



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

28 March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Towards the end of last year we had our first Education Review Office, (ERO) readiness check for a new school. This involved looking over and discussing documentation and the processes undertaken to merge two schools into a new school. Yesterday we had our first ERO visit as a school in action with children and staff. The ERO team will be visiting our school again in October. These visits do not have a published report. The reports are around school readiness and assurance to the Ministry of Education, (MoE) that our school has been established and is up and running without risk. The reports go directly to the MoE.

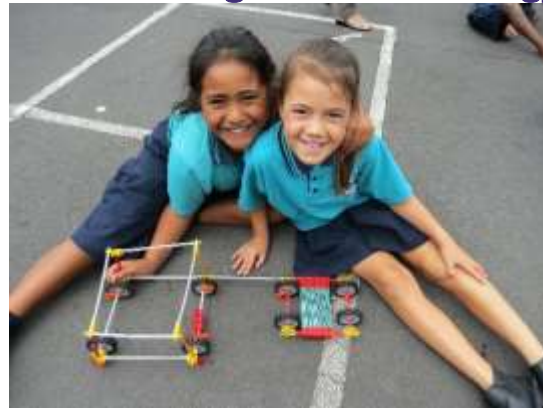
I was so proud of our beautiful students. The classrooms were humming with happy, excited learning conversations. The ERO ladies were very impressed, remarking that the students were confident, ready to talk about their learning and engaged. They felt that there was a settled, happy atmosphere and a strong sense of collaboration and community amongst the staff and students. The mihi whakatau to welcome our visitors was very well done. These ladies go to many schools and are part of many such welcomes. They said that they were very impressed with the pride and sense of belonging the students displayed when they sang their waiata and performed the haka. All in all it was a very positive visit with a vote of confidence that we are all doing a good job and are tracking well for only being open for eight weeks. I would like to thank you for all your prayers and support through this process of becoming one and developing programmes and systems which will enable relevant and excellent Christian education.

Our community is particularly pleased to have Easter at this time of the term as it has been a term of hard work and lots of getting used to the new. There are a lot of tired people about who are grateful for the mid-term break.

This is a significant time of year for us as Christians. A time to once again consider afresh what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross. I pray that you and your family enjoy this time and are able to take time out to deeply contemplate the life, death and resurrection of our Saviour. May His presence be with you in all you do. Safe travels for those going away by road, plane or sea. We look forward to more learning and community building in the last two weeks of Term 1.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

Building cars for technology



Clay moulding at Corbans Estate



Dental Services

Jireh Christian School comes under the Avondale Intermediate School dental clinic (09 828 8829). If your child is an ex-Jireh School student, they may still be under the Henderson Intermediate dental clinic (09 838 9751). Please contact either of the listed phone numbers to advise your preferred location for dental services. Thank you.

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 or call 09 837 0494.

Term 1 2018: 7 February – 13 April
30 March—3 April Easter

4 April – Return to school after Easter break

13 April – End of Term One

Term 2: 1 May—6 July

Term 3: 23 July– 28 September

Term 4: 15 October - 20 December

School Office Hours:

Mon-Fri term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

Ph:836 6913 / 02108538662

Email: administration@jireh.school.nz

**Touch Rugby Team – well done
awesome sports peoples!**



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

**REMINDER : SCHOOL CLOSSES AT
NORMAL TIME THURSDAY 29 MARCH:
2.45PM**

What a great day we had at the school picnic a couple of weeks ago. God blessed us with fine weather and an awesome time building community together. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents for making this day such a success. I hope those who were able to attend had a great time. Thanks, Jo Duxfield

Fun in the sun at the Picnic



Snorkelling at Goat Island

