

# Jireh Christian School Newsletter



## 27 November 2019 Important Dates

Swimming (except 29 Nov)	<b>Fridays</b> 18 Oct - 6 Dec
Pita Pit Lunch	<b>Thursday</b> 28 November
Manu Selwyn Village Trip	<b>Tuesday</b> 3 December
"Day of Delight"	<b>Thursday</b> 5 December
Parents Association End-of-year BBQ	<b>Friday</b> 6 December
Year 8 Graduation Dinner	<b>Monday</b> 9 December
Mufti Day & Pita Pit Lunch	<b>Thursday</b> 12 December
Awards Ceremonies School ends 12.30pm	<b>Friday</b> 13 December



*Day of*



*Delight*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.30am until Midday - **Next Thursday**

Family and friends of the Jireh Christian School community are warmly invited to attend a showcase of our talented students' artwork, musical and poetry recitals in the church hall. Our children are looking forward to performing for you.

### Dear parents

What a week of excitement it has been with the buzz of market day in the air. Colourful stalls covered the decks, court and field. With a wide range of creative ideas on offer; modern jukebox-Choose Your Tune, have a Swing, Goal shooting, face and nail painting. No one went hungry with sausages, cakes, cookies, waffles, popcorn, dumplings, taro, tropical juice, tea garden and so much more to choose from. Not only was it non stop fun but it was all part of a very important aspect of our *service learning* this term. The Market Days were held to raise money for a school in Samoa which has burnt down. The money raised was approximately \$2500. The final figure is yet to be announced as seed money and the float is to be taken out.

Service learning is a powerful way to connect our faith to everyday life in the service of others. To be effective service learning needs to be; intentional, influential on character and connected. Christian education is at its best when students have opportunities to live the learning in ways which connect them authentically to God, to self and others. Service learning is a vehicle for this to happen through.

"Ultimately, service-learning can orient students toward a lifetime of restorative work on behalf of our God who is Creator, Saviour, Sustainer and Redeemer by teaching them to be ambassadors of Christ, who can make a difference in the fallen state of their communities and neighbourhoods. Through this process, students can come to see their true purpose in God's story and how they have been uniquely created and gifted by Him as active participants in that story." (Swaner & Erdvig, 2018, p. 46)

When considering who we could serve by raising money, we became aware of a school in Samoa which had burnt down. Ms Tato has a cousin who is a cricket coach. She arrived at one of the schools she coaches in to find that it had burnt down together with all the resources, books, stationary, student records, everything had gone. The students were

scattered across the village having lessons in fale that were made available. At this time there are insufficient funds to rebuild the school. The village is not affluent, and it will take years for the village to raise enough money to rebuild their school. We felt that it would be good for us to raise money to help rebuild and stock the school so that the students can have a school to go to again. Our students viewed a video of the principal and students telling what had happened and what they are doing now. The student of JCS began to develop sense of need and compassion which was a strong motivating factor in running a Market Day to raise funds. Intertwined into the service learning were some of the concepts of economics, business and service industries in society.

We would certainly like to continue to develop service learning in JCS with more opportunities to serve in different ways. Next year we are looking at sending students in small groups with a teacher to the weekly Feed the Streets of Avondale to help prepare and serve lunch. We would also like to attend the Christmas function, perform and help out, not only provide Christmas presents, as we have this year. We would like JCS to become an increasing blessing to the community of Avondale, particularly those in our community in need.

What a fantastic team effort with huge support from you, our wonderful parents and of course the creative, enthusiastic, compassionate students of JCS. What a privilege to work in such a committed, caring and giving community who truly are the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus. A big thank you to all who gave, made, came, served, supported and were part of the fun for a worthy cause. We will be sending an update on how the money was spent and hopefully some photos to show you all how you have been blessed to be a blessing.

**Yours in Partnership,**  
*Sandra Bosman*





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**MARKET DAYS  
BUSY FUN!**

**PICK A GOOD  
SONG. 50¢**  
**2 BEST SONGS WIN!**

**Money  
changer**

**Cup Pong**

**TUMBANG  
PRESO  
HIT THE  
\$1 GAME**

**DECORATING  
MONEY  
CLAY  
BIBIKAWEST  
\$1**

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**Manu team winners**-Manu team had a potato growing competition. Ruru class won the competition by growing 14 potatoes. Well done!

## Vacancy—Teacher Aide

Please tell your friends and encourage those who meet the criteria to apply. A Teacher Aide is required to provide learning support to a new entrant boy for a maximum 2 hours a day (hours to be confirmed), Mondays to Fridays during term time. The position starts Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January for the 2020 school year. Some assistance to the student with his personal care may be required. It is preferable if the candidate is a Korean language speaker. Applicants for this position should have NZ Residency or a valid NZ Work Visa. Adherence to our special character is favourable. For more information please download an application form from the website [www.jireh.school.nz](http://www.jireh.school.nz) or contact the office. A cover letter, CV and a completed application form should be sent to the office before applications close on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at 4pm.

*From God, For God /  
Atua, Hoki Atua*



## Pita Pit

Don't forget to order from [lunchonline.co.nz](http://lunchonline.co.nz) to make sure your child has their delicious Pita Pit lunch **TOMORROW 28 NOVEMBER**

## Congratulations Miss Lim!

Miss Lim is now a fully registered teacher having completed two years of full professional responsibility for the learning of her students. Mrs Stephenson was her mentor during this time.



## Avondale Community Appeal



Feed the Streets Avondale is an organization that supports the community. They are having a Christmas party on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

**December.** For the last couple of Feed the Streets dinners, they have had over 100 people attend. We currently do not have enough presents to give everyone something. Although this is a busy time of the year, please (PLEASE!) can each family bring in a present for a child or a gift bag for an adult? Thank you wonderful, loving, and generous Jireh Christian School families.

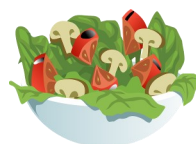
## End of Year BBQ. Boogie Bash:

The JCS Parents Association invite you and your whanau to a fun end of year event to be held:  
At school

On 6 December from 4-8pm

Theme: Come dressed in something which starts with the initial of your first name, (Sam- dressed as Superman)

What to bring: A dish or dessert to share and your dancing shoes. Sausage sizzle provided.



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