

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



5 December 2018

ASB Getwise Morihana & Tiwai	<i>Thursday 13 December</i>
MUFTI DAY	<i>Friday 14 December</i>
Year 8 Graduation Celebration	<i>Monday 17 December</i>
Awards Ceremony Juniors 9.30- 10.30 Seniors 11- midday School Closes 12.30pm	<i>Thursday 20 December</i>
First Day of Term 1, 2019	<i>Thursday 31 January</i>

Dear parents

In a week's time we will have come to the end of our inaugural year. And what a momentous year it has been. The words of that great hymn ring in my ears, "Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father". He has been true to His word; He has led and enabled us all, to do the job He has called us to.

As we look back on the year I would like to mention some of the highlights. We have had a number of significant and special days not least of all our Opening Ceremony which involved a pre-dawn service where we dedicated and blessed our buildings with prayer and worship and officially opened our school. The carving attached to the library entrance at the heart of our school tells of the history of the two schools who have come together to make up Jireh Christian School. The carving culminates at the top in our new emblem with the words; "From God, for God I Atua, hoki Atua" The morning service included a celebratory breakfast feast. An ensemble of talented teachers and students have made a recording of our new school song. Grandparents Day was very special where young and old shared learning and some tasty treats. Manu team celebrated the first 100 days at school with a 100 Day Party. It was a joy to see each student arrive at school proudly wearing a creative hat showing 100 in some way. A number of trips and outings were undertaken to enrich and reinforce learning. Students from the Manu Learning Area visited the Botanical Gardens as part of their inquiry about how things grow. A group of talented students attended Sports Camp in Matamata, bringing back a number of trophies for sporting achievements and proudly the Sportsmanship cup. WOW week, (Week of Workshops) took place at the same time at school for those who did not attend sports camp in the Tiwai Learning Area. The workshops

were run by parents and teachers and involved arts and crafts, science and technology through bridge building, macramé, potting plants, quilting and more. As part of the privilege of being the seniors and student leaders of the school the Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed a day out at Goat Island as part of a team building and leadership programme. At the end of the year they were on camp in Thames where they enjoyed kayaking, go karting, shooting and some good times of worship where they were challenged to serve God wholeheartedly and given time to reflect on their own faith journey. Tiwai students learnt to cook, sew and use tools to make a shoe horn, tasty dishes and an eco-friendly bag during their hard and soft technology lessons. At Corbans Art Estate our students to participated in specialist art lessons using a variety of mediums.

Some of the inquiry topics covered this year were; aspects of the human body, how it works and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. Photosynthesis, making worm farms, tectonic plates and tsunamis, what being good stewards of the earth looks like, pollution, how to keep our peace in the storm, fire safety, designing playgrounds, the second world war and more. Digital technologies and using STEM, (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) concepts, through construction and bridge building using k'nex and other equipment, 3D printing, coding and Stop Motion were introduced. Informative, thought provoking and entertaining speeches were crafted by our students and presented at a Speech Day.

The overarching Biblical concepts about who God is, which have underpinned each term's learning, have been God is holy and wise, God is Peace, God is One, God is faithful to all His promises.

There have been a number of extra curricula activities to enrich and give a wide scope of learning opportunities. Some of these included; chess, learning to play a musical instrument, voice training, Young Engineers and Musical Theatre. *Continued overleaf....*



Congratulations to Danielle Mitchell! She has graduated with a Masters in Art Therapy.

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In the sporting area students have had coaching and participated in cricket, touch rugby, basketball, netball, soccer, softball, swimming, gymnastics and Dance Sport. We have had various sports teams competing in the local sports cluster and in the Auckland Christian Schools Sport cluster.

As part of service to the local community and the Kingdom of God further afield our students have collected blankets, food and other essentials and more recently collected a large number of presents to give to the organisation, Feed the Streets of Avondale. There have been four Mufti Days to gather funds for our TEAR Fund sponsor child from Rwanda and students have written cards and prayed for him too. Recently a number of students visited Selwyn Retirement Village in Mount Albert where they sang songs and blessed the residents with their warm smiles and friendly faces and angelic voices.

The Parents Association has had a very productive year very ably chaired by Brett Morrissey. A number of social and fundraising events have taken place some of these include; a cultural dinner, selling Fireworks for four days, family fun BBQs, a walkathon, Boogie Night and several Chicken Madness Lunches.

We have been blessed with a range of guest speakers and presenters during the year not least of all being the many parents who have come in to school to share their expertise, and work/life experiences with the students. Digital Ignition spent four days at JCS giving the students superb digital technology experiences. A couple from Waterwise came and shared about the condition of water around the world and how important it is for our existence, making us very grateful for living in a land where we have this precious commodity in abundance, Quiz Worx gave us some valuable spiritual lessons through puppetry and skits. Get Wise ASB has taught us how to deal wisely with money. Puberty Plus gave the older students good advice on growing up and how to care for ourselves responsibly. The Life Bus with Harrold the giraffe taught much about the systems of the body. The People Savers course was all about first aid and helping those wounded or needing help in an accident or crises with lots of practical practice. We had the privilege of having Graham Braddock run art sessions. There have been programmes helping those who are going through grief or loss. JCS has formed a Community of Learning with KingsWay School and Westminster Christian School. Next year this Community of Learning will be fully operational. Our achievement challenges will involve work around helping our students develop future focussed life skills, ensure that all students are given every opportunity to thrive, grow and learn in a safe and happy environment. The year will end with Awards ceremonies to celebrate hard work and fine learning.

Thank you for your tremendous support this year. It is a privilege to be part of what God is doing in this place. I continue to be utterly convinced that He has a great vision for Jireh Christian School and that we will be a beacon of light for those within our boundaries and those in the wider community.

My prayer for you all is that the summer break is full of special family time, laughter and rejuvenation. May your Christmas be Christ centred in all you do. We look forward with anticipation to 2019. It will be a year of consolidation and continued growth.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman



Jireh Angels spreading God's Love at Selwyn Village and enjoying a picnic at the park afterwards.



LOST PROPERTY
Please check lost property at the office. There is a HUGE pile. It is donated to a charity shop at the end of term.



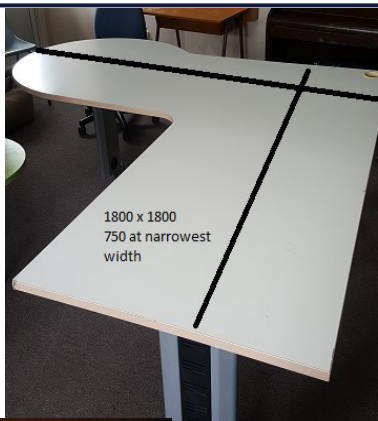
Tiwai had an awesome time at camp!



Family Fun BBQ



FREE TO SCHOOL FAMILIES: The following 4 large tables and 1 desk are available free to parents. Approximate measurements are on the photo; they are available for viewing. Please contact the School Office if you would like to have a look. For removal before the end of Term 4. People outside the school community will pay a small charge.



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.

FREE to school families



Thank you Jireh Christian School community for your generosity—we had a lovely pile of gifts and goodies to give to the Feed the Streets appeal



Carpe Diem Kids Jireh will be open from 12.30 pm on last day of term, Thurs 20th December. The cost will be \$12 from 12.30 pm to 3.00pm and after 3 pm the usual after school rates apply. We will be having a fun Holiday Programme on **Dec 21st and then from 3rd Jan to 30th Jan 2019.** Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Enrol online at www.carpediemkids.co.nz Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437; Mob: 021 1550242 Email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz

SUMMER CAMP—A KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP
Carey Park Christian Camp, Henderson Valley runs OSCAR funded kid's camps every school holidays. Come for a full week or just for a day. Registrations are now open for the January 2019 'Summer' Kids Camp. Who: Kids aged 8-13
When: 7-11 January 2019, Cost: Full Week=\$225.00, Day Camper \$50 (all meals included) Family Discount: Register 2 or more siblings and receive 10% discount off the total price. Parakai Springs Trip=additional \$20.

The chickens need you!

We are looking for a few families to help look after the chickens over the summer holidays. They will need to be visited each day, have food and water checked and their eggs collected. Free fresh eggs for your family!



Please email naomi.stephenson@jireh.school.nz for more information. I would love to have 4-6 families to help with the aim to have a week of responsibility over the summer break. Thank you!
Mrs Stephenson, Piwakawa Room

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