

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



1 August 2018 Important Dates

Manu & Ika Art Work- shops	Wednesday 8 August
Whole School Gymnastics Weekly for 4 weeks	Friday 10 August
ICAS Exam— Maths	Tuesday 14 August 23
Whole School Photo	Monday 27 August
Manu Botanical Gardens	Wednesday 29 August
Sports Cluster Basketball	Wednesday 5 September

**Our new
school web-
site is live!**

**Go to:
[www.jireh.
school.nz](http://www.jireh.school.nz)**

Dear parents
Thank you for those who joined with us in celebrating our Opening Day on Friday. For those who were not able to make it I have summarised the morning. May you be blessed as you read about the journey God has begun in our midst with our new school. Bright and early we gathered in front of the Great North road entrance as the start of our prayer walk and blessing of the new buildings began. This was ably led by Kaumatua Warahi Paki, Whaea Linda Paki and Kaumatua Frank Tai-
pari. After karakia and waiata we enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the church hall.

The Opening celebration was held in rather chilly conditions in front of the library where time was spent acknowledging the foundations on which we will build the new. Mack Tane, our Kaumatua welcomed us.

The foundations have been formed from two Christian communities of learning; Immanuel Christian School and Jireh School. Helen Wassenaar, who has been part of the Immanuel Community from its inception 32 years ago and Pete Slaney the outgoing Principal spoke of the Immanuel

journey and unveiled a plaque acknowledging the years of service to God's Kingdom and Christian education in New Zealand. Kevin and Silvia Herring, the founding family of Jireh School in turn shared the Jireh School journey and unveiled a plaque. The plaques will sit at the base of the carving to show that these two schools form the foundation of the new Jireh Christian School and without them we would not exist.

Warren Peat, the CEO of the KWT and NZCPT shared the journey of how the two schools became one. He acknowledged and thanked those who have made this possible. Then we looked to the future and the possibilities it holds. I have included some of my address to this end.

We have heard the narratives of two schools who were birthed in the heart of God and the vision carried out faithfully by His people, often at great personal cost, because they believed that no part of a child's life should exclude God. But rather that He should be central to all we learn about the world and how we should live, as faithful image bearers.

When Paul writes to the

Corinthians he talks of himself as being a wise builder who has built a foundation for the church, the foundation is Christ Jesus. And he exhorts those who follow, to build what will last. Those who have gone before us at JCS have built a firm foundation with Christ Jesus as the bedrock.

It is important that we never lose sight of why we exist. The foundations on which we build are solid and true and it is our challenge to take up the baton and run the race with the same vigour, commitment and love, never losing sight of the end goal. We are called to build not in wood, hay and stubble but to build in gold, silver and precious stones which will last long after we have gone.

The Lord gave me a vision of what is to come and to what we are called. I have shared this vision before, but I believe it is the time and place to share aspects of this again.

In 1 Chronicles 29:1 NIV "Then King David said to the whole assembly: The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God."

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David laid the foundation and made preparation for the building of the temple but the charge to build the temple, God's dwelling place among men was given to Solomon.

I believe together we are the Solomons of today in this place, all of us and are called to build together, each one doing the part God has called them to. God is mightily at work and we are privileged to be a part of it.

1 Chronicles 22:5 NIV "the house to be built for the Lord should be of great magnificence and fame and splendour in the sight of all the nations."

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. That they may go out from this place and be prepared and equipped to be change agents for the Kingdom of God. As our vision statement so aptly says: "We are a Christ centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God".

1 Chronicles 28:20-21 NIV

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.

These are exciting times as a team of Christian leaders, parents and students we are building together, to make a great school for His glory and fulfil His purposes not only for our children but for those to come.

It is apt to honour some people for the part they have played in getting us to where we are today. The Trust for making it possible, the Establishment Board of Trustees who has worked tirelessly for over two years. The parents for trusting us and giving us grace as we have got up and running. And the staff of Jireh Chris-

tian School who have and continue to go above and beyond. These are extraordinary people who have weathered the storms of the move, closure and building a new school. These people have worked long hours, over weekends, during the holidays to give their best for your children and to ensure the school runs smoothly. I salute you for your commitment, endurance and obedience to God. And last but not least to you, the students, our precious taonga, the reason we are here today.

Vaughan Darby, chairman of the KingsWay Trust led the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the school. The morning ceremony concluded with an inspiring performance from our kapa haka group. The students enjoyed a sausage sizzle whilst the adults had morning tea.

Thank you to those who contributed so generously to make this day a success. I would like to make a special mention of Claire Pearce and Juliani Borgveldt and their amazing team who fed us sumptuously throughout the morning.

Romans 11:36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman*

Parking

Please do not park your car in the Kindergarten's space. It would be appreciated if you would park on St. Georges Road and walk your child into school or use the drop-off option in front of the church. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. It helps keep us all safe.

Update Information

It is very important to keep your child's information up to date. Please advise the office of any changes to your address, email address, phone numbers and especially any changes regarding your child's health. Thank you.

Young Engineers

Classes are currently running at Jireh Christian School after school on Tuesdays; for ages 6-10 years. For more information and to enrol: www.akl.youngengineers.co.nz
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