



ZAYED COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
EDUCATE A WOMAN, EDUCATE A NATION

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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu, Kia ora koutou, Greetings

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?

Mangere Town Centre Library has an Employment Support programme every Friday, 10.30 – 12 noon called Access 2 employment. This job-seeking programme will enable participants to prepare an up to date C.V and receive mentoring from employment experts to help boost your confidence.

Tips and guidance for interviews is also provided and you will connect other job seekers who may be able to provide referrals.

Refreshments are provided. No bookings required!

VISION TESTING CANCELLED FOR 2020

Unfortunately due to limited resources, as a result of COVID-19, we will be unable to visit your school to test vision of Year 7 students this year. We will endeavour to test both Year 7 and 8 students when we visit next year.

We understand there may be children who you have vision concerns about; we recommend these children visit their local optician. Many local Opticians provide free eye health assessments to children under 16 years of age. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific queries, as we would be more than happy to provide advice.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter and wish you all the best for the remaining school year.

Nga mihi,

Renee Taylor
Hearing and Vision Team Clinical Roster
Coordinator, Kidz First



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Pre – Covid 19: For the one year anniversary of the tragedy in Christchurch, the school wanted to remind our community of how much their aroha and support meant to us. Check out our Facebook page for the unfolding story!

<https://www.givingseedsoflove.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/Giving-Seeds-of-Love-361150791150623>





Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

All praise is to Allah without whom none of this would have been possible.

This was my first time going on a school camp and I was really looking forward to spending time with my teachers, students and friends outside of school and in a safe and comfortable environment. I was also excited at the prospect of learning new skills, taking part in different activities and making new friends.

We did a variety of activities that allowed us to bond with the new students. Some of the activities we did were horizontal bungy, archery, air rifles, lots of swimming and my personal favourite, kayaking. By taking part in the activities, we got the opportunity to learn skills in leadership and communication.

I am extremely proud of the leadership shown by all the senior students. For taking the initiative and helping out the juniors whenever they needed. The support and encouragement shown to the juniors helped make their experience an enjoyable one.

I would like to thank everyone involved in organizing the camp and making sure everything went smoothly. To the teachers that came along, Ustadha Elena, Ustadha Nadeema, Ustadha Besma and Ustadha Sarah for sacrificing their time and families to supervise us at camp. To our school for giving us this opportunity every year and to our parents, for allowing us to have this amazing experience, Jazakum Allah Khairan.

I recommend parents let their daughter attend camp if only once. The students are well taken care of, friendships are forged, responsibility and ownership taken by the students which is always a good thing and the sisterhood of Islam is reinforced, Alhumdoulillah.

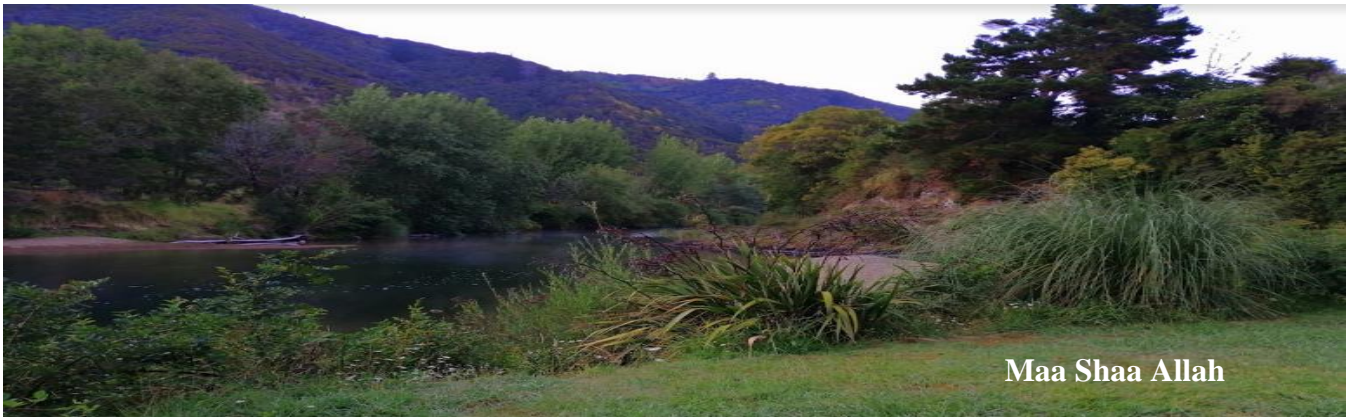
Sidiqah Yusufee, Head Girl.



Ustadha Sarah shows great form when lining up her shot



Another with great form – Bullseye!



Maa Shaa Allah

Assalamu Alaikum,

I must admit, that in the beginning I was hesitant to commit to going on the camp trip. I felt that taking this step was daunting, even though the little kid in me was excited to go. This is likely because I was afraid to step out of my comfort zone. However, being a parent trying to help her child adapt to a new school and a new environment, I knew that it would be a good experience for my daughter, so I decided to take this opportunity, challenge myself and to jump right in.

Suddenly, I find myself packing for a list of items sufficient to equip me for an overseas 3 week trip, rather than a 3 day one!

While waiting for the bus and seeing the students gather around, the atmosphere was starting to spice up (in a good way that is!). The girls began to mention how excited they were to finally be able to connect with each other, not only within school grounds but outside the school grounds too. The fact that they still considered themselves to be taking part in an educational activity that



would allow them to connect really did set the tone that there will be good times ahead.

After about a two hour bus drive, we arrived at the camp site and were welcomed by friendly faces. We took a long look at the scenery surrounding us, and were thrilled to begin our first set of activities.

Over the course of three days, we took part in many fun activities such as the Flying fox, Air rifles, Archery and Low ropes (that's where I slipped off a tyre and sprained my pinky, and to my luck I was video recorded by my daughter!). There were also the Go Karts, Horizontal Bungy, Burma trail and Jiggers (a fun time seeing Ustatha Nadeema do her workouts!).

We also had Paint Ball, BMX, Raptor Ball (Ustatha Sarah had no chance of winning this one!) and the so called water slide (which eventually throws you into a mud pool. Surprisingly I heard one of the students, who shall remain nameless, say it tasted like Milo!). We had an amazing time Kayaking and many were enjoying the swimming hole (I was breathless to see Ustatha Sandy do gymnastic moves in the deep end when I can't even do a proper Rolly Polly on land!

There were many memories to look back and laugh about, and stronger friendships were made at KVCC, with some girls even facing their fears. All of the activities involved some sort of teamwork, with each and every person stepping up to the plate whether participating or giving a helping hand.

I learnt that the teachers were determined to develop the girls' leadership skills, throughout the entire camp, by encouraging and uplifting them, and I believe that everyone shone in the



spotlight of the different activities, revealing their hidden talents and Alhamdulillah managed to come back in one piece!

I had a great time hanging out with not only my daughter and her friends but with other Zayed college girls of all years, joking, making new friends and wandering around the site. Likewise hanging around the teachers whether relaxing, enjoying the beauty of the surrounding scenery, having a meal or even while supervising activities, it felt like I was with friends I had known for a long time.

There was a balance between wisdom, maturity and silliness. This was surely witnessed in the lounge room upstairs.

As an adult jumping on the trampoline playing (crack the egg game) was rewarding (even though I was one of the first ones to crack!), also when playing the Stepping game (one of my favorite childhood games!).

In general I cannot recall one moment where I felt regret for being involved and part of this year's Camp.

At times we came back from activities absolutely drenched, as it was sizzling hot, everyone's spirits remained high, and this has proven how resilient we could be. The activities themselves pushed us to face our fears, many facing their fear of water and deep ends, height and even speed!

Through that, I was able to see how the strong bond the students have with their teachers allowed them to strive to do their best and try their hardest, whether it was thought that it could

be done or not. It was inspirational and a joy to observe.

I realised that we were learning together, and that going beyond our comfort zone can have positive impacts on all of us.

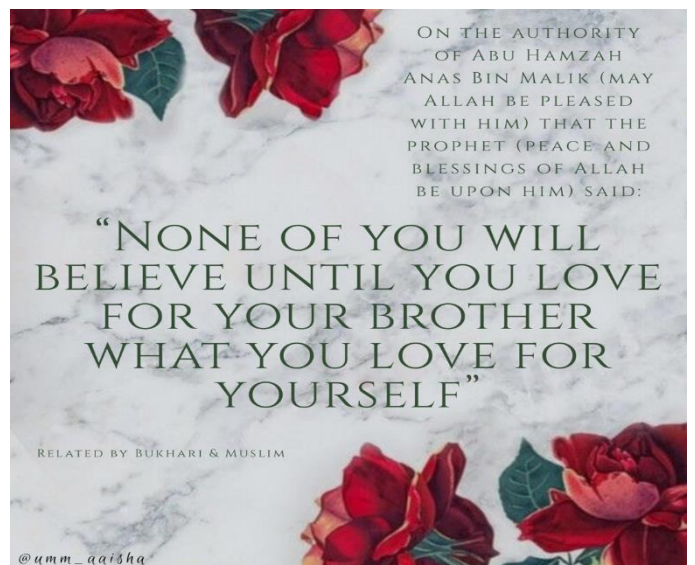
Nearing the end of camp, we all became quite worn out, though exhausted, spirits stayed high and overall everyone seemed to really enjoy the camp.

Both my daughter and I are looking forward to next year's camping trip in sha allah and to more opportunities to jump in.

Last but not least, I want to say thanks to Zayed College and the amazing team that put so much care into making camp for this year take place, and for bringing us together, helping our girls build essential life skills and allowing them to share a fun time during these precious years of their youth.

For those that didn't attend this year's Camp, I challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and embrace the thrill of this journey. They are memories that will be treasured for a life time!

May allah bless you all...Al Salamu Alikum Wa Rahmat Allah Wa Barakatuhu



MINIMISING CASH IN SCHOOL

As of 15 May, our bank has advised us that they are no longer receiving cash in the normal way due to Covid – 19.

We therefore ask parents that if you can, to make all payments online or by eftpos from now on. Please always use your daughter's name as reference when making payments via internet.

ATTENDANCE DUES

A reminder to parents and caregivers that we are half way through the year and many are still to pay their attendance dues. Please communicate with the school as we are here to help make it easy for you with our time payment options.

Please note that this is NOT a donation. It is a compulsory fee payable under the Education Act 1989 and is not tax deductible.

Jazakum Allah khairan to those that have paid. If you are unsure how much is owing please contact Sr Sunita on 09 255 0904 or email accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz

URGENT TRANSPORT NEEDED

We have students in the following areas requiring regular transport near Hauti Rd, Otahuhu.

If you can help please contact the office. If you would like to offer transport in your area, please call Lina on 09 255 0904.

SCIENCE ALERT

Yes, a Solar Minimum Is Coming...
No, It's Not Going to Mess Up The World!
<https://www.sciencealert.com/we-re-about-to-experience-solar-minimum-here-s-what-that-really-means>

WHATS COMING UP TERM THREE

6 Aug	Lockdown Drill
17 -21 Aug	Senior Practice Exams
10 Sept	Parent Evening
14 Sept	School Photos
15 Sept	Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations
17 Sept	MCAT Exams
24 Sept	End of Term Three (Normal school hours)
25 Sept	Teacher Only Day

NOTE: The school office is open the first week of end of term holidays.

A 12 - week term has no doubt been hard for the students but also hard for the teachers and staff.

For most staff, the term has been 22 weeks in preparing and planning for lock-down and return to school.

Rest and relax these school holidays, WE ALL DESERVE IT!

REFURBISHED DEVICE PROMOTIONS

If you are in the market to buy a device (Chromebook, iPad or laptop) but cannot afford a brand new device, from time to time we receive promotions for refurbished devices with a limited warranty at a considerably lower price. If you are interested in receiving these promotions, please email Ust Sunita at accounts@zayedcollege.school.nz

INCLUSION OR EXCLUSION?

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, trips, 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.

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://youthlaw.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Rights-at-School-Pamphlet.pdf>

VISION STATEMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL SURVEY

Please provide feedback and any comments you may have on the below proposed vision statement for Zayed College 2021-2023 at [SURVEY](#).

'BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A NURTURING ISLAMIC ENVIRONMENT'.

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BOOSTRIX IMMUNISATION

The Year 7 students were visited by the Counties Manukau nurse who talked to them about the Boostrix vaccination.

Boostrix[®] is administered as part of the National Immunisation Schedule at 11 years of age. The vaccine is delivered in the school-based vaccination programme to children in Year 7 in most parts of the country. In other areas it is provided in general practice.

Your daughters have been sent home with consent forms. Return these forms to the school office.

If you have already had your doctor administer the vaccine or if you do not want the vaccine, please fill out Section B of the form.

The vaccination in school is scheduled for 15 September 2020.

Below is a video shown to students to help them understand vaccination.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNlKS9uQCQU>

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As-salamu alaykum everyone,

Our duas' that you are well, In Shaa Allah.

It was our intention as BOT (Board of Trustees) to send this survey out sooner. However, we would appreciate to have your feedback through this survey on teaching and learning in the lockdown period.

The BOT of Zayed College is pleased and content with our staff's hard work and efforts over the lockdown period.

Jazākum Allāhu Khayran.

Shanaaz Isaacs

Board Chair

[Click here for survey](#)

VERILY, ALLAH DOES NOT LOOK AT
YOUR APPEARANCE OR YOUR POSSESSIONS;
RATHER HE LOOKS AT YOUR HEART
AND YOUR DEEDS.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD
(PEACE BE UPON HIM)