

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



30 October 2019 Important Dates

<i>Pita Pit Lunch</i>	<i>Thursday 31 October</i>
<i>Swimming (except 29 Nov)</i>	<i>Fridays 18 Oct - 6 Dec</i>
<i>P.A Walkatbon</i>	<i>Thursday 7 November</i>
<i>ACS Cricket</i>	<i>Wednesday 13 November</i>
<i>Pita Pit Lunch</i>	<i>Thursday 14 November</i>
<i>Parents Association End-of-year Event</i>	<i>Friday 22 November</i>
<i>Market Days</i>	<i>Junior-25 November Senior- 26 November</i>
<i>Pita Pit Lunch</i>	<i>Thursday 28 November</i>
<i>Manu Selwyn Village Trip</i>	<i>Tuesday 3 December</i>
<i>"Day of Delight"</i>	<i>Thursday 5 December</i>
<i>Year 8 Graduation Dinner</i>	<i>Monday 9 December</i>
<i>Mufti Day & Pita Pit Lunch</i>	<i>Thursday 12 December</i>
<i>Awards Ceremonies</i>	<i>Friday 13 December</i>
<i>School ends 12.30pm</i>	

Dear parents

During the school holidays I had the privilege of visiting a number of schools, universities and learning spaces in Europe with a group of educators from a variety of schools in New Zealand and Australia. It is very interesting to see what is happening in education on the opposite side of the globe.

I was reminded once again of the huge value in Christian Education and the wealth we have in faith based education where Christ is at the centre. One of the most important things a school can do is to allow each child to feel nurtured, valued and to have a sense of significant belonging. When a child is happy and secure, they are far more likely to love learning, take risks, be creative, tackling difficult problems with tenacity and to try new things. Creating a Christian community of learning where everyone is seen as a valuable contributor, working together and helping one another to succeed is a very good springboard for great learning. Scandinavian countries focus on being a social democracy where individual freedom is highly prized but is always seen in the light of behaving in a way which is good for society and others. Their model of education and the philosophy which underpins it is

different from a capitalist view of the individual triumphing at all costs, even if it is detrimental to others. Many schools try to create a caring learning environment where all are important and valued but without the authority and motivation, we have in being servants of the living God. When one realizes that man is intrinsically valuable, being made in the image of God, we know that there is hope and faith that they can, no matter their behaviour, financial status, background or other limiting factors, be overcomers and successful.

The schools we visited are all endeavouring to educate students to succeed in a highly mechanized, fast changing world where the need for transferable skills and innovation is becoming more and more relevant. A lot of focus is spent on learning to collaborate effectively, develop creative ingenuity and become tenacious problem solvers.

The spaces students were learning in were all flexible learning spaces with the possibility to learn together in huddles or on their own in single booths. There were spaces for small group lessons and large group gatherings where students could share their learning. Project based or inquiry learning has a focus, but teachers are still giving instruction and students

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are gaining the knowledge and skills they need in order to make their inquiries and projects rich learning experiences.

It was an interesting trip where I have some good ideas we can implement, but I was pleased to return to our very special learning environment at JCS, where our students are highly engaged in good learning which stretches them to think, allows them to take risks and solve problems and learn new ways of doing things. But most of all JCS is a community where students know they are loved by a God who is near and by those they engage with in their learning.

Yours in Partnership,

Sandra Bosman

Collection of Students

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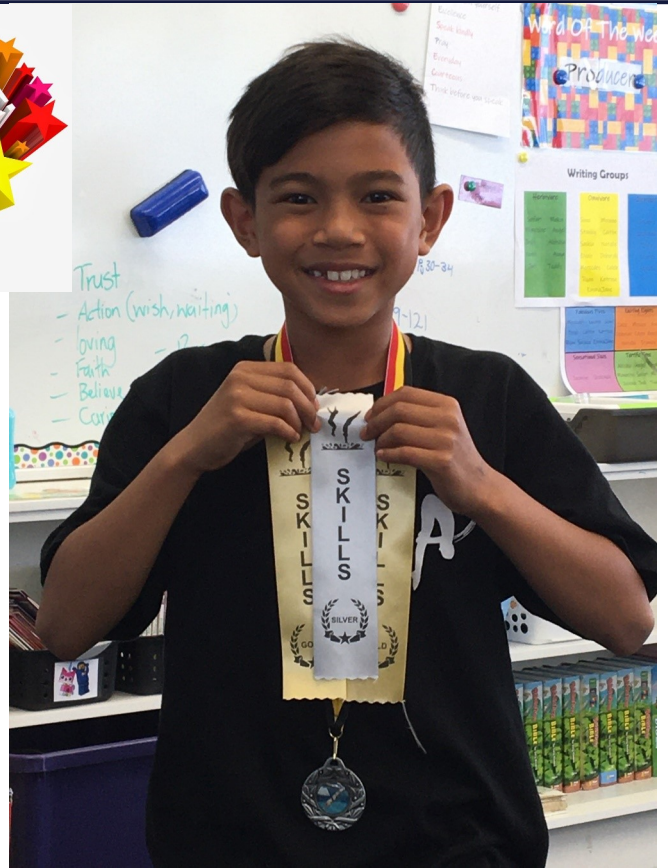
This is a reminder that school finishes at **2.45pm**. Should you be unable to collect your child for any reason, we trust you to make alternative arrangements with other parents, family or friends to ensure that your child is collected on time. If that is not possible, you may need to contact our on-site after school care provider, Carpe Diem (0800235437 / 0211550242). Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that your

St. Mary's Catholic School and Jireh Christian School Sports Day

Carpe Diem!



Edvin competed in the NZ Diving Nationals and came second overall in the under-11 age group. He won a silver medal and received two gold ribbons and a silver ribbon. Wow - well done Edvin!!!



Congratulations!

Esther won TWO certificates:- the 2019 Harrier Award and the Championship Certificate from the Glen Eden Athletic and Harriers Club. Awesome Esther!



WALKATHON

Our Walkathon fundraiser is coming up on **Thursday 7 November**. You can buy a snack pack for your child and if you are bringing younger



siblings for them too. They are \$5 each and will have a juicy, ice lolly, lollies and chips. Please pre order these before the day as we need to make them

up. You will need to pay for them at the office in cash..

There will be prizes for the most money collected, first second and third and for the most laps walked/run for the Juniors and for the Seniors.

Come and enjoy the fun and support our students at they walk.



The Walkathon will start at 12:30 and end at 2:30. If you are taking your child home early please remember to let the teacher know and sign them out of the office.

Scholastic

Orders close FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER. You may still place orders from Issue 7 until 30th November, but there will be a delivery charge for your order to be sent to your home address. Order soon to take advantage of the free delivery to school. Go to www.scholastic.co.nz/loop to place your orders. Happy reading!



Pita Pit

Don't forget to order from lunchonline.co.nz to make sure your child has their delicious Pita Pit lunch TOMORROW 31 OCTOBER.



NZCPT

NZCPT would like to remind parents that outstanding attendance dues need to be paid in full by 20 November where no Direct Debit payment is in place. Direct Debits for Year 8 students graduating this year will be amended or cancelled before January 2020, provided the account is up to date. We request parents who have an alternative payment plan in place make the necessary amendments to their payments at the end of the year once the account has been paid in full. If students are not returning to Jireh Christian School next year, a term's notice must be given to the school office -

administration@jireh.school.nz
Direct Debits for students who have notified the school that they will be leaving this year will be amended or cancelled before January 2020. Statements are available on request by emailing lynn@nzcpt.nz.

Thank you.



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