

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



13 November 2019 Important Dates

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

Pita Pit

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

Dear parents

"This is the last boarding call for.....
on Flight NZ429 to Wellington." Thankfully that is NOT what the Tiwai students heard when they boarded their flight to Wellington on Tuesday 22nd October. Everyone was abuzz as they took their seats – finally this day had come! Year 7 & 8 students looked smart in their uniforms and were ready to represent Jireh Christian School well in our capital city.

Having spent a term learning about how a country is run and how laws are made, Tiwai students were well prepared to engage in the experiential learning that lay before them. Arriving in Wellington was overwhelming as they ogled the huge Weta Workshop creations at the airport. Clambering into shuttles, they made their way to their accommodation in the heart of the city. Upon arrival it was a case of, "Find your room, make your bed, tuck your bags away and be ready to go on a Walking Observational Trail of the CBD."

While the students did that, the amazing support crew of Greta Mackie, Charmaine Stoffels, Dianne Thompson, Maus Fuller, Michelle Lee and Tjeerd Smilde, set about packing away the food that was going to sustain the crew for the next three days.

The first afternoon was spent walking around the CBD, with students on the lookout for interesting buildings, historic places, quirky Wellington

features and significant sculptures. One student, Shristi Lee, commented, "The photo opportunities were numerous – it was amazing." The students knew they had to work as a team because that night they were being quizzed on what they observed – and a prize was at stake! God blessed Tiwai with wonderful weather for walking.

However, the following day, God blessed them with a full-on Wellington weather encounter – it was bitterly cold and blowing a gale. Today was Parliament Day – and Tiwai students desperately didn't want to arrive at the Beehive looking like something the cat had dragged in!! Thankfully shop verandahs provided enough shelter to prevent that from happening.

From the moment the students went through security until the moment they collapsed on their beds, the day was filled with moments of awe, wonder, questions, debating, exploring and connecting. It was a truly wonderful day. As Hannah Walton remarked, "Wellington was full of fun and learning. I particularly enjoyed listening to the debating in the Debating Chamber."

A highlight of their time in Parliament (other than seeing "famous" politicians such as Winston Peters, Simon Bridges, Carmel Sepuloni and Marama Davidson), was the generous and kindhearted hospitality of the New Lynn National List MP, Paulo Garcia.

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He invited the students into his personal office, provided them with homemade brownies (made by him), and gifted them with VR goggles and a personal note. Having met the students prior to their time in Wellington, his connection with them was strengthened as he shared his convictions and reasons for being a politician.

The following day was Te Papa day....and as they found out, one day is simply not long enough to see everything that Te Papa has to show. The first port of call for most was the now-famous exhibit, "Gallipoli – The Scale of Our War." For Daniel Akinagbe this was a highlight. "The models of soldiers looked so realistic they almost looked like they were breathing."

Our time ended with students being given money to spend at Capital Market, a fabulous food hall with cuisine from nations such as the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Korea, Mexico and Japan. The choice was overwhelming – and nobody starved!! With hearts full of gratitude, the 42 members of the Tiwai touring group arrived safely in Auckland late on Thursday night. Noah Thompson captured the feeling that all were experiencing, "Wellington was a stunning experience...I created so many memories that will be special to me forever..."

Yours in Partnership,

Vicki Morris

Measles

Message from Dr Maria Poynter, Medical Officer of Health, Auckland Regional Public Health Service:

"While the number of measles cases is declining, the virus is still circulating in Auckland school communities.

MMR vaccinations prevent measles, and mumps – two diseases that require the student and their close contacts to stay at home in quarantine. MMR vaccines have been prioritised for anyone under the age of 30."

(Information in the notice attached)



Tiwai Wellington Adventures

Jireh Christian School Facebook page

Dear parents, announcing the arrival of the Jireh Christian School public facebook page, which is different from the JCS Parents Association page. Please "like" us! We will post up-to-date school happenings on this page. Check out our latest video clips!



Walkathon

Thank you for your help and contribution to our Walkathon.

Please send in all sponsorship money by **Wednesday 27 November** at the latest.

Prize giving will be on Friday 29 November. Prizes will be given for all the students who raised \$50 or more and for those who raised the most money, 1st, 2nd and 3rd larger prizes will be given. We will also award those who walked the most laps in Ruru and those who walked the most in Ika and Tiwai.

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 salad or dessert to share and your dancing shoes. Sausage sizzle provided



**Blessings Safari on the
wonderful occasion of
your baptism!**



LEGO Look what we were gifted for advertising the 2019 Auckland Brick Show LEGO Display on October 26 and 27th ☺

FEED THE STREETS

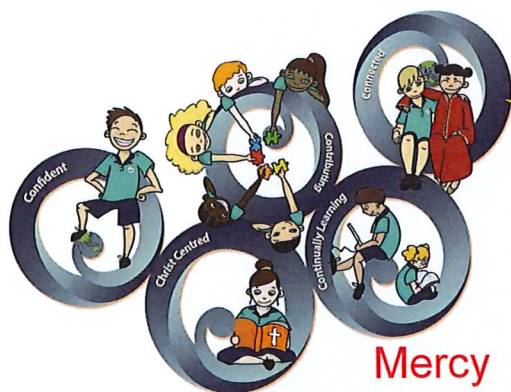
Please see the attached notice to find out how we can bless our community this Christmas.



Scholastic

Issue 8, the final one for this year has been sent home today. Order by **22 November** for free delivery to school. Lovely ideas for gifts! Go to www.scholastic.co.nz/loop to place your orders.

From God, For God I Atua, Hoki Atua



Mercy Hospice Festival

Sunday 1 December from 2pm-6pm \$5 entry (cash or eft-pos) carnival rides, face painting, food trucks, live music and stalls. All proceeds towards palliative care. See the attached notice for more info.



Right here at JCS we will be holding two fantastic **MARKET DAYS**

Manu Team - 12:30 - 2pm
25 November

Ika & Tiwai Team - 12:30-2pm
26 November

These are to raise money for, Vailoa, a school in Samoa which burnt down and now needs to be rebuilt.



Come and enjoy the food, fun and stalls!

Get your hair braided or sprayed, squirt a water gun, buy a teddy and enjoy homemade delights!

**Invite your friends and whanau
and help us raise a good amount to help rebuild Vailoa School.**

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0600

Feed the Streets Avondale Christmas Appeal 2019

Jireh Christian School is partnering with Feed the Streets Avondale to collect Christmas presents for those in our community in need. These will be distributed at their Christmas celebration on 7th December

A \$10-\$15 present for a child

Please no junk shop items—we want toys that won't break quickly. It has been requested that we don't wrap the presents so they can sort who it would be suitable for.

A gift package for a woman or man

Eg. Tissues, chocolates, deodorant, wet wipes, tooth brush, toiletries... Please bring in a gift bag.

Items to be at school by Monday 25th November please. Any queries please email sarah.thomson@jireh.school.nz or see Mrs Thomson in

Tarautē

"Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Feed the Streets Avondale is a community organisation that is based out of the Avondale Community Centre. They provide 1 lunch a week and 1 dinner a fortnight for the community. They have a community pantry and fridge that anyone can come and get food out of when needed.

5 house points per present or gift bag.

Catch up on measles vaccination

The measles outbreak is continuing, so it's still important to catch up on your children's vaccinations.

Children will get very sick with measles.

They also can miss school activities like sports, concerts and camps.

The friends of a child with measles may also have to stay at home if they are unvaccinated.

See your doctor - it's FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with end-of-year activities and get-togethers.

If you suspect measles please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Aotearoa Kiwi's Life & Health Matters



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Christmas is coming

CARNIVAL

2PM - 6PM
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

**OPENING NIGHT
of
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★ LIGHTS ★**


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