

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



27 March 2019

Important Dates

Parent/Teacher Interviews SCHOOL CLOSURES 12.30PM	<i>Monday 1 April</i>
Cultural Week	<i>Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April</i>
MUFTI DAY & Last day of Term One	<i>Friday 12 April</i>
First day of Term Two	<i>Monday 29 April</i>
Zoo Trip Manu	<i>Tuesday 14 May</i>
PhotoLife	<i>Tuesday 21 May</i>
Zoo Trip Ika	<i>Tuesday 28 May</i>

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please remember to book online for your parent/teacher interview.

These are being held on **MONDAY 1 APRIL**. School closes at 12.30pm. Supervision will be provided for those students who cannot be collected at 12.30pm. School buses will run at the usual times.

Dear parents

In the light of the recent tragic events in our country we have been considering the core values that we hold to at JCS and how these can be instilled in our students and evident in our community. The JCS values are TRUTH, LOVE, FAITH IN CHRIST and HOPE. They are small words with so much to be unpacked. We will be looking at these values in depth over the next couple of terms so that our staff and students know what these look like, in action, at JCS and in our lives in the wider context.

When unpacking the word 'love', a good place to start is with agape love which is described in the dictionary as; selfless, sacrificial and unconditional. When asked which of the commandments was most important Jesus replied that it was to love the Lord your God with all your heart soul, mind and strength and the second was like it, to love your neighbour as yourself. When these two commandments are obeyed, all the other commandments are too. Jesus said if you love me you will obey me in John 14 vs 15. If we love we will not steal, if we love we will not slander, if we love we will not do harm to another. We will give of ourselves to bless and help others, even if it costs us and we will do so to all people not only those closest to us. What this looks like at JCS will be the focus of our Daily Discipleship programme next term.

The question of who our neighbour is, was answered so aptly by Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Samaritans and Jews were divergent in their thinking and faith and did not have anything to do with one another. Yet it was the Samaritan who gave generously of his own means to help an injured Jew. Our neighbours are those closest to us and those different from us. There is no place for hate and bigotry in the hearts of God's people.

At JCS we love those who are the same as us and those who are different. We celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures and delight in learning about them. This is a community where each person is valued, respected and accepted. Cultural week is coming up in the last week of term and we are looking forward to learning from and honouring each other as we celebrate who we are as people in a Christ centred community of love where Jesus truly is the Prince of Peace.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

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