



IQRA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"All Iqra students will be active learners, contributors and participants in the Islamic community, New Zealand and the world"

Thursday 11th April 2019

Hon Carmel Sepuloni's Visit

Hon Carmel Sepuloni the Social Development Minister honored Iqra Elementary School through a surprise visit that made our Friday 5th April extremely cheerful. She interacted with the students, admired school, staff and teaching practices expressing her support for our students and school brighter future. Thank You Sepuloni for dropping by and saying Hello!



REMEMBER

📍 **Last day of term 1 is 12th April**

📍 **Term two starts on 29th April and ends on 5th July.**

📍 **Teachers and office staff are not available after 3:40 pm to look after the students and leaving them unattended is a health and safety risk for students. It is important that they get picked up on time.**



School Fun Run

Money Raised

Online \$6,055.38	Offline \$508.00	Total Raised \$6,563.38
<small>*Estimated amount only</small>	<small>*Guide Only - Cash is added by children</small>	

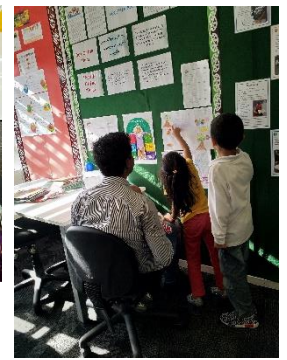
We are so proud of our students who have raised \$6,563.38 up till now. Our goal is to beat our previous record of almost \$11,000. Remember you can continue to collect money for the prizes you want as the last day to be collecting money is 17th May!

We had an amazing practice day on Friday 5th April. Congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers who got out there and made our practice day such a blast! Our Fun Run Day was interrupted by rain making it such a memorable day. The rain added to the students' excitement. Due to effective risk analysis management and teamwork, our students were transported safely back to school. On a good note, years 2 to 5 students completed their Fun Run races.



Goal Setting Evenings

We had an extremely successful two Goal Setting Evenings. It was pleasing to see the big turnout of parents and students. The students shared their goals with their parents. Teachers discussed ways in which families can support them in achieving the goals in Reading, Writing, Maths, Arabic, Quran Islamic studies and Key Competencies. Parents have left positive feedback and shiny comments stating goal setting has helped them understand where their children are at, where they need to be at the end of the year and how they can help at home. We appreciate all the praises that parents have mentioned in the feedback forms appreciating well setup classrooms, hardworking teachers, great relationships, effective school management and school's growth and progress. We do make a great team!

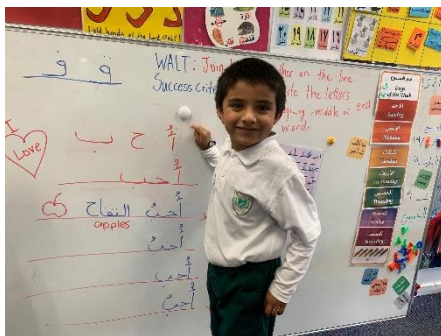


Arabic:

The students at Iqra Elementary School learn to read, write, speak and understand Arabic language as part of our school's special character. We use innovative ways to teach Arabic to our students. Two able teachers Mrs. Ghada and Mrs. Reem incorporate and integrate Arabic learning with school wide theme. Mrs. Reem teaches Year 1 and 2 and Mrs. Ghada teaches Year 3, 4 and 5. We are extremely proud of our students' achievements.

Room 1: Year 0-1

In Room one we have been enjoying the topic "About me". Children were engaged in greeting, introducing themselves, age, class year and their school. We are working on identifying all the Arabic letters and sounds to help us read words and use the pictures to understand the meaning.



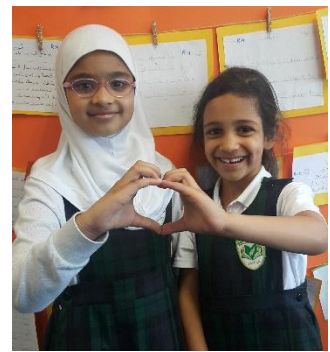
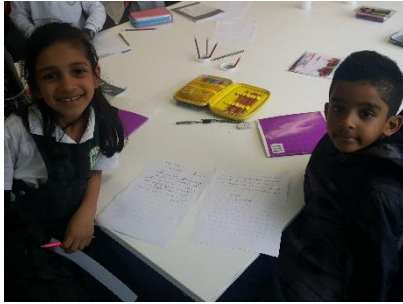
Room 2: Year 1-2

In Room 2, we have been learning about ourselves. We learnt to greet, introduce ourselves, tell age, our class level and school. We also learnt about body parts, colors, clothes. We are learning to sound out, read short sentences and join letters together to write words.



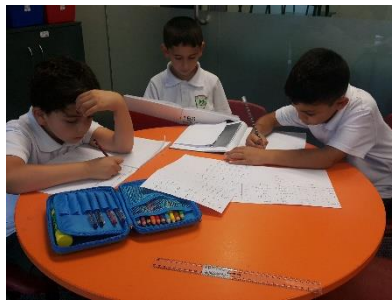
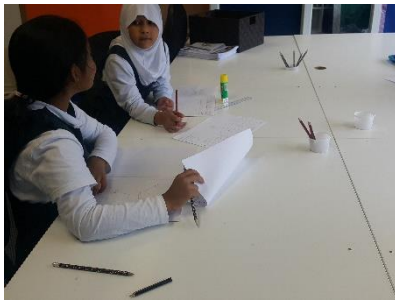
Room 3: Year 2-3

In Room 3, we have focused on the correct way to pronounce the Arabic letters and connect them using the right shape to form words. We have also done recounts and descriptive writings about my best friend, the pet shop and who am I.



Room 4: Year 3-4

In Room 4, we have been working on improving our writing as we have started to write longer paragraphs, using full stops and commas. We have written about the holidays, hobbies and best friend. Students wrote lots of good ideas and their writing is displayed on our walls.



Room 5: Year 4-5

Students in Room 5 started writing two paragraphs in Arabic using dictionary to add new words. They have done good writing talking about themselves, their hobbies and what they like and dislike. This week, they have been writing a letter to Christchurch expressing their feeling and sending affected families their thoughts and Dua's.



Visitors from Yaqeen Institute and Madinah Academy



Two international guests, Sh. Mohammad Elshinawy from Yaqeen Research Institute New York USA and Ustaz Naseem from Madinah Academy Sydney Australia came to Iqra Elementary School.

They discussed with our students, how fortunate they are to be Muslims in New Zealand, importance of being kind, having good manners, listening skills and qualities of good learners so they can share the gift of Islam with the New Zealanders. Thank you for making time and bestowing Iqra with your presence and speeches.

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SUPER SUCCESSFUL TERM ONE

We have had a super successful term! All Students have been very busy learning across all curriculum areas under the theme Whanau and Friendship. We have been fortunate to have the Auckland Council Mobile Library come to visit us every month. We have settled in our new building, thanks to a great and hardworking team of dedicated staff, students and parents. Our students learned through the visits of the Life Education Trust. We also had successful Goal Setting Evenings. Last and not least, we had an exciting School Fun Run practice and race. We have already started the Amazing Reading Race, the Quran competition and the school fundraising through the School Fun Run. We thank you all for being part of the Iqra community and for all your contributions. Have a fun filled and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all return with fun stories next term. Together we continue our successful journey.



**Jazakallahu
Khairan***