

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



6 June 2018 Important Dates

Parents Asc Meeting 7pm	Wednesday 6 June
Y7/Y8 Immunization	Tuesday 12 June
ICAS—Spelling	Wednesday 13 June
ICAS—Writing	Thursday 14 June
ACS Soccer	Tuesday 19 June
Soccer Y3-Y4	Thursday 21 June

- Thank you to our new Establishment Board of Trustee Members:

Michael Causley
Madeleine Ploeg
Lindsay Steele
Dianne Thompson

- Open Day 3 July 2018
- Welcome to our new staff members:

Marcia Duinkerke
(ESOL Teacher)
Helen Wassenaar
(Administrator)



Dear parents

The teaching staff have been doing some excellent professional learning on Wednesday mornings around what it means to be a Christian school in the 21st century. There are many secular ideas challenging a Biblical worldview and if there ever was a time to guard our faith and teach our young people to be truth keepers it is now. Absolutes are counter cultural and those who hold to them are sometimes regarded as extremists. Truth is sometimes labelled as hate speech. Schools are becoming increasingly open to a range of spiritual ideas and practices and students are taught that truth can be different for different people. A range of life styles are celebrated and what is right is called good and what is good is called evil. A Christian school needs to be a distinctive community of love and truth where God's word is truth and young people are transformed into image bearers. Where the world is seen not as a resource but as a gift given

from God to be cared for, where students are seen as image bearers, creative, rational, relational beings and diversity in cultures celebrated as a taste of Heaven where all people from every tribe, tongue and nation will be gathered before Him in worship. Teaching and learning in a Christian school aims to be integrated, reflecting wholeness of creation. It deals with real life problems, reflecting God's mandate to be stewards of creation. It sets meaningful goals, reflecting God's purposes for His image-bearers to display His character. And it is about gaining wisdom as well as knowledge, reflecting God's desire for discernment, thoughtful action and the service of others. We, as a staff at Jireh, seek to serve our God and your children in carrying out this mandate and as partners with you in educating your children. I would like to thank those who pray for us and the school community as our success is built on the wings of prayer.

It gives me great delight to introduce four new parent representatives to our

Establishment Board of Trustees. We welcome Lindsay Steele, Madeleine Ploeg, Michael Causley and Dianne Thompson who have been co-opted onto the Board until we have the opportunity to hold our first Board of Trustees election. This will take place in unison with the national cycle in Term 2 next year.

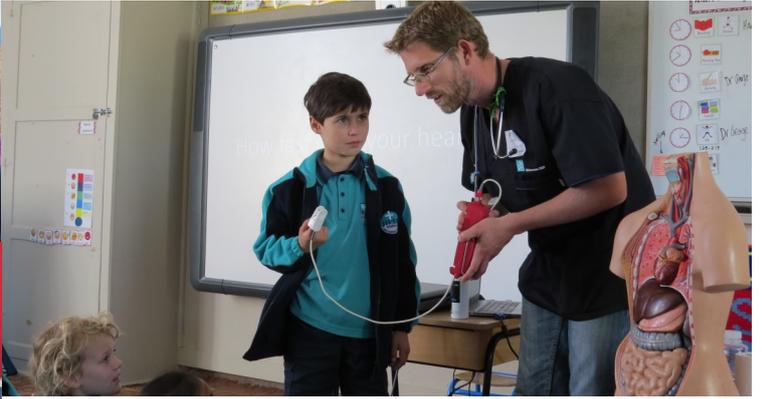
The day for our opening day has now been decided. It will be 3 July. Invitations will be going out shortly with all the details. The day will start with a blessing of the new buildings and then a gathering on the courts in front of the library where we will unveil our carving, honouring those who have gone before from, both the Jireh and Immanuel communities, as we celebrate the new beginning with a rich heritage. Breakfast will be served after the ceremony in the church hall.

Yours in partnership
Sandra Bosman





Dr George visits



Life Education Caravan



Our ACS Netball Team



Excellent comic written & illustrated by Adam Morrissey. This comic depicts how the immune system works. Adam has humorously & thoughtfully given us a little insight into his journey with peanut allergies.



My name is Helen Wassenaar and I have taken over from Raewyn McAullay as Office Assistant on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I worked in the Immanuel Christian School office from 1996 to 2001 and Raewyn took over from me then so it seems fitting that I now take over from her ☺. My husband and I have been involved with Immanuel since before the school opened and our 3 sons attended Immanuel. We were all blessed by their Christian education and continue to thank God for all that they have learnt and for the life long friends they have from Immanuel. I taught typing to the students at Immanuel from 1996 until the end of last year and thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the students through these classes. I look forward to getting to know you all and ask for your patience as I learn your names and the processes and procedures of Jireh Christian School.



“For from Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things. To Him be the glory, now and forever.” Romans 11:36



*Introducing two new team members—
remember to give them a warm
JCS Welcome!*



Hi everyone
My name is Marcia Duinkerke I am excited to be the new ESOL teacher. I have a background of teaching ESOL locally and overseas, I am also a qualified Early Childhood teacher. I've seen a few familiar faces around Jireh whom I taught at the Avondale Christian Kindergarten a few years ago! I've been a member of the Reformed Church of Avondale since 2010 where I'm involved in children's and women's ministries. I am married to Joel who is an elder at the church and a past pupil of Immanuel. It is my prayer that we can be salt and light in this community as we strive to be imitators of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Parents Association BBQ
Sparkly fun and food!*



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