



# ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

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We are looking for a mum to volunteer some time to manage our library during lunchtime.

## CULTURAL DAY

We will be holding our Cultural Day this **Sat 27th Aug 2016 (24th dhul Qa3da 1437)**.

This is one of the most important events on the ZCG Calendar, when our students explode in enthusiasm and creativity, proudly celebrating their ethnic heritage with their communities.

We have five groups represented this year, Afghani, Arab, Fiji Indian, Indian, Maori. Each group will be showcasing an item in their original language, a performance, a visual display and offering tastings of traditional foods. The focus this year is on authenticity and how well the groups have adapted their chosen cultural expressions to honour Islamic tenets and values.

The performance will open with recitation of the Quran and a hadith translated in each respective vernacular and will be attended by guests from outside the school community who support our school in its exciting journey to achieving excellence and genuine practice of Islam.

We look forward to meeting mothers, sisters and other female members of our student's immediate families. Please note that **guests are welcome from 9.45 as the performance will begin at 10. Students are expected to be at school from 8.30 to 3.30pm as this is a normal school day.**

*(We have two extra school days a year that take place on Saturdays for Quran Competition and Cultural Day to make up for extra holidays we take for Eid. These help us to fulfill the MOE requirements. So please ensure your daughters are present).*



Wait for the traffic to die down...drop off your daughter and join us for a coffee

**every Thursday morning : 8.30-9.30am.**

**An opportunity to mingle with teachers and other mums.**

Tasks will include issuing books, tidying library, data entry, general stocktaking to name a few.

A great way to learn some new skills which can help you back into the workforce, social interaction with students and friendly staff, free tea and coffee and maybe a couple of biscuits now and again.

If your interested, call Sunita on 09 2550904.

## ATTENDANCE DUES

State-integrated schools are schools that were previously private and have become part of the state education system. Zayed College for Girls is a state integrated school. We are government funded to teach the national curriculum. However, the land and buildings are not owned by the government. Because of this we DO NOT get funding from the government for capital works on the land and buildings. This funding comes from the Proprietors, Al Nahyan Trust.

Section 36 of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975 enables Proprietors to collect attendance dues. This money is then used to pay for improvements to the land and buildings.

This is a legal and compulsory payment by parents each year your daughter attends Zayed College. JazakAllah Khairan to those parents that have paid or are making payments.

If you have not paid please contact Sister Sunita Kalidas on 2550904 or email [zayed\\_accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz](mailto:zayed_accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz) to find out your balance. You can pay in full or make regular smaller payments.

## WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM

Term 3 (90 half days)	Monday 25 July - Friday 23 September 9 weeks
Islamic Awareness week	22 - 28 August
Cultural Day	Saturday 27 August
NCEA practice exams begin	Monday 5 September
Eid Al-Adha	Tuesday 13 September
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Y8 Vision and Hearing test	Monday 19 September
BOT Meeting	Thursday 15 September

# Ski Trip, Mount Ruapehu 2016

10<sup>th</sup> of August - 6:30 a.m.: with their luggage in tow, teachers, parents and students weathered the cold frost of morning to meet at the gates of Zayed College for Girls to travel to Mount Ruapehu.

We took our time to arrive safely and including stops we finally arrived at our destination, Papakai Marae in just over 5 hours. We had an informal powhiri and a cuppa tea with Jean Snowden, the Whaea of the marae. After unpacking the bus and making our beds, we had dinner and rested; although a long day of travel, it was filled with laughing, singing and excitement for what was to come.

11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 - Alhumdoulillah, another beautiful day! The girls woke early and eager to see the snow, we headed to the mountain. It was a memorable time that I will never forget. To see the girls playing in the snow, some for the first time, touching it, feeling it and yes, dare I say, some even tasting it. Throwing snowballs with squeals of delight and peals of laughter, creating memories.

After lunch they all had a ski lesson. Those of them brave enough to try, experienced doing it by themselves with some hilarity. To see them learning something new and enjoy it was good to see. The whole day was an experience for all of us.

After dinner that night, full, tired and relaxed, we all shared our thoughts on what we thought went well and what we could have done differently. All in all, it was a positive outcome and everyone slept well that night.

12<sup>th</sup> of August - although sad our trip had come to an end, the girls were excited to be home with their families. On this trip, bonding and camaraderie was developed, sisterhood and new friendships were made and older friendships were strengthened. Respect between the students, teachers and parents were shown and upheld.

Successful.....Fun.....Memories....all by the grace of Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Principal, Teachers, Staff and Parents' support, truly you have given our students the chance to know and develop their special character away from home. This is only the beginning. Looking forward to more school camps and trips.

Ustada Elena Bernardo



*"The Zayed College Ski trip 2016 was a great success.*

*I witnessed patience, teamwork, perseverance and absolute joy from the girls. This trip has definitely instilled skills and built relationships and it was an excellent component to the year alongside other cultural, sporting and*

*academic extra curricular activities. I am excited to see what the next Zayed College trip brings....Well done Zayed College!!!"*

*Mrs Marissa Alkotub  
(Mother of Fatima Yr10 and  
Head Girl, Hannah Yr 13)*

