

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



8 May 2019 Important Dates

Zoo Trip Manu	<i>Tuesday 14 May</i>
PhotoLife	<i>Tuesday 21 May</i>
ACS Soccer Rain Day-29th	<i>Wednesday 22 May</i>
Zoo Trip Ika	<i>Tuesday 28 May</i>
Queen's Birthday	<i>Monday 3 June</i>
TEACHER ONLY DAY	<i>Tuesday 4 June</i>
OPEN DAY 9.30am-Midday	<i>Wednesday 12 June</i>
Parents' Meeting ~ Resilience	<i>Thursday 20 June</i>
Tiwai Body Talk	<i>Monday 24 June</i>
ACS Netball Rain Day—29th	<i>Wednesday 26 June</i>

REMINDER: parents please do not park in the church and kindy parking for morning and afternoon drop offs. It does not belong to us and they have asked that only school staff use the carpark and those who are disabled. You are welcome to use the turning bay in the front of the church for drop offs. Kelvinside Terrace is opened every morning and afternoon and very soon the work at Great North road will be completed, there is some parking available there. We really do appreciate your co-operation in this regard. Our relationship with the church and kindy is very important to us and we would like to honour their request.

Dear parents

Cultural week was more than we could ever have dreamed it would be. There are no words to adequately express the delights of each day. The students have had rich learning experiences about so many of the different cultures represented at Jireh School. I salute you, the parents, for your tremendous contributions; entertaining, feeding and teaching us about your cultures.

The students and staff were taken on fascinating journeys all over the world. It was fitting that we began the week with the cultures of New Zealand. Angela Dean opened our week with a waiata and karakia and our kapa haka group performed. The students learnt how to use ti rakau sticks and make Rewena bread. There were kiwi ingenuity activities, gumboot throwing, finger knitting and learning all about preparing food in a hangi. Tuesday was a feast of colour starting with various dances from our Pacifika families. The students learnt how to make an umu and how to grate coconut with a traditional chair. A whole pig was roasted and stories of life in the Islands enjoyed. They learnt how to weave, dance and make delicious dishes. Lunch was fresh out of the umu along with other delights from huge pots; palusami, lulu, cassava and chop suey were among them. On Wednesday we visited, Africa, Great Britain, Australia, Colombia and Switzerland. The day started with dance performances. The display rooms were filled with interesting cultural artefacts. The parents and students treated us all to presentations on the various aspects of each culture. Students learn how to crack the whip in Australia, make biltong, sing and dance in Africa and make arts and crafts, play traditional games including croquet on the lawn. The lunch fare was a feast of traditional dishes from all the countries represented. Thursday began with an extravaganza of dance, song, musical

instruments, Taekwondo performances and other visual treats from our Asian community. Then we were taken on a journey through Asia with fascinating facts and interesting cultural items, instruments and costumes. The students learnt how to wear a sari, make curries, dumplings and various Korean dishes. They played traditional games, learnt how to dance and shop in the Philippines and do origami. Lunch was once again a feast of flavours, textures and colours from Malaysia, India, Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Laos and China.

What a week of festivities and celebration. It is a privilege to be part of such a generous and unified community. There were at least 100 families who significantly contributed to make this week the great success that it was. We came together in love and unity to celebrate our unique identities, which find real significance in community. **John 13:35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." To God be all the glory for allowing us to be part of His culture which overrides all others. **Galatians 3:28**. **There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.** It does feel like we have had a taste of Heaven. **Revelations 7: 9 and 10** **After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

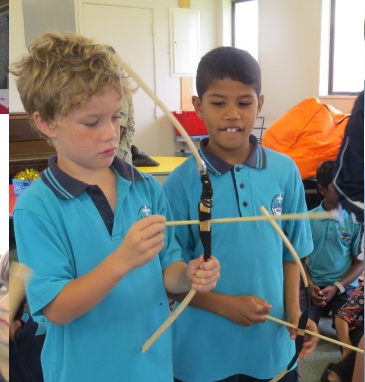
We are all truly blessed to have one another in Christ.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

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Ephesians 4:3 The Passion Translation
(Jireh Christian School families)
 guard(ing) the sweet harmony
 of the Holy Spirit among you in
 the bonds of peace....



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2019 Board of Trustee elections

Key dates are as follows:

By Friday 10th May

Friday 24th May

Wednesday 29th May

Friday 7th June

Thursday 13th June

Friday 14th June

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon.

An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceeds 5 (five).

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Voting closes at 12 noon.

Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.

New Board takes office.



Uncle Maurice
teaching us
about Jesus



Tiwai -
soft materials
technology

Scholastic Book Club

The Term 2 Scholastic catalogues have been handed out to the eldest and only students. Please order by **Friday 17th May** to ensure that the school receives the reward points. Thank you!

PhotoLife

The information leaflet has been given to your children. Should you wish a family/sibling photo to be taken on the day, please ask at the office for the photo request form. The form needs to be completed and returned to the office before Photo Day (Tuesday, 21st May). Online photo access keys and manual ordering envelopes are delivered to the school after the photo day.

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