

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



12 September 2018 Important Dates

Grandparents' Day	Friday 14 September
ACS Cross Country	Tuesday 18 September
Manu Botanical Gardens PA Meeting	Wednesday 19 September
Speech Finals Dance Sport	Friday 21 September
Tiwai Sports Camp	Monday 24 to Friday 28 Sept
Manu - ASB GetWise Dance Sport MUFTI DAY	Friday 28 September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 28 September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 15 October
ERO Visit	Tues, Wed 16&17 October
PA Meeting	Wednesday 17 October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 19 October
Labour Day	Monday 23 October

Dear parents

What a privilege it is to be part of such a rich community of learning where cultures, languages and the people of our school, both young and old, are valued and celebrated for our differences and our one powerful, unifying shared love for the Lord Jesus, who made us all.

Saturday night was a tribute to you, the parent community. The food covered all continents, flavours and colours, prepared and presented exquisitely. The traditional dress together with the performances were a special treat.

I am always reminded of the scripture in Revelation 7:9&10 -

"After this I looked and saw a multitude too large to count, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands and they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

A taste of heaven right here at JCS.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the success of this night, we all benefit from your generous giving. For those who did not make it this year I can highly recommend the cultural dinner as one not to be missed next year.

The money the Parents Association (PA), raises goes directly into enriching students' lives at school, from helping cover costs for those who are struggling, sports team uniforms, hoodies for the Year 7 and 8 Sports Camp, supporting learning by contributing to buying equipment for maths, science, technology, inquiry, the sand pit, reading books and purchasing i-Pads. This is to name a few of the many ways the JCS Parents Association has and continues to contribute.

Thank you to Brett Morrissey who gives of his time, expertise and energy to lead our PA so successfully.

Yours in partnership
Sandra Bosman





UNVEILING OUR BEAUTIFUL WHAKAIRO

Celebrating our history and
looking forward to our future together

The he korero of our whakairo

Thank you to those who attended the unveiling of our beautiful whakairo last Friday morning. It tells the story of the history of the two schools Jireh Christian School is built on. For those who were unable to attend I have included the korero of the carving here.

The whakairo starts with strong tree trunks growing up and branching out, reaching for the new emblem which signifies the new school. There are three branches on the left side and two on the right depicting the number of founding families. The tiwai symbolises strength, life, growth and our whakapapa as the schools were built on the firm foundation of Christ Jesus our rock. The harakeke growing up the tree trunks give a sense of nurturing, children nurtured in kite baskets to grow strong in God to be capable and full of knowledge. The pongo symbolises good health, physically, mentally and spiritually. The pikopiko fern frond contextualises our school as being in New Zealand. The unfurling frond shows birth and new life which comes from knowing our Lord and Saviour and growing and being rooted in Him as we learn of the world through the truth of Scripture. The supplejack vine brings unity and is found entwining around the carving all the way up both sides and at the top, bringing the two schools together. The emblem at the top has koru locking into each other representing the Trinity and the coming together of two schools as one. Undergirded by our motto -

For God, from God I Atua, Hoki Atua

Thank you, Thomas Dean, for sharing your talent and carving our story into such a beautiful whakairo.

Our foundation stones will be remembered and honoured.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ABSENCES - it is vitally important that Parents contact the school **before** 9am if their child is going to be late or away from school for any reason. For your child's safety we must follow up on all absences before 9.30am and this does take a lot of time. Our preferred methods of contact for absences or lateness are the website or the school answerphone although you can send us a text on the school mobile or e-mail us if you wish. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

LOST PROPERTY - what is left in lost property at the end of term will be washed and put in with our second hand uniform supplies. Please check your children's uniform and make sure you have everything named so it can be returned to you.

ATTENDANCE DUES 2019

Every 3 years, an adjustment is made to the Attendance Due rate payable to the Kingsway Trust. Since 2016, this amount has been \$1920.00 per annum. From 2019 for the next three years, this amount will be \$1964.00 per annum. If you pay by Direct Debit, these amounts will be adjusted automatically from 1 January 2019. If you pay by Automatic Payment or some other method, please make the necessary preparations to adjust this amount accordingly.

Please contact the NZCPT office if you require further information.

Many thanks

Lynn Hewitt

New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust
Administrator

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HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

“Who Is Jesus?”

WHEN - 3,4,5 October

WHERE - Reformed Church of Avondale
63 St Georges Road

WHO - 4 to 12 years old

WHAT - Each morning will include Bible lesson, songs, morning tea, activities and craft.

Register at <http://rcnzonline.com/avondale/register/>
or contact Anne on 0276945301
or ackholidayprog@gmail.com

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