



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

28 February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a joy to welcome you to the 2018 school year. We have certainly hit the ground running, and each day we are seeking to make school better and better for your children..... everything from arriving safely on the buses to settling into their new classrooms and making new friends, to being disciplined and nurtured by teachers who love God. As with any new school, there are a few new initiatives being introduced, and I am delighted to tell you about one of them..... Houses!!!

When I was at primary school, (a few hundred years ago!), I was a house captain. I grew up in my local state school with a house system, and I remember it being such a fun aspect of school life. Here at Jireh Christian School, we, too, are having a house system. This is simply a way of placing all the children in the school in a "house." In the house, the students will accumulate points from their teachers for all kinds of positive behaviours and attitudes. Sometimes, teachers will use them as incentive points in their class programme, or a teacher on duty may award some house points when they see a student caring for another or playing positively with others. Teachers may even use the points as a means of motivating students in Assembly.

At Jireh Christian School, we have 4 houses and their names are Whero (red), Kowhai (yellow), Kikorangi (blue) and Kakariki (green). All children in the school have been told which house they are in but you can always ask your child's teacher if they have forgotten. Each house is led by a leadership team. These students are Year 7 and 8 students, (our seniors) and they all have a heart to serve, lead, be role models and care for the students in our school.

The **WHERO** leadership team is; Lesieli Lataimaumi, Elijah Angove, Denzel Robinson and Jerusha'h Chand. The **KOWHAI** leadership team is; Kendra Taylor, Daniel Winstone, Tony Kilo and Loren Fernandes. The **KIKORANGI** leadership team is; David Plopa, Daniela Jaikumar, Shristi Lee and De'Shawn Ielemia. The **KAKARIKI** leadership team is; Jerome Robinson, Nathan Parrel, Scarlett Ploeg and Jessica Goodwin.

Houses are wonderful mini communities within our school community. They provide opportunities to work together for a common goal, and they unify a smaller group within the larger whole. Younger students have role models and mentors to look up to, while the older ones can support and care for the younger students. It is also important for us to provide a safe place for healthy competition – and the house system does this. The first house competition will take place at the school picnic at Cornwallis Beach on Friday 16th March. Each student will come dressed in their house colours. There will be a house chant competition, best dressed for each house and lots of games and fun activities that will help them accumulate points.

So, what are these points for? At the end of the term, the house with the most points will be shouted a pizza lunch – as a treat. The house with the most points at the end of the year will be given.....well, we will just have to wait and see what that prize will be. 😊

Please encourage your children to find ways to be helpful, kind, compassionate and servant-hearted – not just for points, but because it is what Jesus would want us to do.

Serving you,
Vicki Morris

**Full Parent Meeting change of date:
Now on **Monday 12TH March** not 5th
March.**

Health

Please ensure that your child’s health and emergency contact information are up-to-date. An Action Plan is required if your child has any medical condition and/or medication needs to be kept at school. Thank you for helping us to care for your child.

Term 1 2018: 7 February – 13 April

19 February – 2 March—PAT Testing

7 March—Sports Cluster Cricket Field Day

12 March—Full School Parent Meeting 7pm

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

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

23 March —Parents Association Event (TBA)

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

School Office Hours:

Mon-Fri term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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Young Engineers:

Making Bascule and understanding “Snail Transmission” – an example of Viaduct Harbour Rolling Lift Bridge in Auckland.



Introducing our House Leaders:



Kakariki



Whero

GO TEAM!



Kikorangi



Kowhai



Manu picnic and scavenger hunt