

ZAHRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2024

School Newsletter
Term 1 - Issue 01

Knowledge is Power

Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalam Alaykom Warahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

Welcome to 2024! I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday, creating lots of memories with your children. I welcome you to another successful year, full of knowledge and achievements.

Last year, Zahra Grammar School was recognised by *The Macarthur Chronicles* and *Daily Telegraph* as the school with the fastest enrolment growth rate in the Sydney Region. I would like to thank our staff, parent and student community for being a part of this growth and contributing to this achievement.

Over the summer holidays, we were busy making improvements to our facilities around the school in order to enhance the school's learning and play environment. New AstroTurf Grass has been laid out in all play areas, including an additional K-2 play area. An additional class has been provided to cater for our new single Year 6 class, which caters for the growth in student enrolments.

Other facilities will be upgraded in sha Allah to continue catering and enhancing our students' learning opportunities.

I would like to also commend our students and parents who have made the final transition to our new school uniform, a swift process. Our students look amazing in their new uniform items.

I look forward to an eventful year and sharing with you all, the academic, social and wellbeing development, our students encounter in 2024.

W/salam,
Dr. Gulzar Khan
School Principal

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Term 1 - Important Dates

Thursday 7th March -

- Healthy Harold commences

Week 6 -

- Alligator Islamic Book Fair

Sunday 10th March -

- Ramadan begins TBC

Weeks 7-10

- Ramadan Competitions

Wednesday 13th March -

- Naplan Testing commences

Friday 22nd March -

- SRC Dream and Lead Conference

Tuesday 26th March -

- Brainstorm Bullying Incursion

Friday 29th March -

- Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Monday 1st April -

- Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Friday 5th April -

- Last Day of Term 1

Monday 8th April -

- School Holidays

Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April -

- Eid Ul Fitr (TBC)

Tuesday 23rd April -

- Term 2 commences

Meet our Staff

Executive Staff



Dr. Gulzar Khan
Principal



Mr. Muhammad
Qasim Khan
Business Manager



Mrs. Fatma El Hassan
School Coordinator



Mrs. Sameema Ali
Compliance & Policy
Coordinator

Teaching Staff

Mr. Imad Alsmadi
Arabic & Welfare Teacher



Sheikh Hameedullah Saifurahman
Qur'an & Islamic Studies Teacher



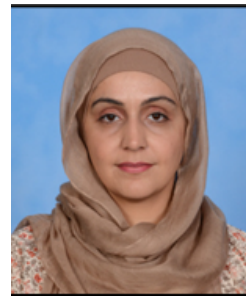
Ms. Aysheh Ali
K Rose



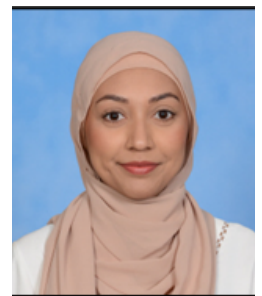
Ms. Maram Hamdash &
Ms. Muneera Abedin
1 Violet



Ms. Sharol Kumar
2 Lavender



Ms. Mehvish Ali
3 Daisy



Ms. Aanisah Riyaz
3 Lily



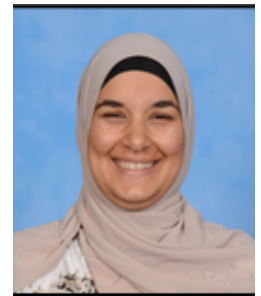
Ms. Nathalie Evans
4 Peony



Ms. Sara Orabi
4 Tulip



Mrs. Rana Zaarour & Ms. Muneera Abedin
5 Jasmine



Ms. Sarah Ali
6 Ivy

Support Staff

Administration Staff



Ms. Faiza Umer
Kindergarten



Ms. Mariam Roumie
Years K-2



Ms. Reetika Bhalla
Years 3-4



Ms. Zahra Mohamad
Years 5-6



Ms. Mariam El Hassan
Admin Officer



Ms. Mariam Khan
Admin Assistant

Meet our 2024 Student Representative Council (SRC)



2024
SCHOOL
CAPTAIN

Raheel Ihsan



2024
SCHOOL
CAPTAIN

Lujain Farid



2024
VICE
CAPTAIN

Muhammad Zaarour



2024
VICE
CAPTAIN

Labiba Yeasmin



2024
PREFECT

Arash Jamal



2024
PREFECT

Layelle Zod

Important Notices

2024 Student Term Dates

TERM 1

Years 1-6
Monday 29th January 2024

Kindergarten
Tuesday 30th January 2024
to
Friday 5th April 2024

10 weeks

TERM 2

Tuesday 23rd April 2024
to
Friday 28th June 2024

10 weeks

TERM 3

Tuesday 16th July 2024
to
Thursday 19th September 2024

10 weeks

TERM 4

Tuesday 8th October 2024
to
Wednesday 11th December 2024

10 weeks

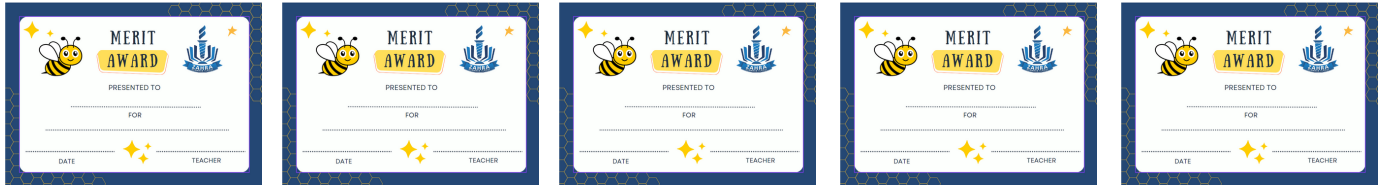
Public Holidays

DATE	PUBLIC & RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY
Friday 26th Jan 2024	Australia Day
Friday 29th March 2024	Good Friday
Monday 1st April 2024	Easter Monday
Wednesday 10th April 2024	Eid-ul Fitr (TBC*)
Thursday 25th April 2024	ANZAC Day
Monday 10th June 2024	King's Birthday
Monday 17th June 2024	Eid-ulAdha (TBC*)
Monday 7th October 2024	Labour Day



Zahra Grammar School

Positive Reinforcement Award System



Praying Token
is equivalent to a **Merit Award**

5 Merit Awards = 1 Achievement Award



3 Achievement Awards



Bronze + 3 Achievement Awards



Silver + 3 Achievement Awards



Gold + 3 Achievement Awards

Platinum + 3 Achievement Awards = **Excellence Trophy**



Kicking off Term 1 at Zahra Grammar School



K Rose



First day of kindergarten activities were a great success! Students eagerly participated in a variety of engaging and interactive tasks that not only helped them ease into their new environment but also fostered a sense of friendship.

The first day not only marked the beginning of their educational journey but also laid the foundation for a year filled with growth, friendship, and countless memorable moments. The kindergarten class is off to a fantastic start, and everyone is looking forward to the adventures that lie ahead!



1 Violet



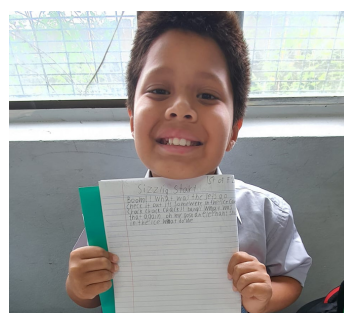
On the first day of school, the students in 1 Violet enjoyed playing board games together and sharing their holiday experiences with each other, making it a fantastic start to the school year!

2 Lavender



2 Lavender began their Initial-Lit program which addresses literacy instruction by providing strong foundations in reading and writing!





3 Daisy

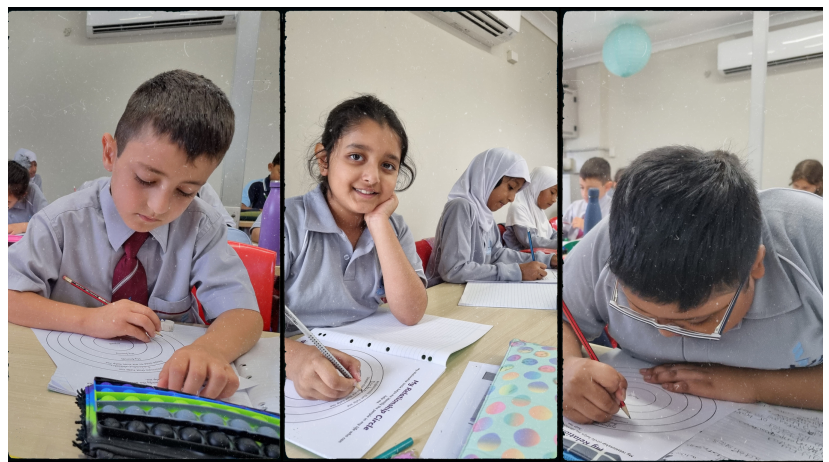


3 Daisy is mastering the art of crafting a captivating opening to a story, one that immediately seizes the reader's interest and entices them to continue with the narrative!

3 Lily



During their Personal and Health Development lesson, 3 Peony students delve into understanding positive relationships and friendships. They are gaining insights into recognising various types of relationships and appreciating the significance of maintaining healthy connections with those around them.



4 Tulip



During History in 4 Tulip class, the fourth-grade students delved into an exploration of First Nation peoples, gaining a understanding of their history and culture. The lesson included an examination of the world map, allowing the students to locate the regions where First Nation communities have historically resided through an engaging interactive learning experience.



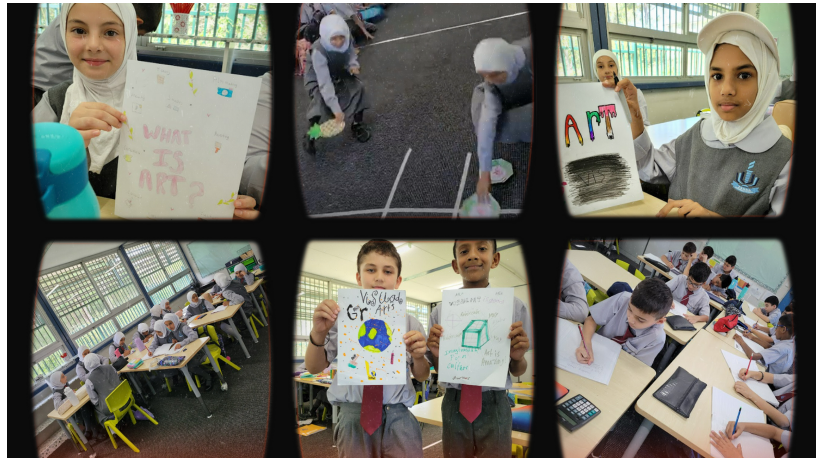
4 Peony

The students of 4 Peony created exciting story openings with *sizzling start* examples. These openings capture a reader's or viewer's attention immediately, compelling them to keep reading! During guided reading students in a small group setting read a text together at their instructional reading level.



5 Jasmine

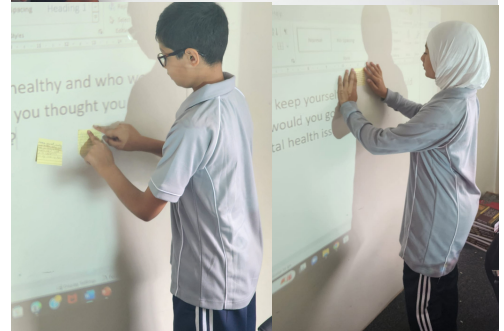
Students in 5 Jasmine kicked off the year with an interactive tic-tac-toe game between students. They then got straight to work, collecting data and representing it on a graph. Students also explored the different types of art and created a poster to tell 'What is Art?'



6 Ivy

What about a pizza party and some Gong Cha? 6 Ivy was welcomed back with a party and were super excited to come back to school ready for their final year of schooling!

Speaking and listening focussed on the importance of mental health and positive thinking. Students watched a BTN video on Healthy Minds. They were given a post-it note each and asked to dot point ideas on how to keep yourself healthy and who to turn to discuss mental health issues.

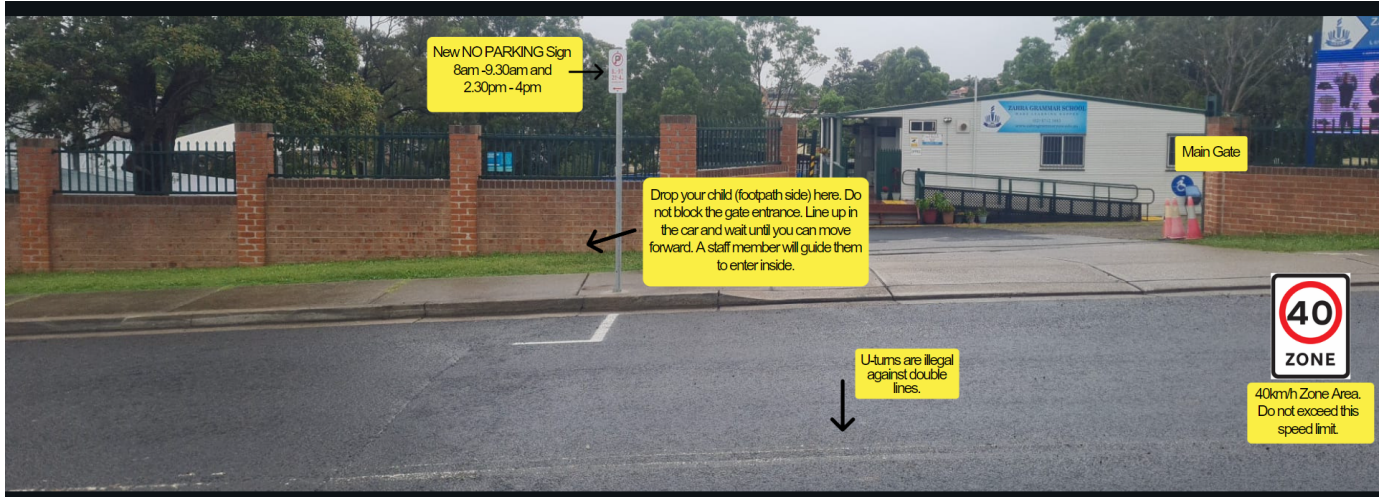


Morning drop-off

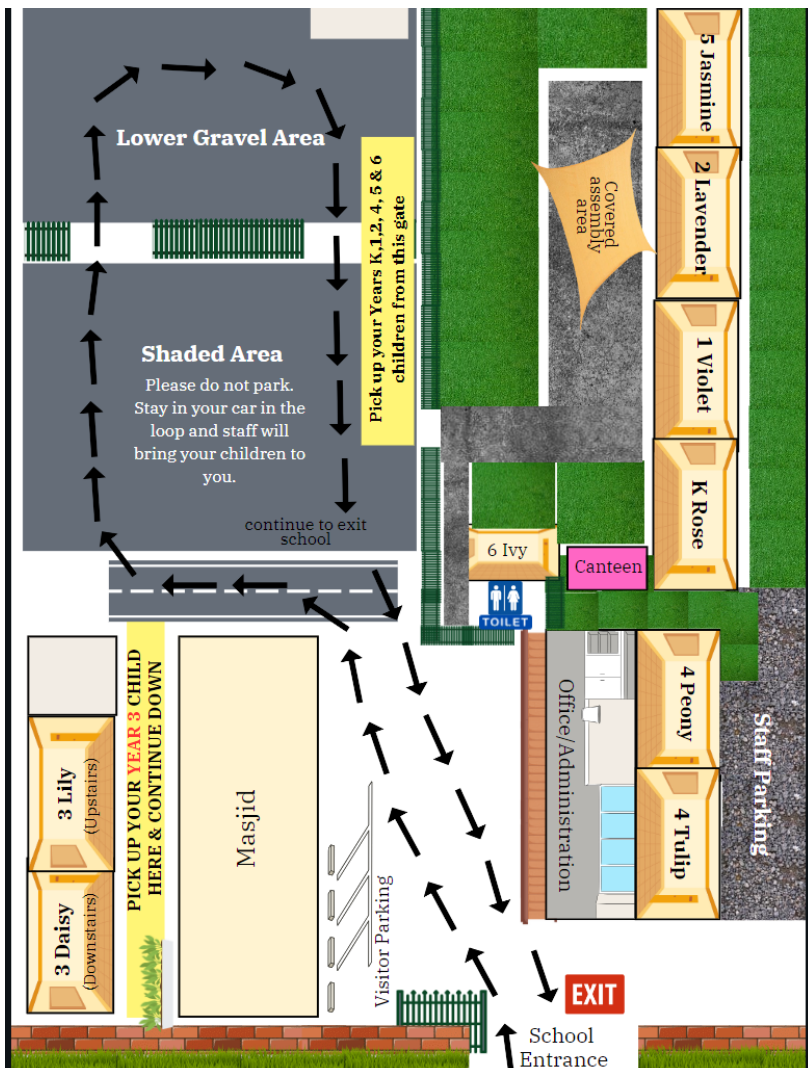
To accommodate for many working parents, students are now welcome to be dropped off in the morning starting from 8am. A teacher has been assigned to this morning duty. No students will be allowed to enter school gates before 8am as there will be no supervision.

Parents dropping their children between 8am - 8.20am must park outside and drop their children to the main playground area as the front gate duty will not commence until 8.20am.

No parents are to drive in, in the mornings.



Afternoon pick-up routine



The new pick-up routine will see all parents remain in their cars, whilst staff assist in bringing your children to you. Attached is an updated map of our school area; with details of where parents are expected to drive in, pick up their children and exit in an orderly fashion. Please do not arrive to enter the gates and wait in line before 2.30pm as this may disrupt the movement for students between classes in alternate blocks. You are expected to drive in, all the way around the loop and staff will bring your children to your car, once you reach the pick-up gates. There will be multiple staff around the loop asking for your children's names, so that staff can prepare your child to get in the car upon your arrival. Once your children are in your car, please move along towards the exit, promptly, to ease the traffic flow. If for any reason, you need to exit your car or see the Admin at the Office, please consider please consider parking outside and walking in. Otherwise, parking on site may see your exit delayed due to stationary traffic around the loop.



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School Uniform

Boys

Winter Uniform



Grey or black socks



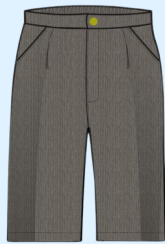
Cap



Summer Shirt



Black leather shoes



3/4 Summer shorts

Girls

Summer shirt (K-3)



White hijab and cap (Y4-Y6)



Winter Uniform



Visor (Y4-Y6)



Bucket Hat (K-3)



Black leather shoes



Grey or black socks



Grey leggings (shade as close to dress colour as possible)

Unisex



Winter Jacket



Winter Jumper



Beanie

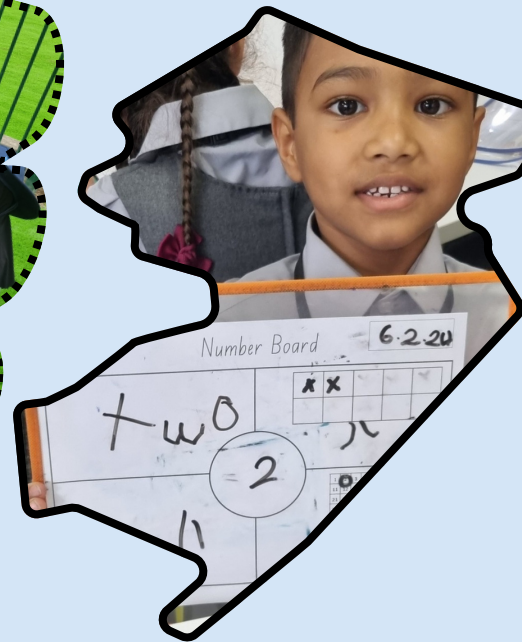
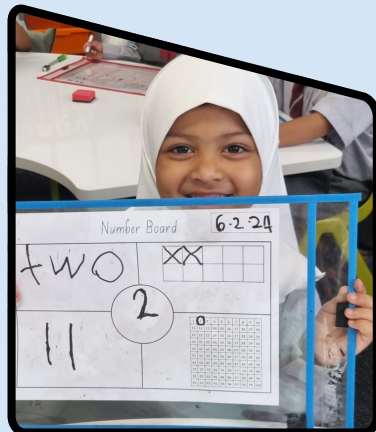
Students are to attend school in Terms 1 and 4 in the school summer uniform. Terms 2 and 3, students are to wear their school winter uniform. Please refer to the items above to ensure your child is coming in the correct uniform items. Failure to do so will result in a uniform slip being sent home. Once a student receives 3 uniform slips for the same item, they will be sent home to change in the correct uniform and will not be able to attend class until this is resolved.

FAZ Uniform will be selling uniform at the school's front office every Monday from 2.30pm until 4pm.

ZAHRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL



We are now accepting
Kindergarten enrolments for
2025!



Please contact the office for an enrolment form and ensure you attach all required documents. Enrolments for other grades are also welcome. You may download our updated enrolment form which is available on our school website.

2025 Kindergarten Enrolments will close on the 28th June 2024.

Absences / Leaves

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



We ask parents to avoid taking leave during the learning semesters. Every day missed, accumulates to vital learning time which is eventually lost and unable to be compensated. No more than a total of 10 days of leave will be approved without an urgent or acceptable reason.

Late School Arrivals

Arriving to school late regularly, means that your child misses out on significant morning routines and ROTE learning which may severely affect their learning. This also disrupts the class and teacher's morning structure.

Students who arrive late three times consecutively in one week, will receive a warning notice. Three Late Arrival notices will escalate so that parents meet with Executives, and may lead to the termination of your child's enrolment.

By ensuring your child arrives to school on time, you are working with us to build up skills where they learn to be punctual and responsible for their choices and time control.



Words of Wisdom



No two things have been
combined together
better than
Knowledge and patience



- Prophet Muhammad

