

# Jireh Christian School Newsletter



## 14 February 2019 Important Dates

Manu learning group picnic	Friday 15 February
Ika learning group walk	Friday 15 February
<b>PARENT MEETING</b>	Monday 18 February
Piwakawaka & Ruru –Corbans Estate Art Workshop	Tuesday 26 February
Kereru & Kakapo-Corbans Estate Art Workshop	Thursday 28 February
Fun Family BBQ	Friday 1st March
PAT Testing	Monday 4 to Thursday 7
ACS Touch Tournament	Wednesday 13 March
School Picnic at Cornwallis Beach	Friday 22 March
Parent/Teacher interviews	Monday 1 April
Open Day	Wednesday 3 April
Cultural Week	Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April
MUFTI DAY & Last day of Term One	Friday 12 April

### Dear parents

Although we have been in operation for almost 3 weeks now, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all, especially to those new to our community. We pray that you feel very much part of the Jireh family soon. May 2019 be one of rich learning, meaningful community building and genuine connection with one another. But more than anything may this be a year where the Person of Jesus brings awe, inspiration, delight, respect and absolute devotion and dedication in all our lives.

My prayer of recent times has been twofold; that Jireh Christian School be a place of excellence because we love our Lord and Master and we want to give Him the best of ourselves in all we do. In a world of increasing darkness, disillusionment and hopelessness where people walk further and further from God's design for mankind, it is my prayer that every young person who ever walks through the doors of our school would be passionately in love with the Saviour with a deep understanding of scripture by which they fashion their lives, serving Him now and always, not out of tradition and duty but out of love and devotion. There is no more noble cause and each of us has a role in bringing this about firstly in our own lives as parents, staff and educators and then in the lives of our young people. This is the place He has put us to

serve one another. The staff of Jireh Christian School look forward to serving you with excellence this year through partnership.

We once again have a full Term of exciting learning opportunities planned. 'God is Truth and Grace' is our overarching theme and we will look at the Jireh Valued Outcome of being Connected, by respecting, appreciating and discerning the ideas and cultures of others. The key competencies in focus are; managing ourselves responsibly and relating respectfully and lovingly to others. All our learning will be based on the above as we look at; being part of a community, our culture and the cultures of others, the local history of Avondale and the foundation stones of NZ. Touch rugby and cricket will be the main sports with the Auckland Christians Schools touch zone day taking place later in the Term. Tiwai has an exciting Term of technology involving hard and soft materials and learning about gears and how they work. They will be learning Mandarin using DuoLingo with Mrs Ho as a consultant. Digital technologies will continue this year in each classroom and the staff will have professional learning to enable a full roll out of the new technologies curriculum to be in full operation across the school by the start of next year. Children's' Bible Ministries will be presenting Bible lessons weekly in Years 1- 6 around the life of Joseph as part of their teacher training programme.

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There will be an opportunity for you to have a discussion around your child's learning at the Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on 1 April. A number of trips and activities have been planned to enrich the learning programme. The Learning Area is starting the year off with a picnic and treasure hunt. Later in the Term they will be attending specialist art lessons at Corbans Art Estate. There will be a number of local Kindies visiting Kereru class throughout the year where their 4-year olds will have a taste of what it is to be a student in a "big school". Ika are going to explore the community of Avondale on foot. Tiwai are having a number of team and leadership building days where they will look at how they can best serve the school as the leaders of the students. The Year 8 House Leaders will attend Future Leaders Day with Waitakere Sport as they participate in a specific leadership programme. The Tiwai Team Challenge Day is at Okahu Bay this year involving kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and various other water fun activities. They all look very smart in their Tiwai uniforms now and are easily distinguishable as the student leaders of our school. With greater responsibility comes greater privilege and to that end all Tiwai students will enjoy a special morning tea at the end of the Term in acknowledgment of their service to the school community.

There are a number of extra-curricular activities and lessons for you to choose from should you wish to give your child an even broader range of experiences. Some of these are; music lessons, dance theatre, chess club, young engineers, Mandarin lessons and art lessons. Some of these activities are offered during the school day or at lunch time and some happen after school. Should you wish to have more information about any of them please contact the office. Carpe Diem continues to offer before/after school care and holiday programmes for our students, most of which take place on our campus. We will be hosting an Open Day on April 3 for all those who are interested in having a look at how we do things at Jireh Christian School. Please invite friends and all interested people to pop along and enjoy a morning of information, observation and listening to our talented, irresistible students sharing their learning. Uncle Maurice will be back to do a show telling us what Easter is all about at our last Friday Assembly of the Term. There will also be a Mufti Day with a gold coin donation to raise funds for our TEAR Fund Sponsor child, Benimana from Rwanda.

Community events; we will be having our first Family Fun BBQ on Friday 1 March, come along and enjoy one another's company, a sausage or two and the glorious summer weather. Our fast becoming, famous family, house picnic is coming up soon on Friday 22 March at Cornwallis Park.



I look forward to seeing you all at the Parents Meeting on Monday 18 February where a number of important matters will be presented. We will be having our first Board of Trustees election in May to coincide with the National School BoT elections. Information about this will be discussed and there will be an opportunity to ask questions to gain a good understanding. A summary of our journey as a school so far and where we are hoping to go this year will be shared. There will also be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom to hear more about the specifics of the learning programme and expectations for the year. It is a meeting not to be missed.



What an exciting term we have planned. We welcome your participation in as many of the events, trips and classroom experiences as you can. Onwards and upwards for His glory.

**Yours in partnership,  
Sandra Bosman**

**Congratulations to our  
2018 Graduates**





The fire truck came to school!



## ASB GetWise—being wise with money

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYER WARRIORS

We are in the process of setting up our prayer group weekly meetings for pray-ers to pray for our school community. This is a precious and important ministry. PLEASE consider joining this group by giving your name to the office.

## DATES

Please check the calendar on the website for important dates.

The whole school picnic has changed to Friday 22 MARCH at Cornwallis Beach.

Teacher Only Days have been amended:

Tuesday 4 June

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 July (Term 2 ends on Wednesday 3 July)

Monday 2 September.

## ENROLMENTS

It is helpful if you could complete an application form and submit to the office with the relevant paperwork as soon as possible for any enrolments. If you have a child attending Jireh Christian School and there is a younger sibling you wish to enrol in the future, please make sure the office is aware of your child's full name, birth date and intended start date.



## PARENT MEETING MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 7PM

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. There will be vital information shared, an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and glean tips for a great working partnership between you and your child's teacher.

## HEALTH

Please make sure that the office is aware of any medical conditions your child may have. We need current medication and an action plan, listing symptoms to look out for, and what you would like us to do to treat your child. This information needs to be updated annually. Should your child already have an action plan on file, please can you visit the office to check that it is still current? Thank you.

## TOUCH COACHES REQUIRED

We have need of more touch coaches for the Year 3 to Year 8 students please!

If you are interested in helping out, please let the office know or speak to Miss Tato (Morihana).

## KIP MCGRATH

Kip McGrath Glen Eden at 141b West Coast Road (next to the train station) offers a free assessment for your child and individualised lessons to enable them to catch up, keep up and move up in their reading, writing and maths. We teach to the New Zealand curriculum and levels. Classes are held after school and Saturday mornings. Call Amanda on 8134526 / 0212471352 to book your free assessment.

## ABSENCES

Thank you to all the parents who are informing the office of their child's absences. This is a prerequisite but we really appreciate your help!

*From God, For God I Atua, Hoki Atua*

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