

Jireh Christian School

Newsletter



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

14 March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Meeting on Monday night. For those of you who were unable to make the meeting I would like to summarise what was covered.

The evening was in two parts. I will be discussing the first part. The second part of the meeting was held in the Learning Areas and in individual classes. If you would like the information covered in the Learning Areas and individual classrooms please contact your child's teacher directly.

Over a period of a few months last year the Lord spoke to me of His vision for our school and the future. I believe that our journey can be likened to the building of the temple. Just as King David had it in his heart to build the temple, those who have gone before us, the pioneers of our school, had it in their hearts to build schools where God is glorified and children learn from a Biblical worldview. In 1 Chronicles 29 we read of the extensive preparation David made for the temple and how he and others gave generously of their resources, skills, talents and time. He recognised the significance of this unique building where God would hear the prayers of His people; a place where all people, Gentiles and Jews would meet the living God, where His presence was. The founding families, and those who came after, were people who gave generously of their resources, time and energy to build our schools. They were passionate about Christian education. They laid the foundation for what is to come.

I believe we are in the building of the temple phase in our school where the foundations have been laid solidly and generously by those who have gone before us. It is now our job to build a school where God is glorified, where His name is lifted high, where He is loved and revered, a place where children will encounter Him, an oasis of inspirational learning for life. As our vision statement so aptly says: "We are a Christ centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God."

It will also be a place of excellence where we serve with all our hearts, doing all things as unto Him. Only the best will be used to build and it will be done generously. I believe that just as the craftsmen were highly skilled and handpicked to do the work in the temple so our staff have been handpicked and

chosen by God to serve in this place at this time.

These are people of excellence, highly skilled in their craft.

I believe we together are the Solomons of today in this place, all of us, as we build together each one doing the part God has called them to. We do not always understand everything but there is no doubt in my mind that God is mightily at work and we are privileged to be a part of it. These are exciting times as a team of Christian educators and parents we will build together to make a great school for His glory and fulfil His purposes not only for our children but for those to come.

In 1 Chronicles 28:20-21 we find our mandate and a promise: "David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished."

Parent consultation is vital for us. We are very much a team working towards a common goal giving your children the best Christian education we possibly can. To that end I would like to share with you the three strategic goals we have come up with as an EBOT, staff and parent consultation in meetings last year and from a questionnaire Peter Slaney sent out to the Immanuel community last year. It is our absolute intention never to allow consultation to be tokenism. We recognise the importance and power in being a team where each stakeholder has a say. We are now a blended family under one roof and it is time to vision and grow together as one. Our broad strategic goals are: developing and embedding a culture of: **Building Community, Equity and Excellence** where all children have every opportunity to learn in a way which is accessible for them and **21st Century learning**.

We would very much like to hear from you what you would like for your children and how you see us being able to successfully accomplish our strategic goals. You may also like to express some concern or caution. Please also find attached with this email some guiding questions and statements for your comment and input. Please return to the office by

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email or hardcopy by Monday so that they can be collated.

The Establishment Board of Trustees will be staying in office until the job of establishment has been completed. The intention is to have elections for a new Board of Trustees in Term 2 next year in alignment with national School Board elections. Brett Morrissey, the chairman of the JCS Parents' Association, discussed the functions of the Parents Association which are fundraising and community building. He spoke of some of the events which have been successful in the past and some possible future events. He is very keen to see a much larger committee this year which could consist of a number of smaller more focused committees. If you would like to be a part of the Parent Association please email Brett at: rooster.brett@gmail.com

Ms Tato informed us of the sports happening this Term and the opportunities for your children. Coaching for touch rugby and cricket forms part of the sport and physical education programme at school. There is a cricket Blitz competition on Tuesday afternoons. Sports clinics at lunch times are for those with a particular aptitude in this area. There will be a number of local competitions as we have joined the Waitakere Sport. JSC is hosting the Auckland Christian Schools' Touch day. The learning areas and staff were introduced. What a challenging and exciting year lies before us. May we faithfully carry out our mandate from on high.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

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

**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 / Kakapo & Kereru trip to Corbans Estate (Art Workshop)

**22 March** —Piwakawaka & Ruru trip to Corbans Estate (Art Workshop)

**23 March** —Parents Association Event (TBA)

**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**

**School Office Hours:**

Mon-Fri term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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## Henderson Bus Change

There is an event at the Trusts Arena on **Friday 23 March**. The drop-off and pick-up for the Henderson buses on that day will be **Te Pai Netball Courts carpark**.

## Parent Handbook 2018

There is an error in the handbook on page 17, under “Trips and Outings”, the Bank Account details should read:

**Jireh School:Account Number 06-0201-0954193-00**

Please amend the printed copy sent home with your child last week. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.

## Absences

Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent. You can advise us via email ([administration@jireh.school.nz](mailto:administration@jireh.school.nz)), phone (09 836 6913 / 02108538662) or via the website ([www.jireh.school.nz](http://www.jireh.school.nz)). The cell phone number is only able to receive calls and messages, so please do not leave an answer phone message as we cannot retrieve it.

Unexplained absences will be followed up by email.

## Technology in Action



## Celebrating our Cultures

