

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



24 October 2018 Important Dates

ASB Getwise Kahawai & Taraute	<i>Friday</i> <i>26 October</i>
Swimming— weekly for 7 weeks	
PA Walkathon	<i>Thursday</i> <i>1 November</i>
PA Boogie Night	<i>Friday</i> <i>16 November</i>
PA Family BBQ	<i>Friday</i> <i>30 November</i>
ACS Cricket	<i>Monday</i> <i>3 December</i>
Tiwai Camp at KVCC	<i>Wed—Fri</i> <i>5-7 December</i>
Manu –Selwyn Village & Picnic	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>5 December</i>
ASB Getwise Morihana & Tiwai	<i>Thursday</i> <i>13 December</i>
MUFTI DAY PA End of Year Party	<i>Friday</i> <i>14 December</i>
Year 8 Graduation Celebration	<i>Monday</i> <i>17 December</i>
Awards Ceremony End of Year School Closes 12.30pm	<i>Thursday</i> <i>20 December</i>

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are in Term 4 and that the race towards the end of the year is upon us. A busy Term lies before us with a few more firsts for Jireh Christian School. The Parents Association has a number of social and fundraising events planned. The first of these is a Walkathon on Thursday 1 November. The students should all have received sponsorship forms so that they can gather sponsors. The Walkathon is rather soon so there will only be a limited amount of time for students to get sponsors. There will be prizes for the most laps walked and for the most money raised. The prizes will be given out after the money has been collected. The last day for this will be 30 November. This is a great event for you to come along and join in, walking and supporting. There is also a family BBQ, Boogie night and end of year party coming up. The biggest and most ambitious fundraising event of the year and one which is new to our Parents Association is the selling of fireworks for the four days around Guy Fawkes. We will have two venues and hope to make enough money to put up our playground and subsidise the provision of buses for next year. There will be more important information about this event going out in the next few days.

The overarching learning theme this Term is God is peace. Students will be looking at different aspects of how this is evident in the scriptures in the Daily Discipleship programme and how we should live as Christ followers in a world in desperate need of the Saviour's peace. War, conflict, fire and natural disasters are some of the areas of inquiry.

Swimming and cricket are the main focus of the sports' programme.

Seasons for Growth is a wonderful programme being offered at school for children who have suffered loss, grief or are needing support for emotional and or mental wellbeing. It is programme which allows children to express themselves in a creative, non-threatening environment. Tiwai is off to camp at Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp in Thames and a graduation dinner will be held to say goodbye to our Year 8 students. Tiwai is looking forward to the ASB workshop on how to work wisely with money. The Manu Learning area are sending some of their students to spend a morning in a rest home, blessing the elderly with a special morning tea. We will be collecting Christmas gifts to give to those less fortunate than ourselves and a Mufti Day will be held to raise money for our TEAR Fund sponsor child Benimana Raphael in Rwanda.

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A summative progress page together with a parent teacher interview will be held to inform you of your child's academic progress. The Year will end by celebrating the diligent and excellent work of our students with two Awards ceremonies, one for Manu and one for Ika and Tiwai.

We look forward to exciting, challenging and transformative learning experiences this Term and continue to pray that your children are impacted by the Kingdom of Heaven through their learning journey at Jireh Christian School.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman*

Chess Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills. We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children. Chess: Improves concentration and focus, Develops important life skills – fair play and decision making, tactical & strategic thinking, Prepares players for Chess Tournaments against other schools, Develops a love of chess, of learning and of thinking. Sessions start with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way. We reward those that do well and encourage and support those that are struggling. At completion of the programme each child receives a certificate based on their performance. For more information and to register, visit www.chesspower.co.nz and click Parents Centre. Sessions are held on Tuesdays from 12:30pm to 1:15pm. The last session will be held on **Tue 18 December 2018**. Fee is \$80 for 10 sessions. To register choose your school and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

PARKING!

Please read the following notice and pay careful attention to the details. If we continue to have issues with parking we may lose the privileges we have of being able to use these car parks and driveways. We understand that there are difficult circumstances at both the Great North Road and St Georges Rd entrances with builders and road works but we would appreciate your reading the following and complying with the instructions please:

- If you use the Great North Road entrance to pick up and drop off your child please only use the 2130 driveway and not the driveway at the other end of the car park area. This is a private driveway and is not ours to use.
- If you use the St Georges Road entrance parents are to park on the road and walk your child/ren safely down the path to the school. You may use the circular driveway in front of the church to drop off only but you must be aware of busses and children walking. The car park is reserved for Kindergarten parents and for those attending weekly church activities with a limited number of car parks being available to staff and visitors.
- The Kelvinside entrance will be open from Monday but you must park on the road and walk your children to the gate. There will be a staff member on duty at the gate. We have had complaints regarding both of these areas and would appreciate your co-operation.

Term dates 2019

Thursday 31st January—first day of school term

Wednesday 6th February—Waitangi Day

Friday 12th April—end of Term One

Monday 29th April—Term Two begins

Monday 3rd June—Queen's Birthday

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July—

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Wednesday 3rd July—end of Term Two

Monday 22nd July—Term Three begins

Friday 27th September—end of Term Three

Monday 14th October—Term Four begins

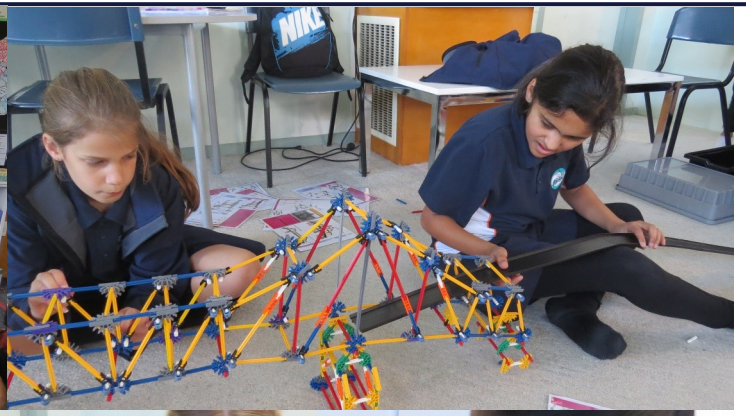
Monday 21st October—Labour Day

Friday 13th December—end of Term Four

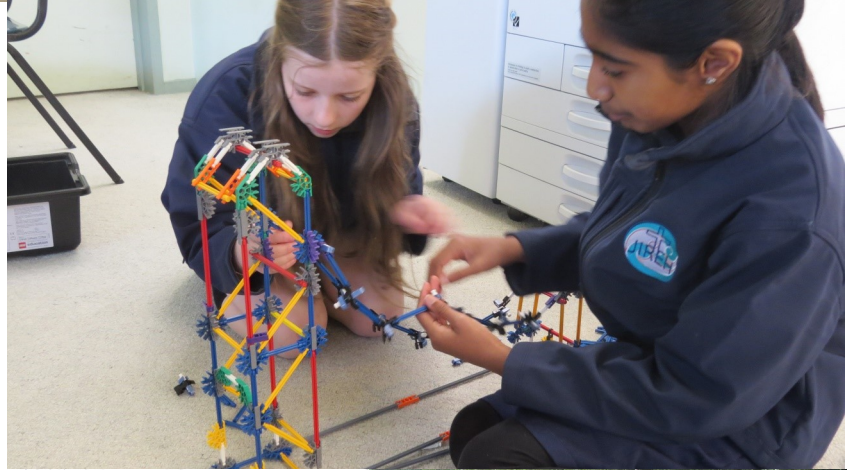
Messages to School

Please don't send messages to school via your children. It is easier for them if you contact the office or teacher directly. Thank you.





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&
Sports
Camp**



From God, For God I Atua, Hoki Atua

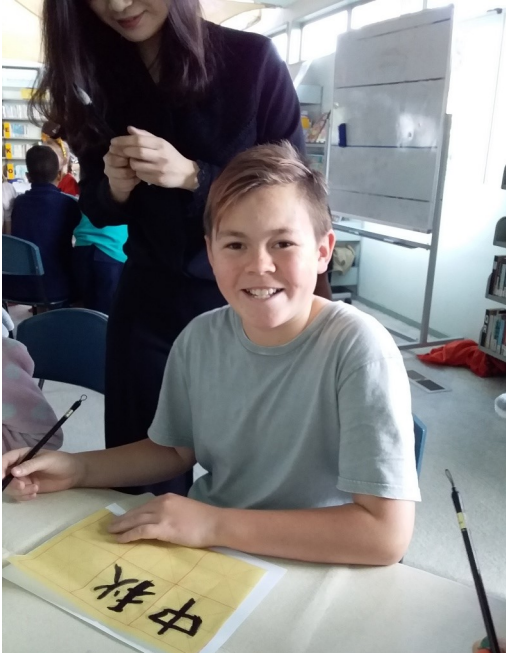
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**Chinese Language Week:
Tea Ceremony;
Calligraphy and
making Moon Cakes**



Young Engineers



Enjoying Quiz Works at assembly



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