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Zayed College for Girls

PAID UNION MEETING FOR MEMBERS OF THE PPTA THURSDAY 27 JUNE

You may have heard that negotiations between the PPTA and the Government towards a settlement of the Secondary Teachers Collective Agreement have been concluded. The meeting for teachers to decide whether to accept the Government's offer will be held this Thursday, 27 June at 1.30 pm at the Vodafone Events Centre.

School will start as usual on Thursday 27 June at 8:30am and **timetabled classes for students will stop at 12.20pm (end of Period 3)**, in order for PPTA members to attend the meeting. Students are expected to be picked up at this time.

Students who stay at school will be supervised for the afternoon by teachers who are not members of the PPTA. **Normal school rules will apply until the end of the school**

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 1 JULY

PARENT INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 7 TO 13 TUESDAY 2 JULY

Zayed College will be hosting a parent/subject teacher meeting on Tuesday 2nd July to give you the opportunity to speak with your daughters' subject teachers about their progress to date.

On the same day we are fortunate to also have representatives from various tertiary institutions in our school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get first-hand information on career paths your daughters may be interested in.

Bookings for the Parent interviews can be made through our booking system. Use the following link to book interviews with your daughter's subject teachers.

Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>, click on 'make a booking' and enter the code **u6xsk**.

There will be no teaching on the day - students are expected to be in full school uniform to attend the interviews with their parents.

LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FRIDAY 5 JULY

The last day of term 2 for our students this year will be Friday 5 July. Term 3 will start on Monday 22 July.

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MONDAY 1 JULY 7PM

Zayed College for Girls parents, staff and members of the community are hereby invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday, 1 July, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the gym. A formal invitation with agenda will be sent out shortly.

RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations were fewer (03) than the number of vacancies (04) required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected

- Shanaz Isaacs
- Elsam Gadallah
- Syed Amjad Iqbal

Board of Trustees' Election Declaration of Staff Election Results, I hereby declare the following staff members duly elected

- Nadeema Nordien (unopposed)

- Saba Gul, Returning Officer



GOVERNMENTS REVIEW OF NCEA

Around 16,000 New Zealanders took part in the year-long **review of NCEA**. Major changes that the Government is proposing to introduce to the qualification over the next few years **include**:

- Make NCEA more accessible. From this year students will no longer have to pay NCEA or Scholarship fees.
- Mana ōrite mo te mātauranga Māori.
- Strengthen Literacy and Numeracy Requirements.
- Have fewer, larger standards.
- Simplify NCEA's structure.
- Show clearer pathways to further education and employment.
- Keep NCEA Level 1 as an optional level.

If you are interested in finding out more about the proposed changes this link will take you to a short video about each of the changes.

<http://www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/change-package/videos/>

Measles Update

We would like to remind you of the current concerns the Auckland Regional Public Health Service has around the potential spread of measles in our school and local communities.

Measles is a virus that can make adults and children very sick. It is highly infectious and can spread quickly and easily through breathing, sneezing and coughing. If you are not immune to measles, you can catch the disease just by being in the same room as someone who has it.

Measles can lead to serious complications and is especially weakened immune systems. Measles symptoms include cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

The best protection against measles is to be vaccinated with two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. One dose of MMR will protect around 95% of people and two doses will protect about 99%. The MMR vaccination is free for eligible people.

<https://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-andillness/measles/>



ATTENDANCE OVER DUES

Attendance Dues are a legal and compulsory payment by parents each year your daughter attends Zayed College for Girls. JazakumAllah Khairan to those parents that have paid or are making payments.

If you have not paid please contact Sister Sunita Kalidas on 09 2550904 or email zayed_accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz to find out your balance. You can pay in full or make regular smaller payments. Please make arrangements as soon as possible.

Letters will be sent out shortly for overdue attendance fees and outstanding debts e.g. unpaid camp fees.

If an activity or item is a part of the core education curriculum (like seeing a play students will be assessed on, or a school report), then your child has a right to be included. They must be allowed to participate or receive the item, whether or not you pay any donation. **There is no right to extra-curricular activities or items that are not part of the core curriculum**, such as camps, involvement in sports teams, the school ball or the yearbook. **The school**

can exclude students from these if you do not pay for them, or for other reasons, for example as discipline.

Excerpt from <http://www.youthlaw.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/Rights-at-School-Pamphlet.pdf>

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCES

Your help in ensuring that appointments etc. are arranged outside of school hours when possible and bringing children into school before and after appointments is much appreciated.

If a child is not coming to school, please ring or send a note with a sibling. It is school policy to contact parents if we have an unexplained absence. Please note that parents are legally obliged to provide a written explanation for children's absences.

The Principal has a legal obligation to report all children who are absent for more than 20 days in a school year and also those children whose attendance is erratic or giving the school cause for concern, whether they have missed 20 days or not.