

Jireh Christian School

Newsletter



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

15 February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all as we embark on this exciting new venture together as a blended family.

We have arrived and Jireh Christian School has been born after six months in the making. We continue to iron out teething problems with new systems, classrooms, buses, parking and getting to know one another. There is still much to be done. You will notice that painting is still in progress and the asphalt is yet to be laid. The wet weather has slowed things down a bit. But progress is being made slowly but surely.

The important thing is that there are lots of happy, excited students filling our classes where community is being built and new friendships are growing. The focus for the first few weeks of school is getting to know one another and laying the foundations of expectations in each class.

Community and culture will be the topic of study as part of our overarching Biblical exploration of unity in diversity, God being One yet three parts. We will celebrate the many distinctive cultures in our community and rejoice in the one we share, the culture of Heaven.

To initiate our leadership programme the Tiwai learning area enjoyed a day of team building and an in depth look at what leadership is and what servant leadership looks like. They explored ways in which they may serve the school and what privileges they may have as the student leaders of the school. This day will be followed up with a snorkelling trip to Goat Island. The Manu team are having a group picnic on Friday so that they can get to meet some more friends in the Junior learning area.

There will be lots happening on the sports field this term. Coach Trevor will be doing weekly Touch lessons. Cricket lessons will be starting up soon with Coach George from Papatoetoe Cricket Club.

Sport clinics will be held during lunch times for those who have a particular aptitude in this area. We have joined Sport Waitakere and will be fielding teams for various competitions. A tee-ball competition for the younger students will take place later in the term. A new Auckland Christian School, (ACS) event has been created, a cricket tournament. The ACS Touch rugby zone day will also happen this term. Both sports events will be hosted by JCS so watch this space for more information and cries for help.

There will be a parent meeting for all parents on Monday 5 March at 7pm where the strategic goals and charter will be shared. A parent teacher conference will be held on Monday 26 March. A family fun picnic will take place at Cornwallis on Friday 16 March. The JCS Parents Association will be organising an event later in the term. All parents are welcome to be part of this wonderful group of dedicated, fun, hardworking, moving and shaking parents. A separate letter will be going out with more information and an invitation to an initial meeting. PAT testing will be happening in week 4 for all students from Year 3.

It is our desire at JCS to offer your children a rich variety of learning opportunities to that end you will find a number of attachments to this newsletter with options for chess lessons with Chess Power, itinerant music for a range of instruments, Musical Theatre and Young Engineers.

I do not think it is possible to have a more faithful and committed community than this one. The support, encouragement and help we have enjoyed throughout the transition, move and set up has been nothing short of inspirational. Change and the new, always has a mixture of anticipation and trepidation. Step by step we will walk in the way the Lord has put before us for His glory and for our children to grow into authentic disciples of Christ who are loved and supported along their learning journey.

Yours in Partnership, *Sandra Bosman*

Security and Health and Safety

It is important that parents and all visitors do not wander around the school during school hours. If it is necessary for you to visit the school during school hours please sign in at the office. In case of an emergency we need to know exactly who is on site. If you are collecting your child early, the office ladies will arrange for your child to meet you at the office where you need to sign them out.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is a Ministry requirement that the school is notified and given a reason for the absence. This is recorded with an Absence Code. You may advise the school by calling and leaving a message, using the Absence tab on the school website, or emailing administration. Thank you in advance for your understanding and appropriate notification.

UNIFORM UPDATE

The Regional Manager for NZ Uniform has assured us that new badges will be available for purchase should you wish to sew it on to your child's existing uniform. The uniform shop is going to sew the new badge onto existing stock at no extra charge. When the Year 7 and 8 distinctive tops become available you will be notified. They are on order and will be worth waiting for.

Term 1 2018: 7 February – 13 April

19 February – 2 March—PAT (Progress and Achievement Testing)

5 March—Full School Parent Meeting 7pm

7 March—Sports Cluster Cricket Field Day

14 March—ACS Touch Rugby Tournament

15 March—“Beyond Water” presentation/
Tiwai Leadership Day-snorkelling at Goat Island

16 March—Family Picnic at Cornwallis Beach

21 March—ACS Cricket Y5-Y6

23 March —Parents Association Event (TBC)

26 March—Parent/Teacher Interviews

29 March—Sports Cluster Y3-Y4 T Ball

30 March—3 April Easter

Term 2: 30 April—6 July

Term 3: 23 July– 28 September

Term 4: 15 October to 20 December

School Office Hours:

Mon-Fri term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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PRAYER

You are warmly invited to participate in the wonderful privilege of praying for the children and our school. Prayer people gather every Tuesday at school at 9am.

JIREH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The very first day. History in the Making 😊



Leaders in Training!

