

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



21 November 2018

PA Family BBQ	<i>Friday 30 November</i>
Parent/Teacher Interviews ACS Cricket	<i>Monday 3 December</i>
Tiwai Camp at KVCC	<i>Wed—Fri 5-7 December</i>
Manu –Selwyn Village & Picnic	<i>Wednesday 5 December</i>
ASB Getwise Morihana & Tiwai	<i>Thursday 13 December</i>
MUFTI DAY PA End of Year Party	<i>Friday 14 December</i>
Year 8 Graduation Celebration	<i>Monday 17 December</i>
Awards School Closes 12.30pm	<i>Thursday 20 December</i>
First Day of Term 1, 2019	<i>Thursday 31 January 2019</i>

Parent/Teacher Interviews

An email with instructions how to book your interview time will be sent out early next week.

Dear parents

I am a strong believer in the concept of community, as the family of God. This extends to all believers all over the world and in different contexts. Christian community is where God's people are, whether it be in church, one's neighbourhood or a place of learning. Genuine Christian community is a powerful, unified, love driven force extending the Kingdom of God on earth.

Real community, although often spoken about, is under siege in the 21st century with the prevailing prevalence of individualism.

Community is often reduced to the coming together of a group of people with common interests.

This is more of a social organisation, rather than community. Many schools are social organisations. It is our desire to see so much more in JCS as a Christ centred community of learning, where community is experienced in the real sense of the word. A place where we regard each other as the family of God with the common goal of glorifying God in all we do. This needs to be modelled to our children so that they not only know the scriptures and the way we should live as Christ followers in God's world but that they see what this looks like as we all live each day as authentic disciples. We are about

so much more than providing a service of education. As Christian educators we are about nurturing and raising up young people to love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul mind and strength and so become change agents in the world for the kingdom of God.

A helpful definition for community is; a unified human organism with a distinct identity characterised by a shared life in which all its members participate. We are a community of diverse cultures and churches, yet we have a common interest, purpose and will in wanting Christian education for our children. This results in commitment. We have the unity of a shared communal identity as the family of God. We strive to pray for and support one another, celebrate and mourn together. When one of our members is in need we provide help, we act in the interests of one another and look to bless each other's children. I heard it said once said that to embrace the gospel is to enter into community. For Christians the well-being and thriving of others is a core value. A communal structure is the structure of a living organism governed by the relationships of its members. Relationships of trust, kindness, goodwill and the desire to fulfil a common goal are building blocks for community. Genuine community is paramount to success.

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As diverse people, in community, it is vital that God's word and not the will of the members form the framework for what makes the structure distinctive. Even within the realms of Christians there are varying opinions and ideas. With God's Word as our authority and the desire to love our brother, we walk in truth. As a school our main business is teaching and learning. The shared beliefs of Christian education make us a distinctive community. It is a privilege to part of God's community in this place and to honour one another as precious members of the Body of Christ. What a powerful example this is for our children to emulate.

Yours in Partnership,

Sandra Bosman



Boogie Night!

For Sale—Worm Wee

Manu class have made a worm farm and we are offering you worm wee to use on your garden. This is the time to be filling our gardens with lots of nutrients. 2 litre bottles of concentrate; diluted 1:10 for \$5 each. See Jo Duxfield in Kereru class or order through the office.



VACANCY – MAINTENANCE PERSON

Jireh Christian School requires a maintenance person for a minimum of 10 hours per week.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, hard-working person to join our team in ensuring our environment is safe and attractive.

General maintenance skills, an ability to be flexible and take initiative are prerequisites.

Adherence to our special character is favourable and in keeping with our mission statement, "We are a Christ-centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God".



For more information please download an application form from the website www.jireh.school.nz or contact the office on 09 836 6913 or email administration@jireh.school.nz.

Applications close on Monday 10th December 4pm.



Walkathon!



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