

# Jireh Christian School Newsletter



## 4 September 2019 Important Dates

Parent/Teacher Interviews <b>School closes 12.30pm</b>	<i>Monday 16 September</i>
WOW Week & Tiwai Sports Camp	<i>23 - 27 September</i>
End Term Three	<i>Friday 27 September</i>
Term Four Begins	<i>Monday 14 October</i>
Tiwai Wellington Trip	<i>Tues - Thurs 22 - 24 October</i>
Swimming	<i>Fridays, 18 Oct - 29 Nov</i>
<b>Labour Day No School</b>	<i>Monday, 28 October</i>
Chicken Madness & Walkathon	<i>Friday 31 October</i>
Touch	<i>Thursdays 7 - 28 November</i>
ACS Cricket	<i>Monday 11 November</i>
Market Days	<i>Junior 25 November Senior</i>
Chicken Madness	<i>Friday 28 November</i>
Year 8 Graduation	<i>Monday, 9 December</i>
Awards Ceremonies	<i>Friday, 13 December School finishes 12.30pm</i>

Dear Parents

One of the great benefits of being in a Kahui Ako (Community of Learning), is that we get some fantastic professional development opportunities. It was our great privilege to hear from Bev Norsworthy of Bethlehem Institute. Bev is regarded as one of the experts on Christian Education in New Zealand. She spent time with the management team at Jireh Christian School last week and with the staff at the Teacher-Only Day on Monday. Bev has a wonderful way of weaving God's story, as laid out in scripture, through all of what we do as educators and the lens through which we view reality and our experiences.

Wellbeing is a hot topic at the moment with the increase of mental health illness and the high rates of suicide in New Zealand. Our Government has acknowledged the need for more to be done to help people, and in particular children, live a contributing, happy and healthy life mentally, physically and emotionally. We are the first country in the world to have a national wellbeing budget.

**What does the Bible say on this topic and how can we, as Christians attain wellbeing and counsel others to enjoy wellbeing?**

It starts at the beginning with our identity and worth. In Genesis it tells us that we are made in the image of God and are image bearers. We are Imago Dei and therefore have intrinsic worth and value. Bev talks about three phases to wellbeing in God's story; *forming*, *connecting* and *discerning*. God's story, which we teach and model to our children, is one of hope, fulfilment, kept promises and love. It is a story which has meaning and carries purpose. It is constant and absolute. We are part of God's story of redemption. Children from a young

age start *forming* their thoughts around who they are and how they fit into their environment. It is our responsibility as parents and educators to ensure that we own, speak of and model God's story by the way we live and the words we say. We need to be constantly giving opportunity for our children and students to *connect* to God's story by learning how to be image bearers and people who live in God's story. We need to show and talk about what it means, looks and feels like to live in God's story. We want to nurture young people into ways of being and doing which reflect His truth. We need to *connect* with our young people's deep motivation and guide them to a vision for living which is shaped by biblical priorities. We need to be giving opportunity for questioning, critical thinking and a space to grapple with the realities of a fallen world in the light of God's story so that they develop an informed faith which is hope inspired and motivated by love. Where they can live and see others live, through turbulent times, standing on a firm foundation where *discernment* and deep thinking, informed by God's truth is encouraged. The truth will always stand, when known and believed. Our security is knowing that we are loved by a perfect and Almighty God and we are made in His image.

What an exciting journey we walk with our young people who are honest, critical and hungry for truth in word and in lives lived authentically. It is also a journey of great responsibility. Let us walk it together as the family of God that they may know Him today and always, living a faithful life based on unchanging truth.

Yours in partnership

*Sandra Bosman*

*'We are a Christ centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God'*

## Psalm 78 A *maskil* of Asaph.

<sup>1</sup> My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— <sup>3</sup> things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. <sup>5</sup> He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, <sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.



**Join us for our  
Holiday bible  
Club**

**WHEN?** 2,3,4 October (Wed to Friday)  
9:30am to 12:30pm

**WHERE?** Reformed Church Avondale.  
63 St Georges Rd, Avondale

**WHO?** 4 to 12 years olds

**WHAT?** Each morning will include Bible lesson, songs, morning tea, activities and craft.

To register go to: <http://rcnzoneonline.com/avondale/register/> or phone Anne on 027 6945301 by Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. Feel free to invite friends.

## **AUCKLAND GIRLS CHOIR AUDITIONS**

The Auckland Girls' Choir enriches choral experiences for girls aged 9 to 18 years of age from the greater Auckland region. As a training choir, focus **is** on healthy vocal production, choral technique, artistry, and performance skills. All choristers also engage in a levelled musicianship program to enable every girl to be the strongest musician she can be. If accepted into the Choir, girls are expected to attend weekly choir rehearsals that span the regular school year. Attendance at a separate weekend workshop in each of the four school terms is also required, as well as full commitment to all performance engagements. There is a limited number of need and

merit based scholarships available for the 2020 intake, supported and sponsored by Friends of the Auckland Girls' Choir to increase the accessibility and opportunities for talented girls to join the Choir.

The first round of auditions for our 2020 intake are:

- Saturday, September 14, 9am to 4pm
- Saturday, September 21, 1pm to 4pm
- Saturday, September 28, 9am to 12.30pm.

Girls interested in becoming a member of the choir may apply to audition via <https://www.akgirlschoir.co.nz> or Email: [agcinfo@akgirlschoir.co.nz](mailto:agcinfo@akgirlschoir.co.nz) Printed application forms and further information is available at the school office.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you to all our families who bought books at the Book Fair on Grandparents Day recently. We sold \$2275.80 worth of books, which earned the school \$682.74 to spend on books. Yay—thank you all so much for

your generosity!

## **Scholas- tic Book Club**

The latest issue (No. 6) of the Book Club was sent home last week. It closes on **FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**. Thank you to everyone who has ordered already. It is preferred that you order online via the LOOP ([scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)) although you may still send cash to the office in need. You may still order after the close-off but orders will be delivered to your home at an additional cost of \$4.99 freight.

## **PITA PIT LUNCHES**

We will be having Pita Pit lunches every second Friday of the month.

You will need to sign up to Lunchonline to place an order.

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

Please note this lunch order is not done with the school as it is an outside provider therefore you cannot pay the school or order via the school, you need to go through Lunchonline where you can open an account. Many thanks

## **WALKATHON POSTPONED**

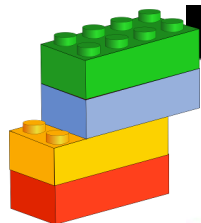
The walkathon is postponed until **THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER** in the interests of looking after our newly drained field.

## **Gymnastics Action!**





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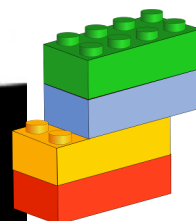
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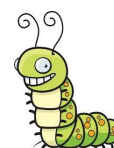
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