sameeha Ali, Year 11

Doing this leadership program has taught me and my friends so much. It taught me that in order to get comfortable in where I am, I need to get uncomfortable first. I learned to challenge myself and to keep pushing in order to reach my goal. I met other schools and it gave me opportunities to understand the in-depth leadership qualities and the importance for my well-being. Surprisingly, I won a \$50 warehouse gift card for answering a question. I really appreciate all the work those organisers put in and would definitely do it again if the opportunity ever arises again.

~ Summer Arwani, Year 12




SOUTH ASIAN PARENT TRAINING: FREE WORKSHOP

Do you think your child behaves differently from other kids?

Do you find it difficult at times to parent your child?

If YES, come join our FREE parent training workshop with psychologist Sehar Moughal, specialist in learning and child development.

Gain some parenting tips and improve your relationship with your child!



Saturday, 24 August
10:30am - 12pm

St Luke's Church & Community Centre,
130 Remuera Road

To RSVP:
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