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Zayed College for Girls

WHATS COMING UP

19 March
WORLD VISION YOUTH
CONFERENCE Y13

25 March
Photolife Class & student ID
photographs

26 March
Ko te rangimarie me te kotahitanga He wa whakawhanaungatanga peace and unity - A time to come together

7 April
Sunday at 2AM
Turn clocks back one hour



*Daylight Saving
Time Ends*

12 April

School finishes at 12pm
GRIP Leadership Conference
Off-site Y13
8:30am - 2:30pm

End of Term One

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Assalam Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh
(May Peace and Mercy and Blessings of Allah be Upon You).

Ko te rangimarie me te kotahitanga He wa Whakawhanaungatanga. E tu kia kotahi ai tatou.

Peace and Unity. A time to come together. Let us all stand as one.

We will test you with a certain amount of fear and hunger and loss of wealth and life and fruits of your toil. But give good news to the steadfast: Those who, when disaster strikes them, say, "We belong to Allah and to Him we will return". Those are the people who will have blessings and mercy from their Lord; they are the ones who are guided. ~Chapter 2, Verse 155-157

15th of March 2019 is forever ingrained in our hearts as the day New Zealanders came together as one, borne out of tragedy. Christchurch hurts and we feel deeply for the challenges they have had to cope with as a city in recent times but this was a very targeted attack on Muslims and we must acknowledge that.

We will never forget the loved ones that were lost. We are assured by Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala, that our brothers, sisters and our children will be granted the highest level of Jannah. How special were these 50 people, so loved by Allah to be given the status of martyrdom. This is what gives us and the families of the deceased peace.

We must remember that the terrorist was carrying out Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala's bigger plan. Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala's plans are the best of plans. Nothing happens without the will of Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala. Not even a leaf drops from a tree without the will of Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala. We as human beings are limited in our capacity to see the future and the khair in this tragedy for our Ummah. Allah only knows. What we can see instantly is the compassion of people. The love New Zealanders have shown for Muslims with the adorning of scarfs as a sign of solidarity, the calling of Adhan so everyone can hear, the collection of money for the security of Muslim families. The awareness and appreciation of diversity, culture and Islam, the teaching and learning of Islam, and most importantly the conversion to Islam of a number of people.

It may be that you hate something when it is good for you and it may be that you love something when it is bad for you. Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala knows and you know not.

~Chapter 2, Verse 216

This was an act of terror on humanity at large. Today, New Zealand is a different New Zealand from two weeks ago. With the help of Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala, your duas and the support of our amazing leader, the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, we will Insha Allah overcome this. Let us show how resilient we are and the immense depth of our faith in Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala. Hearts are soft right now, let us win those hearts by practising the way of our Prophet Mohammed, Sallallahu Alayhe wa Salam.

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Let us practice his softness in speech, his gentle and kind speech, his appropriate speech, his noble speech and his just speech at this time

of sadness. It is a time to show our deep concern and honour others by displaying the best of manners. This requires us to listen, reflect on our behaviour, to be patient and speak positively to and about others. Remember our Prophet Sallallahu Alayhe wa Salam, did not only practice this amongst Muslim but people of all races and religion.

Last week we were honoured to host a memorial at Zayed College with approximately 300 guests. It was also a way for us to give thanks to everyone for the overwhelming support we received.

Zayed College suggested that in lieu of gifts to the school that people donate to St John's on the day. As a result we raised \$1351.00 on the day.

Words cannot express our gratitude to our education community, the schools, our local businesses, our community and our friends.

He aha te mea nui o te ao, he tangata he tangata he tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world, it is the people, the people, the people.

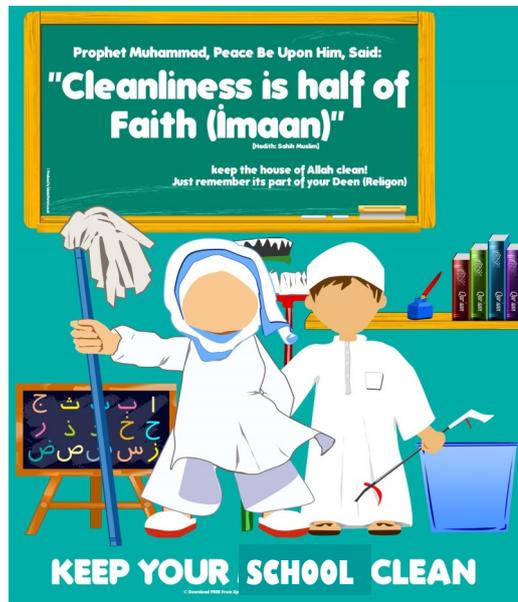
As Muslims we must remember that Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala, says:

Verily, with every difficulty there is relief. Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.

~Chapter 94, Verse 5-6

May Allah Subhana wa Ta'Ala bless you all.
Wa Alaikum Salam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Regina Rasheed
Principal



Thank you to parents who write a note, or call the school to inform us that their daughter is going to be late to school or is absent from school. We do appreciate this and it helps us ensure we have accurate attendance records.

Kamar - Student Management System

The KAMAR Parent Portal is now open. You should have received an automated message from the KAMAR system with your sign in details.

Here you can access your child's academic records, financial records of monies paid and owing and reports on academic progress.

Can you please check that you have received the email and you can access the portal. If you have any issues, please contact the Deputy Principal at asoupen@zayedcolleg.school.nz

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be life threatening. Find out what the symptoms are and how immunisation can protect you and your family

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

Free health advice
when you need it



Healthline
0800 611 116
www.healthline.govt.nz

If you think you or your child have been exposed to

Measles

Signs and Symptoms
call your doctor right away



- ✓ Fever
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Runny nose
- ✓ Red watery eyes
- ✓ Rashes 3-5 days after symptoms



Taking holidays during term - time

One ongoing concern is more families are taking students out of school during a school term for holidays. We do not encourage this as learning time is lost.

According to the Ministry of Education, once your child starts at school they need to attend every day until they are 16. This is laid out in the Education Act 1989.

Children are able to take time off due to sickness or bereavement, much like us working adults. However, holidays don't fall into the "good reason" category.

A child's "annual leave" is set out in the 12 weeks of holidays they already have. Birthdays are also not a good enough reason for a child to be absent from school.

Whilst it is not regularly enforced, not attending school is an offence and convicted parents can be fined \$30 for every day the child is absent (to a maximum \$300). A parent can be fined \$3,000 for a subsequent conviction.

At least you can apply for permission for your child to take leave. If time out of school during the term is absolutely necessary, please fill out the request leave form for your child before you book flights etc.

I appreciate your support with this.

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 call the school. **We do not accept phone calls or emails from students. Even if they say they are contacting the school on behalf of the parent, we will contact the parent.** 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.



Virtual Reality (NZ-VR) :

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

A huge thanks to the school and the NZ-VR team for coming in and showing Years 7-10 what Virtual Reality (VR) is.

With this electronic device, we saw a number of underwater virtual reality videos, explored different marine biomes of Goat Island and The Hauraki Gulf.

We saw loads of marine plants and animals, such as snapper, trevally, reef fish, dolphins, sea grass, sea urchins (Kina) and a whole lot more.

Virtual reality is great for people who do not have the ability to swim. They can experience the underwater world without fear.

We saw how the marine environment is affected by pollution, what changes it causes and what actions can be taken to protect these environments.

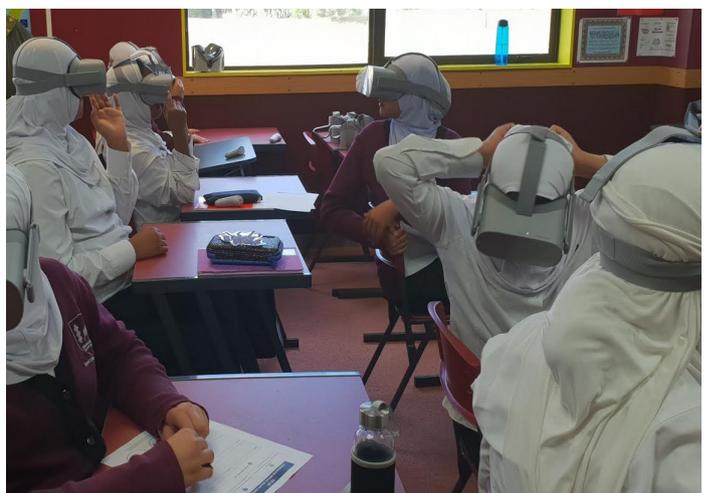
The clean marine environment had a variety of animals living there which was really cool to see. This programme was indeed a fun and exciting experience!

Once again, thanks to the school, and NZ-VR team for the experience. We all enjoyed the programme and we hope to see it again, JazakumAllah Khairan (thank you all).

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

~ Rainah Hussein, Year 7

<http://www.scifest.org.nz/events/nz-vr-underwater-virtual-reality-experience>



School Uniform

The Zayed College for Girls School uniform is compulsory for all year 7-13 students.

Term One saw the implementation of the new school hijab.

Zayed College for Girls official hijab will become compulsory day 1 of Term Two.

Students not wearing the correct hijab will incur lunchtime detention. After 3 lunchtime detentions for the same misdemeanor, after school detention will take place.

We encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride at all times and we look forward to the continued support of the Zayed College for Girls community.

Attendance 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 made arrangements please contact Sister Sunita Kalidas on 09 2550904 or email accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz

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. **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, graduation dinner. **The school can exclude students from these if you do not pay for them, or for other reasons, for example as discipline or outstanding attendance dues.**

The school must not discriminate against students on illegal grounds such as sex, religion, race or disability. The law is unclear on whether schools can exclude your child from these extra-curricular things because you have not paid the school fees. Many schools have policies which do so.

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

Check out our promotional video and share!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01ya0xLqnGg&t=19s>

Children at school and the Education Act

It is compulsory for your child to be in school. Below are the consequences if your child does not attend school.

Section 20 - NZ citizens and residents between 6 & 16 years **must** be enrolled at a school.

Section 25 - Students that are enrolled **must** attend when the school is open.

Section 29 - PENALTY for not attending school—Every parent of a student who does not attend school can be fined **\$30.00 per day** that the student does not attend.

Section 31 - An Attendance Officer or a Police Constable may stop and talk to anyone who appears to be between the ages of 5-16yrs if they are not at school. The Officer or Constable can take the person to the school they are enrolled in or to their home. If anyone obstructs or interferes with the Officer or Constable while doing this they can be fined up to \$1000. **You can be taken to court and prosecuted.** (Education Act 1989)

Condoned Truancy - You **must not** let your child stay at home or go out with you when they should be at school.

Lateness - You **must** make sure your children gets to school on time and stays in class while at school. **They must be in school by 8:30am.**

WORK & INCOME (WINZ) - If you are on a government paid benefit you have certain 'social responsibilities' that must be met in order to collect your full benefit payment.

If you haven't met or taken all reasonable steps to meet these obligations you will be given encouragement and support to do so. If you still fail to take all required steps to meet your obligations, your benefit will be affected.

Understanding Integrating school property into the state system

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.