



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

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2024

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi barakatuh

Dear Parents/ caregivers,

In sha Allah you are all doing well as the weather is getting better. Teachers and students are extremely busy with teaching and learning as Term 3 progresses.

We thank families for supporting teachers as their daughters work on improving their agentic skills by being more responsible for their learning. Please continue to [encourage your daughters to attend school everyday and also to be punctual](#). We also appreciate your efforts to refrain from picking up your daughters before school officially ends.

We would like to share some insights about the events and activities that have taken place at our school over the last month. Our staff and students have been putting in a lot of hard work and effort to take part in these initiatives and events Here's a brief overview:

#### Numeracy Classes:

Every Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:15 to 9:00 am, the Maths Department, led by Ust Suriyya, conducts numeracy classes until the end of the term.

#### Mathex Competition:

Our junior students took part in the Mathex competition with great enthusiasm and effort.

#### Diversity Day:

Organized by Ust Fawziyya and Ust Hala, Year 12 students spent the day with other schools celebrating diversity, leadership and inclusion.

#### Literacy Initiative:

Our literacy initiative is ongoing in the junior classes during form time and will continue until the end of the term.

#### ERO Visit:

The Education Review Office (ERO) visited our school for two days. We received positive feedback and some constructive suggestions. The official report will be published upon completion.

#### Career Mini Conference

Brother Ali from EYWI conducted an interactive Career Day for students from Years 9-13. Students engaged in workshops and were able to gain access to experts from various fields regarding various career pathways.

#### Robocup Finals Competition

Ust Aazmeen and Ust Marliya will be taking 8 junior

students to participate in the Robocup Finals. It will be an exciting event and here's hoping that the teams will gain invaluable experience and success.

We appreciate the continued support from all parents and caregivers. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out.

JazakumAllah Khairan

Ust Nazmeen

Ust Nahla

Acting Co - Principals

*Enjoy the Companionship of the Prophet Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:*

*The Prophet (pbuh) said,*

*"Whoever supports two girls till they attain maturity, he and I will come on the Day of Resurrection (close to each other) like this –The Messenger of Allah joined his fingers to illustrate closeness." (Muslim)*

*These are just examples of how Islam cared for girl children. The care mentioned in these hadiths and others is comprehensive. It covers the girls' physical, emotional and mental needs.*

*Such is the care and affection that our daughters deserve. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) commands us to be loving, patient and supportive parents.*

### 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 September to Sunday 13 October

#### Sat, 31 Aug

Finals - Robo Cup Aquatics

#### Fri, 6 Sep

Selected Y9 & Y10 students participating in Tech24 at MOTAT

#### Fri, 13 Sep

Junior Market Day 1pm to 3:30pm

#### Thu 18 Sep - Tue 24 Sep

Derived Grade Exams (Seniors)

21 Sep

## MATHEX 2024

This year, our students from Year 7 to Year 10 participated in the MATHEX 2024 competition. Each year level had its own team, with four members per team. Congratulations to all the participants for taking part in this high-paced competition and competing against 120 teams in each year level.

MATHEX is a challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest where schools from across Auckland compete in teams to answer questions as quickly as possible. The competition consists of 20 questions and lasts for 30 minutes. The winning team is either the first to reach an absolute score of 100 points or the team with the highest score at the end of the 30 minutes. The competition was intense as teams vied for the title of this year's MATHEX champions. I am very proud of all our teams for their bravery and effort.

Although we did not win, our teams performed well and enjoyed the experience a lot. This experience was a valuable opportunity for our students to practice their mathematical skills and participate in such a significant event. The exposure and experience gained are incredibly worthwhile, enhancing students' teamwork and confidence, especially when competing under pressure in front of a large audience. Competing against over Top 120 Auckland teams in each year level fosters a competitive spirit. I encourage more students to participate in this exciting math competition in the future.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the students who participated and teachers who helped prepare the students for the competition and accompanied them to the event outside of school hours. We, the students and teachers, are always excited and ready to take on the next MATHEX! ~Ust Suriya



## MARKET DAY

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu & Tēnā koutou katoa Parents/Caregivers

We would like to invite you to our annual Market Day on Friday 13th September 2024, between the hours of 1pm to 3.30pm. This is a cash only event, where students have created food and miscellaneous items.

On this day, our normal school has been extended by one hour to allow families to attend around normal pick up time (2.30pm) and participate in our students' success.


All students are expected to arrive at school from 8.30am and will be allowed to leave from 3.30pm.

All students who are participating in the event will be expected to clean their stall before going home.

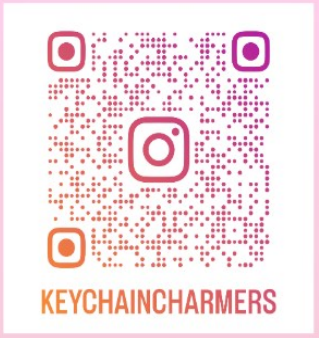
Please do not allow your children from other schools to attend during their school hours, this is a school event and we do not encourage truancy.

Ngā mihi nui  
Koriana Good






# CONTACT US



KEYCHAINCHARMERS



## TREE ADVENTURES - NCEA PE Year 11, 12 & 13

My visit to Tree Adventures was a thrilling and challenging experience. It was set in a dense forest; the park offered a variety of courses designed to test both physical and mental abilities for our NCEA PE assessment.

Upon arrival, the staff provided a comprehensive safety briefing and fitted me with the necessary gear, including a harness and helmet. The initial course was relatively easy, serving as a good introduction to the adventure. However, the difficulty soon increased, presenting a series of obstacles that demanded a mix of strength, focus, and courage.

As I progressed, I found myself crossing shaky bridges, zip-lining through the treetops, and balancing on tightropes placed high above the ground.

Each new challenge brought its own set of thrills and required me to push myself beyond my comfort zone. Tree Adventures not only tested my limits but also provided an opportunity for personal growth and reflection. It was an adventure that required me to confront my fears, trust in my abilities, and embrace the challenge.

The experience left me with a deep sense of accomplishment and an appreciation for the beauty and excitement of the natural world and importance of outdoor activities.

Sajeedah Sharif: Year 13.



# LuminFlora

*illuminate your world*

Welcome to Luminflora, where creativity blossoms through our unique handmade flowers handmade from pipe cleaners that shine with fairy lights. Elevate your space with our intricately designed floral arrangements that bring a touch of whimsy and charm to any occasion. Explore a world where simple things transform into beautiful blooms and, making every arrangement a work of art.

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### STUDENT ID CARDS

After some discussion with the student ID card makers, we can now offer student ID cards for 2024 if your daughter/s would like one. It is optional for this year.

The following conditions for 2024 are:

- Must have had their picture taken at the time of Photo day.
- Photos can be taken for students who started at Zayed College for Girls AFTER Photo day for those students who want one.
- Student ID cards are \$10 each and must be paid for by 17 September 2024. No orders will be taken after this date.

### Student ID cards for 2025

All students will be issued with a photo Student ID card. Please be in attendance on Photo Day. Student ID cards are an accepted form of ID with all AT (Auckland Transport) buses and trains - used for student concession fare via HOP Card. Student ID cards may also be used as identification when purchasing tickets for student concession at many recreational facilities (Cinemas, MOTAT, etc). Student ID Cards cost \$10. This charge is added to each student's account and can be paid for at the Office or online bank transfer

**Account Number:** 02-0124-0100679-00  
**Reference:** ID **Code:** Childs name

## PROPERTY UPDATES

### PLAYGROUND COMING SOON!

We're thrilled to announce that construction of our new school playground is well underway! The playground is expected to be ready for our students to enjoy in early September.

This exciting addition will provide a fun and safe space for students to play built on artificial turf over shock pads. The new playground will feature modern equipment designed to encourage active play.

Students can look forward to:

- Monkey bars to test their agility
- Swings for soaring high
- A 6-metre climbing rope for adventurous climbers
- Relaxing hammocks

Limits:

The Haemus net can hold up to 52 users.

The Basket Swings can hold up to 4 users on each seat.

The Hammocks can hold 1-2 users at a time.

A thrilling challenge for our students, helping them build strength and confidence. We can't wait to see the smiles on our students' faces as they explore this fantastic new play space.

We're counting down the days until our students can enjoy their new playground.



### NEW FOOTPATH ENHANCES STUDENT SAFETY

We're pleased to announce the completion of a new student footpath that provides a direct and safe route from our school exit to the main road.

We encourage all students to use this new footpath when leaving the school premises.

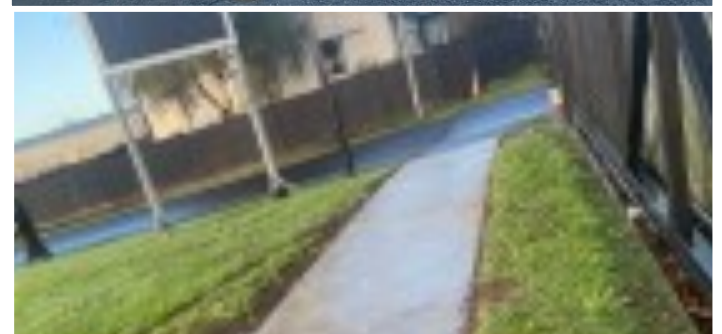
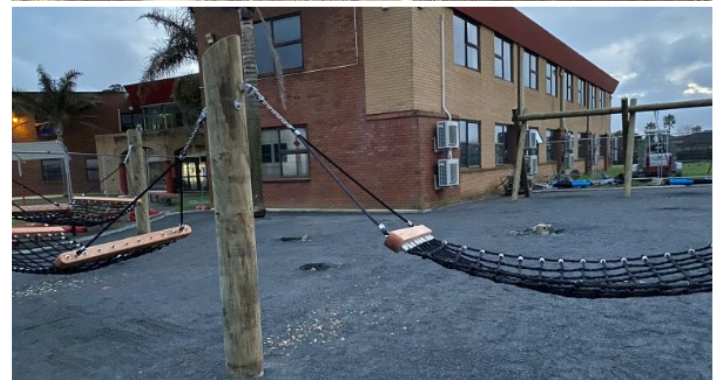
Please remind your children about the importance of using this designated path and following basic road safety rules, such as looking both ways before crossing the street.

We're committed to continually improving our school environment and ensuring the safety of all our students.

This new footpath is just one more step towards that goal.

If you have any questions or feedback about the new footpath, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

~ Ust Nafisah



If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

### LATE FOR SCHOOL?

Children learn best at the start of the day.

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day. EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

**Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.**

### EARLY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL?

It has been observed that some parents are picking-up their child/children early and some on a regular basis.

There should be a genuine/good reason to pick-up your child/children during the day as they miss out on important learning.

#### DUHR/ JUMU'AH SALAH TIMES

Mon-Thurs 1:30pm - 1:50pm  
 Friday 1:10pm - 1:45pm  
 Friday Assembly 1:45pm - 2:30pm

Parents/caregivers are advised **NOT** to pick-up their child/children during the above times.

### My child needs to leave school early, what is the process?

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment the student must have an appointment card or a note signed by a parent/guardian and hand it in to the office.

Please DO NOT send your child a text message and expect them to be let out of class and to leave the school grounds without following this process.

### My child feels unwell at school, what is the process?

All communication to parents about going home should come from the office. If your daughter is feeling unwell in the classroom, she must come to sickbay and Reception will call home.

If a student becomes sick during the day they must go to the office and they will contact parents to come and take the child home.

We ask parents to assist us in having their child follow the correct procedures regarding sickness at school.

### I need my child to be released URGENTLY, what can be done?

If you need to sign your child out for an emergency during the day, please be aware that the office staff may not be able to get your child straight away. While they will do everything they can to help, it may take a little while.

The student must go to the office to sign out.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

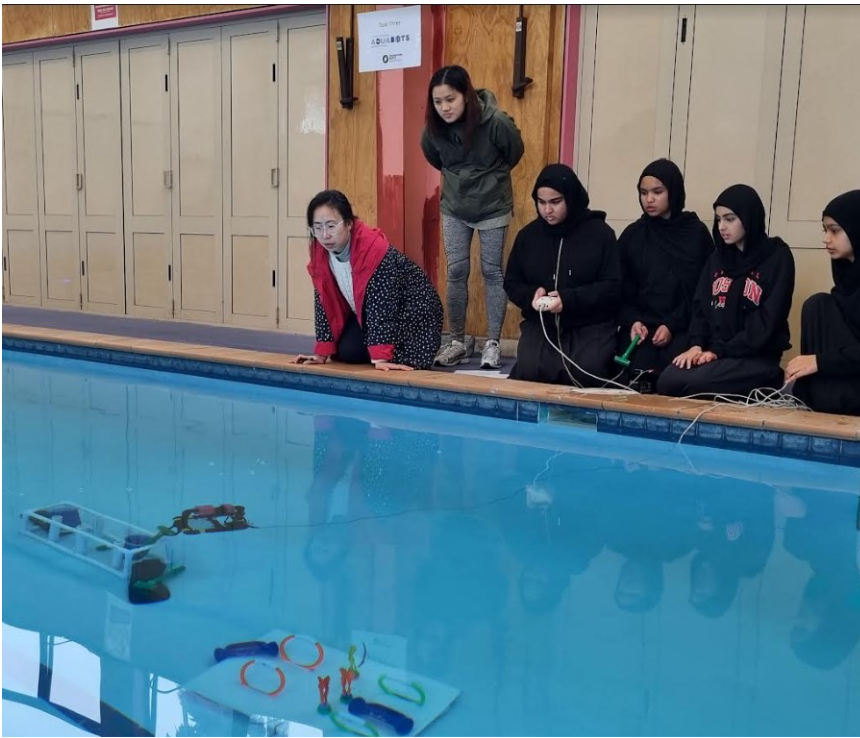
Notify Us Of Your **Child's Absence** Within Seconds On Our **Skool Loop App**



### ATTENDANCE

- Open the Skool Loop App & select Absentee
- Select a date range, if applicable
- Receive email receipt of your submission

Download **The Skool Loop App**. A simple 100% free download:  
 In Google Play & App Store search **'Skool Loop'** & choose our school once installed.



## AQUABOTS

On behalf of our team, I am excited to share that our Aquabot teams have advanced to the finals, which will be held on Sunday, December 1st, at the AUT Millennium Pools in Rosedale.

Masha Allah to Team Hydra Surge - **Mariam Osman, Madeena Gul, Alayna Shiraz and Asmaa Khan** - for achieving 1st place overall, and to Wai Wave - **Najat Thabiti, Amatullah Imran and Safa Katawazi** for securing 3rd place.

Once again, this achievement would not have been possible without the support and sacrifices of our staff and parents. Our team extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone.

~ Ust Aazmeen

## SPOKEN WORD

Students participating in Spoken Word have made it to the finals. There was stiff competition this year but content was the focus and we left a very heartfelt message for everyone present.

A parent commented to me that it is amazing Dawah for our community. I wish I had recorded what the judges had to say about the students' poetry, issues they raised and the deliverance if I may say, blew everyone away.

From left to right: **Jowairryah Safi** (y12), **Rimsha Malek** (y12), **Shifa Ahmed** (y11), **Serene Chamma'a** (y13), **Amira Mohammed** and **Amina Osman** (y12)

~ Ust Famida





CONGRATULATIONS to **Yasmeen Musa, Year 9**, on your successful spelling in the 2024 Classroom Spelling Bee.

Her result in the written test of 50 words means she has a spot at one of the spelling bee semi-finals to compete for one of 22 places at the 2024 Aotearoa Aotearoa New Zealand Spelling Bee Final sponsored by The Wright Family Foundation in Wellington on 1-2 November.

Yasmeen will take part in Auckland regional semi-final to be held at the Uxbridge Theatre, 35 Uxbridge Road, Howick, Auckland, Saturday 14 Sept2024.

This is a significant achievement, as Yasmeen is among the top 260 spellers in the country to advance to the next stage of the competition.

Inshallah, she will advance to the next level and continue to make us all proud! ~ Ust Asgari Shaikh



## FROM THE COUNSELLOR'S ROOM

### The importance of LIGHT and how it affects MOOD

Around half the population report feeling less happy in Winter. All mammals including human beings, need light as a synchroniser of our biological clocks.

Light - and in particular daylight, which we don't often get out into as much as we should - is so important for our basic health, for our psychological health and for our physical health. Apart from nutrition and exercise, getting more light in your eyes is the best treatment we know for seasonal mood challenges.

Indoors, the light intensity we are exposed to is not strong enough to stabilise our biological clocks. Outdoors - even on a grey, rainy day - the light is much more intense. To keep the winter blues at bay, it is recommended people get outside for at least half an hour every day, preferably in the morning. As the positive effects of light on our biological rhythms occur through eye contact, it is best not to wear sunglasses during this morning light fix.

We are not talking about light on the skin. We are talking about light hitting the retina and going straight to the brain to affect cognition and mood and rhythms and sleep - and that's all through the eyes.

Exploring the vast potential of sunlight for human and planetary well-being is the focus of Daylight Academy - a group of researchers, scientists and designers of which Wirz-Justice is part. "Increasingly, hospitals are being designed with indoor light in mind," she says. The ramifications of what we know about how light affects human behaviour and physiology and psychology is growing and is enormous.

This is interesting research! Luckily, Spring is coming, so we will be able to go outside more often, but we encourage our students to be outside at break times, as well as emphasising the need for exercise, good nutrition and enough sleep!

~Ust Sandy

Ref: NZ-born neurobiology researcher Anna Wirz-Justice, who is based in Basel, Switzerland, where she is emeritus professor of psychiatric neurobiology at the Centre for Chronobiology.

## URGENT: ATTENDANCE DUES FOR 2024 AND PRIOR YEARS NOW DUE

Attendance Dues is **COMPULSORY** and is a **CONDITION OF ENROLMENT**.

We urgently remind you about the importance of attendance dues for Zayed College for Girls. These compulsory fees are essential for:

- Maintaining and upgrading school buildings and facilities
- Covering building insurances
- Funding major capital works projects

### Payment options:

#### 1. Online bank transfer

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#### 2. Cash/Eftpos at school reception

#### 3. Automatic payment arrangements

For questions, setting up a payment plan or financial hardship - contact our **Executive Officer, Nafisah Rasheed**, at [finance@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:finance@zayedcollege.school.nz)

Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and directly supports your daughter's education.

## ★ °Waitā Keychains + ☐ C

Saving the ocean, one keychain at a time

We are a group of 4 year 11 students from Zayed College for Girls. As individuals, we are all extremely passionate about the environment, so we wanted our product to be something that we could use in our daily lives yet something that was pretty, in addition to being sustainable. Our products are handmade resin keychains and are produced using recycled materials. Marine pollution is a significant environmental issue that poses a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of our planet. We believe that through our product we will accomplish our goal of spreading the message of recycling and reusing to help save our marine environment.



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## H2O Helpers Year 11 business group

Looking for a unique and ethical way to enhance your space? Our student-run business is offering beautifully crafted mini water fountains from just \$25!

Each fountain is designed with sustainability and ethics in mind. There are several themes to choose from, including a whimsical Cake Theme, a magical Enchanted Forest, and a meaningful Palestine Theme. A portion of the profits generated by our business will be donated to aid relief efforts in Palestine. To find out more about our mini water fountains, you can check out our Instagram, TikTok, and website. Follow us to see the latest designs and updates. We can't wait to help you bring a touch of ethical elegance to your space!



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 11SBM FOR REACHING 90.2 % ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

10NCY and 9GBW were close behind with 10NCY at 89.2% and 9GBW 89%. Well done also to the parents as school attendance continues to increase. The numbers are still not there but we are moving in the right direction.

## TRANSPORT WANTED URGENTLY

We have new students requiring transport from the Mangere, Flatbush, Howick areas.

We have one driver in the East Auckland area who is willing to transport students to and from school however to make it viable for him, he requires 3 students to occupy the vehicle.

If you can help , please email

[linat@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:linat@zayedcollege.school.nz)

## FREE THEORY DRIVERS LICENSE CLASSES

If you live in the Wiri, Manukau area, Rawiri Community House, 1 Rata Vine Drive, Manukau, offers Free Theory Drivers License Classes every Tuesday between 3pm and 4:30pm.

No appointments needed, walk in. Learners, Restricted, Full. Theory Only.

## HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP ON YOUR PHONE YET?

Please download the app as soon as possible and encourage other family members to do the same.

- Download **Skool Loop** from Playstore
- Choose your school
- Ready to Communicate

## سلسلة الأخلاق

أخلاق مذمومة نقر منها الشرع ونهى عنها

### الغيبة

الدليل من القرآن الكريم

قال الله تعالى

﴿وَلَا يَغْتَب بَّعْضُكُم بَعْضًا﴾

(الحدرات، 11)

الدليل من السنة الصحيحة

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم

يا معشر من أمن بلسانه ولم يدخل الإيمان قلبه ، لا تغتابوا المسلمين ...

قال الألباني : حسن صحيح

AlBetaqa.com

الهيئة المدعوية

فانذار على الخير كشاهنة

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful

A series of Praiseworthy morals encouraged and ordered by Sharia.

## Backbiting

Evidence from the Holy Quran:

{And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it} (Hujurat: 12).

The prophet PBUH said :

O people of those who believe with their tongue but faith has not entered their hearts, do not backbite Muslims....

Al-Albani said: Hassan Sahih.