

# Jireh Christian School

## Newsletter



**We are a Christ centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God**

**11 April 2018**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have arrived at the end of our first term and are mostly in one piece despite the wild weather. The students have settled into their new environment very well considering all the new, exciting and sometimes daunting changes which we have all gone through.

Much has been accomplished in the past eleven weeks. Learning has been enriched by a number of trips and outings, including to Corban's Art Estate and Goat Island. The Year 7 and 8 students have assumed their leadership roles and the House competition is in full swing, having had a very colourful launch at our Cornwallis picnic. The students have enjoyed cricket and touch coaching and a number of teams have taken part in competitions. *Beyond Water* came and presented a fascinating, thought-provoking lesson to the students about the importance of water and how there are many around the world who do not have the privilege of having fresh water gush out of a tap or clean toilets to use. We are grateful for the rain.

Our new electronic systems are up and running and we are adding new capabilities as we go. Next term we will begin using electronic permission slips. There will be a parent portal through our Student Management System (e-Tap), which you will be able to access on your phone by downloading the e-Tap app. More information will be going out early next term in this regard.

At the Parent Meeting earlier this term we conducted a parent survey of what you would like for your child at Jireh Christian School. One of the requests was that we co-opt more parents onto the Establishment Board of Trustees, (EBoT). A number of parents have expressed an interest in being on the EBoT. Three parents will be invited onto the EBoT early in Term 2, once a selection process has been carried out by the EBoT.

Our Parent Association has met and is planning a number of events for next term. These will include: a fireworks display evening, BBQs and coffee mornings, a movie night and Fun Friday

Lunches. The Parent Association newsletter will be sent out soon with more details and dates for you to diarise. A big thank you to our faithful parents who come and pray each week at school for all of us. We acknowledge, with absolute certainty, that we are built on a foundation of, and carried on the wings of, prayer.

Thank you to all who have abided by our request to keep our students safe by not driving into the St. Georges Street entrance and instead dropping your children off at the drop off zone outside the church or parking on the street and walking your children into school. Thank you also for using the designated, safe walking path between the church and the manse. This ensures that the children do not need to step into the car park at all. Keeping our children safe is a team effort and your help in this matter is much appreciated. There are still some parents driving into the St Georges Road entrance who do not have children at the kindie. The kindie have asked that you do not do this as it is not safe, particularly at drop off and pick up times. Kelvinside Terrace entrance will remain closed until further notice.

We have one hundred and fifteen eager students coming to school by bus. A big thank you to all the parents, and especially Miss Morris, for helping this to run smoothly and safely.

I pray that you have a wonderful, safe holiday full of adventure and rest and come back for another exciting term of learning and growing as a community.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman*

### **ESOL Vacancy**

There is a fixed term vacancy for an ESOL teacher for 20 hours per week from 15<sup>th</sup> May until the end of the year. Relevant experience is preferred. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be keen to join us, please contact the office for an application form. Applications close 3pm Friday 4 May 2018.

## School Bank Account Details

We have a new bank account. Please amend this information in your Parent Handbook (page 17). In future, please make all Activity Fee, Bus and Stationery payments into:

Account Name: Jireh Christian School

Account Number: 12-3034-0512219-00

Thank you.

## Bus

For those families that use the school bus service: please be aware if your child spills food or drink, or vomits, you will be billed for the clean-up. Please encourage your child not to eat or drink on the bus. Thank you.

## Carpe Diem – Holiday Programme

**Carpe Diem Kids Jireh** will be having an exciting Holiday Programme, including some amazing trips, from **April 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Parents who live in West Auckland, can enrol their children to the Carpe Diem Kids Flanshaw programme that runs in Te Atatu South, if you feel that is easier for dropping and picking up. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available at the school office and online.

Enrol online on [www.carpediemkids.co.nz](http://www.carpediemkids.co.nz)

Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 155 0242 Email: [info@carpediemkids.co.nz](mailto:info@carpediemkids.co.nz)

## INCREDIBLE ME - Holiday Camp

Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson Valley, runs OSCAR funded children's camps every school holidays. Children (aged 8-13 years) may attend for the full week or just one day. The camp runs from 16-20 April 2018. Full week registration = \$225.00, Day Camper = \$50.00 (all meals included). Family discount – register 2 or more siblings and receive 10% discount off the total price.

For more information, please visit

[www.onebigadventure.org.nz](http://www.onebigadventure.org.nz) or call 09 837 0494.

**Term 1 2018: 7 February – 13 April**

**Term 2: 1 May–6 July**

**4 May** – People Saver's Course - Taraute

**8 May** – ICAS Exam Digital Technologies

**11 May** – People Saver's Course -Morihaana

**16 May** – ACS Netball

**18 May** – People Saver's Course - Kotukutuku

**Term 3: 23 July– 28 September**

**Term 4: 15 October - 20 December**

## School Office Hours:

Mon-Fri **term time only** 8.30am–3.30pm.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Three parents will be co-opted onto the Establishment Board of Trustees (EBOT) to serve until Term Two 2019. If you are interested, please contact the Principal.

**REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
**MONDAY 30 APRIL**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS**  
**TUESDAY 1 MAY**

## Parking

Please park carefully on St. Georges Road.

Remember to fold in your mirrors if you have that facility in your vehicle. Some parents have reported that their side mirrors have been ripped off by vehicles speeding down the road. The road is narrow, there is a lot of traffic and not everyone holds to the speed limit.

## Pottery Creations made at Corbans Estate



## Noah Thompson's fabulous are work: ART TASK:

Use an outline of a fish and design patterns that represent your culture (using artistic materials of your choice). You will need to do some research. DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!  
Well done Noah!

