



Zayed College for Girls

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NEWSLETTER

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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, nau mai hoki mai

We begin by praising Allah Subhana wa TaÁla and expressing our deepest gratitude for His countless blessings. Alhamdulillah,

By His grace we experienced a truly uplifting and successful **APNA 990 Ramadhan Awards Night** last weekend. We are thankful for the barakah that filled the evening, for the safety of all who attended and for the opportunity to gather as a community in a spirit of unity, joy and purpose.

We were especially proud of our ākongā (students) who conducted themselves with dignity and grace, embodying the values of Kirdar (character) and Ikhlas (sincerity). The overwhelmingly positive feedback received is a testament not only to the success of the event, but to the strength of their character and the support that surrounds them.

Celebrating Our Youth

We acknowledge all participants and prizewinners—your dedication, sincerity and hard work continue to inspire. You are a reflection of the aspirations and prayers of your whānau and community, and we are immensely proud of you all.

With Sincere Gratitude

Events of this calibre are made possible through the collective efforts of many. We extend our sincere thanks to **APNA 990 Management** and organisers, especially Brother **Shaiyaz Mohammed** and his team, for their vision and commitment in delivering both the Ramadhan programme and Awards Night. Their work continues to strengthen the identity of our youth and bring our Ummah together.

We also acknowledge our Proprietors and Board for their ongoing support and guidance, and our dedicated staff, students and whānau whose contributions behind the scenes ensured the evening ran seamlessly.

Our thanks to **Bawarchi Catering** for their warm hospitality and to our families for the tarbiyat that enables our young people to shine as ambassadors of their faith.

Moments like these remind us that Zayed College for Girls is more than a place of learning—it is a thriving, connected whānau. We look forward to continuing to nurture these relationships as we work together to support the growth, wellbeing, and success of our Ākongā.

May Allah Subhana wa TaÁla continue to bless our community, unite our hearts and guide our young people in both knowledge and faith. Ameen.

This week is packed with activities. On **Wed the 13th of May** we have the **Final** of our Annual **Quran Competition** - very exciting as the Qur'an is at the heart of who we are and what we strive to nurture in our students. We invite all our mums and female family members to join us to honor and celebrate our students' efforts in their journey of faith.

Friday 15th of May is our annual **Athletics Day**.

Please support and encourage your daughter to attend fully prepared and ready to take part in the day's activities.

We look forward to a vibrant and rewarding term ahead.

Attendance and participation at all school events remain an expected and important focus, as these experiences play a valuable role in building confidence, connection, school spirit and character.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership May Allah Subhana wa TaÁla place barakah in all that we do together as a school community.

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Nazmeen Ahmad
Principal

May Allah bless all those going for Hajj with safety, ease and acceptance. May He forgive their sins, accept their worship and return them home purified and spiritually renewed. May He grant the entire Ummah mercy, unity and steadfast faith. Ameen.

WHATS COMING UP

- Tue 12 May Spoken Word - Heat One
- Wed 13 May Quran competition FINALS**
- Thu 14 May Senior Art Students Trip to Art Museum
- Fri 15 May Athletics Day - Trust Stadium, Henderson**
- 18 - 22 May Dentist in school
- 28 - 29 May Eid Ul Adha (TBC)**
- Mon 1 Jun Kings Birthday - Public Holiday**
- 2 - 5 Jun Language Week
- Tue 2 Jun Year 7 Boostrix Immunisation
- Thu 4 Jun y9 & 10 Coding and Robotics
- 16 - 23 Jun Junior Mid Term Exams

TRANSPORT OFFERS

To and from Avondale Masjid
Arifa - 021 023 26784

Mt Roskill, New Windsor, Mt Albert
Fowzia - 021 2604528

Manurewa, Clendon, Weymouth
Nisha - 021 024 149770

New Windsor, Avondale, Maioro Rd, Mount
Roskill, New Lynn, Blockhouse Bay, Hillsborough.
Manar - 021 083 85857

STUDENT PICK-UP RESTRICTION BETWEEN 2: 05 – 2:35 PM

Parents and caregivers are kindly reminded not to pick up their daughter/s between 2:05 PM and 2:35 PM.

This time is reserved for Salat (prayer), and we will not remove students once Salat has begun.

If your child has an urgent appointment, please ensure they are collected before 2:05 PM.

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QURAN COMPETITION

DATE: Wednesday 13 May 2026

TIME: 9am - 1pm

VENUE: School gym.

Ladies only event.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS available

KUFFIYEH DAY

WEAR IT. HONOR IT. STAND FOR PALESTINE.

A WEEK OF PALESTINE SOLIDARITY FROM KUFFIYEH DAY TO NAKBA DAY

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 MAY	EDUCATE. LEARN. SHARE.	SPEAK UP. RAISE AWARENESS.	AMPLIFY PALESTINIAN VOICES.	BUILD SOLIDARITY. TAKE ACTION.	15 MAY
KUFFIYEH DAY WEAR YOUR KUFFIYEH. SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY.					NAKBA DAY REMEMBER. RESIST. RETURN.

لن ننسى
فلسطين حرة
WE WILL NOT FORGET.
FREE PALESTINE.

Participating in the REAL (Rangatahi Environment Action Leaders) Program

During the term 1 holidays, **Eiliyah Nawaaz** and **Safa Katawazi** represented our school at the REAL Programme (Rangatahi Environment Action Leaders) which is a programme where young leaders from schools all around Auckland came together to build on their leadership skills, create action plans for sustainable change and meet like-minded students.

Through this program, they visited key Auckland sites that protect our environment—like the CRC, ReGroup MRF, Ihumatao, Manukau Harbour Waka Ama, MIT Campus and Papatuanuku Marae. They also learnt about the environment from sustainability professionals and developed action plans to implement when they return to school.



PTA Invitation

We warmly invite all parents, mothers and caregivers to join our PTA. It's a wonderful way to stay connected, share your voice and ideas and support our girls in their learning journey.

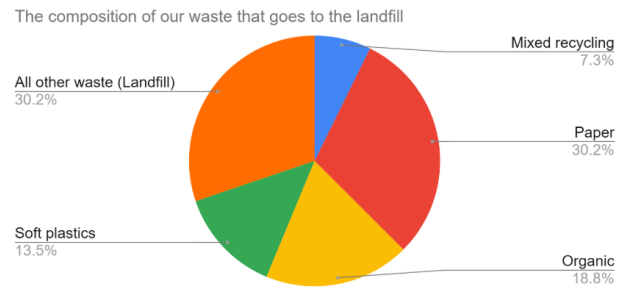
We are always in need of helping hands, and your time and effort can make a real difference.

If you're interested, please email pta@zayedcollege.school.nz or share your contact number with the school office, and they will connect you with the PTA.

We will be fundraising on Athletics day by selling delicious and nutritious items at reasonable prices.

Come help volunteer, will be happy to see you

Warm regards,
Sister Huma
PTA



Waste Audit

Sera Lelei from **Sustainability in Schools** carried out a waste audit in the school with our Y7s and a few other eco ambassadors for the 2nd time on 22nd April 2026. We audited approximately 1/3 of the large rubbish bag, which gave us a helpful snapshot of what was in the bin at the time.

One of the biggest takeaways from the audit was the students' knowledge and engagement. The Year 7 students showed a good understanding of composting, taking action for the environment and waste reduction.



The senior students were also very knowledgeable and a huge help with both setup and pack-down. It was a great morning, and the discussion afterwards around sharing the waste audit learning through a school play, posters and social media was especially exciting.

Celebrating the academic achievements of Ethnic Students

The **2026 Academic Awards** were proudly presented by the **Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition (ARCC)** in partnership with the **Ministry of Education (MoE)** on Thursday, 30 April, at AUT South Campus.

The event was dedicated to honouring the academic excellence of ethnic students in secondary schools across New Zealand.

We are pleased to share that two of our Year 13 students, **Shifa Ahmed** and **Sevara Adilova**, were recognised for their outstanding dedication and success at this year's event. Mabrook girls!

Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim. So let us approach our learning with gratitude, discipline and excellence, knowing that we are (servants of Allah) striving for His pleasure in both our deen and our dunya.

Tip top Factory visit - 6th May 2026

Y10 and Y11 students who are following Material and Process in Technology, visited the Tip top Ice cream Factory accompanied by **Ust Nahla** and **Ust Marliya** on 6th May 2026.

It was a splendid and memorable factory visit for our students. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience while gaining valuable insight into a food product that they all love.

They learnt about the variety of products, the history of the factory and the processes involved in making ice cream. They also enjoyed an ice cream of their choice.



Tip Top opens in Mt Wellington 1962 and as seen today

Quran Competition Activities

In conjunction with the 2026 Quran Competition we are organising two activities

<h2>Speech Competition</h2> <p>Theme: Characters of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w as our role model 4-5 minutes Due date: 13 May</p>	<h2>Calligraphy Competition</h2> <p>بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ Due date: 11 May</p>
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Exciting prizes to be won!

FRIDAYS IS CHICKEN BIRYANI DAY!

There are two sizes available. Large \$8.00 and Medium \$7.00. All money goes to our local Masjid.

Orders must be placed and paid for either Thursday during breaktimes or before 8:30am on Friday.

No orders will be accepted during class time.

Maritime History

Come aboard for a day of discovery looking at migration and identity in Aotearoa.

Our **Year 9 and 10 Social Studies** girls set sail across the Waitemata harbour on a historic vessel, taking the ropes themselves to hoist the sails just as voyagers did generations ago. But the journey didn't stop at the water's edge.

Through an immersive learning programme, students traced the powerful waves of migration that have shaped Aotearoa New Zealand, beginning with the Māori as Tangata Whenua, the first peoples of this land.

From there, they explored the true stories of courageous Indian, Chinese, Polish, and Pasifika pioneer communities, each adding a unique thread to our nation's rich tapestry.

Anchored in history and driven by hands-on adventure, this was social studies in action: connecting the past with the present, one sail and one story at a time.

