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WISHING OUR SENIOR STUDENTS EVERY SUCCESS

As our Year 11, 12 and 13 students begin their study break, the whole Zayed College for Girls community wishes them well for the NCEA examinations.

Study Break is from **Monday 2 November** to **Friday 6 November.**

The 2026 NCEA examinations run from **Tuesday 10 November** and the last is on **Friday 4 December**.

The late nights, the practice papers and the revision sessions have all prepared you for this moment. The hardest work is already behind you and now it is time to trust it.

During your study break, we encourage you to:

- Make a realistic revision plan and stick to it
- Rest well, eat well and take regular breaks
- Check your exam timetable and admission slip carefully, and plan to arrive early
- Ask for help if you need it. Your teachers are only an email away
- Remember that your worth is never measured by a single result

Do your very best and leave the rest to Allah. May He grant you ease, focus, clarity of mind and success in all your exams, Ameen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW JUNIOR LEADERS

As our seniors leave for study break and exams, we are proud to announce the Year 10 students who are stepping into their leadership roles:

Junior Head Girl: Maheebah Gul
Junior Deputy Head Girl: Habeebah Ali
Junior Sports Captain: Sumayya Burka
Junior Events Leader: Namira Rahman

Congratulations, girls! We have every confidence that you will lead with kindness, integrity and enthusiasm. May Allah bless your efforts and make you a source of inspiration to your fellow students.

ENROLLING OR LEAVING?

If you are **not** returning to Zayed College for Girls in 2027, parents please email the school to let us know. admin@zayedcollege.school.nz. This helps us with planning and timetabling.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2027.

Priority enrolment will be given to siblings of current students. If you have a daughter you wish to enrol, please contact the school office as soon as possible to secure your place.

FAREWELL YEAR 13

And just like that, our Year 13 girls are ready to turn the page and begin a new chapter.

Thank you for the memories, laughter, challenges and contributions you have brought to Zayed College for Girls. As you step into the next stage of life, stay true to who you are, hold firmly to your values and never stop learning or growing.

May Allah guide your paths, open doors of opportunity and grant you success in both dunya and akhirah, Ameen.

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Sevara Adilova
Shifa Ahmed
Fathimah Ali
Hafsah Ali
Syedah Midhat Amna
Asmaa Belgacem
Nuzayba Dean
Safiya Dilmurodova
Faiza Faheem
Yusra Halane
Aisyah Iqbal
Irha Khan
Zakirah Khan
Juwairiyah Mahomed
Razaan Mirza
Eiliyah Nawaaz
Asmaa Nazif
Shifa Patel
Iman Qureshi
Amira Rashid
Ummul Hafsa Razmin
Rumaysa Rizwan
Sumaiyah Saaliha
Farishta Safi
Elham Sakha
Farisha Sattar
Sumairaa Shaheen
Kalsoom Shinwari
Salma Yusufee
Fatima Zalt
Wafa Zoubi

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - A WEEK TO REMEMBER

PART TWO

The national theme for Mental Health Awareness Week is Belonging Matters. We explored this important theme in different ways. (See previous newsletter for Part One)

Mental Health Awareness week included placing groups of girls onto a huge ZC outline on the grass to create a visual picture that conveyed the theme of Belonging. The photo below is of Years 7 and 8. It was rather hot in the sun but the girls were rewarded for their patience with an ice block.

Our MHAW concluded with an assembly during which the Drama Club students presented a video that they had scripted, acted in, filmed and edited. It was on the subject of being judged and labelled by others, whereas true belonging comes when each student is accepted, valued for being her authentic self.

Throughout all the activities during MHAW, the strength of belonging to the Ummah was constantly referenced and how we are deeply connected in spirit, faith and shared humanity.

Although the week has ended, the conversation does not. If you ever feel overwhelmed, please talk to a trusted teacher, a counsellor, a friend or your family. Asking for help is a sign of strength and you never have to carry things alone.
~Ust Sandy

A heartfelt thank you, Ust Sandy, for the amazing activities you planned and led. Your care and creativity made the week both enjoyable and meaningful, and the girls were enthusiastic participants throughout.











PROTECTING OUR TAONGA: YEAR 7 STUDENTS RESEARCH NZ ANIMALS

In Term 3, our Year 7 students became ecologists, researching the extraordinary animals that call Aotearoa home and the habitats they depend on.

Each student chose a New Zealand animal and investigated its ecosystem: where it lives, what it eats and how it fits into the web of life around it.

They then looked at the threats facing their chosen species, including introduced predators, habitat loss, pollution and climate change. Most importantly, they explored practical ways we can protect these taiao (environments) and the creatures within them.
~Ust Nazia



SWIMMING BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Swimming classes for our students will commence next week, starting Monday 2nd November, 2026 and the students have access to the swimming timetable.

These classes are an essential part of our physical education program, aimed at developing water safety awareness, building confidence, and improving overall physical fitness.

students will need: Appropriate swimwear, Towel, Goggles (optional but recommended), A waterproof bag for wet clothes.

Please ensure that your child is well-prepared and brings all necessary items on swimming days. If your child has any medical conditions or concerns that we should be aware of, kindly notify me before the classes begin. Swimming is a valuable life skill, and we encourage full participation. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to contact me.

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YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE DAY: LEARNING, EARNING AND GIVING BACK

Alhamdulillah on Wednesday 21 October, Zayed College held its annual Year 10 Enterprise Day, run alongside the economics unit of the social science curriculum.

Through the project, our girls learned about partnership contracts, budgeting, product costing, taxation and teamwork. Underpinning it all was our teaching of Islamic ethics and the importance of giving back to the community. Each team set aside 15 percent of its sales for a charity project.

The result was a wonderful success. The girls raised over $400, which will be donated to the Rahmah Welfare Foundation to fund two water wells for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, an act of Sadaqah Jariyah whose benefit continues long after the day itself.

We extend a heartfelt Jazak Allah khairan to the students who supported their peers by buying their products and to the parents who joined us to enjoy the day as a school community, purchasing and tasting the girls' creations.
~Ust Nasirah











ENERGY RELATED ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

The school was awarded the Mana Ora grant from Auckland Council to support student-led action projects focused on energy and thereby climate resilience. This programme, led by Auckland Council's Sustainable Schools team, aims to help young people and communities build climate resilience.

As part of this programme, student leaders - Eiliyah, Sumaiyah, Safa, Mahnoor, Aizah, Asmaa, Amatullah, and Najat- participated in energy audits, organised competitions and conducted a mini Renewable Energy Roadshow to share their knowledge with younger students and the wider community.

At school, the student leaders taught students from Y7-10 about different forms of renewable energy and the important role they play in creating a sustainable future using display boards on Hydro, Wind and Solar energy, along with interactive kits, These junior students also had the opportunity to view models created through the Renewable Energy Model Competition, which showcased creative and innovative renewable energy ideas.

These sessions were extended to other schools in the vicinity when the student leaders took the Renewable Energy Mini Roadshow to Ōtāhuhu Primary School where they explained renewable energy concepts through engaging presentations and hands-on activities.

These primary students participated enthusiastically, asked thoughtful questions, and showed a strong interest in learning about sustainability.

This mini roadshow was a valuable opportunity to extend our energy initiatives beyond the school and into the wider community while developing leadership, teamwork and communication skills.
~Ust Marliya









LESS THAN 24 HOURS LEFT TO VOTE!

We're excited to share that **Aysha Lima**, Year 9, is currently in the **top 5** for the People's Choice Award!

The organisers have seen fantastic support from the school community and now we're entering the final stretch.

Every vote can make a difference and could help Aysha move into the leading position. Voting is completely free, with one vote per person/email address.

We would greatly appreciate your support by sharing the voting link to your whanau before voting closes midday on 31st October.

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