

# Jireh Christian School Newsletter



## 11 December 2019 Important Dates

Mufti Day & Pita Pit Lunch	Thursday 12 December
Awards Ceremonies School ends 12.30pm	Friday 13 December

### Last Day

Please note children MUST return to class after their Awards Ceremony to be marked on the attendance register and receive their reports. Parents may wait in the courtyard or visit our Art Exhibition in the hall.

### Art Exhibition

Our wonderful Art Display will still be open to view until 12.30pm on Friday—please take the opportunity to walk through before or after the awards ceremonies. It is a fantastic exhibition showcasing our students' talents.

### 2020 Term Dates

**Thursday 30 January 2020— Term 1**

Thursday 6 February Waitangi Day

Term 1 ends Thursday 9 April.

Monday 27 April Anzac Day

**Tuesday 28 April - Term 2**

Monday 11 May – Teacher Only Day

Monday 1 June - Queen's Birthday

Term 2 ends Friday 3 July

**Monday 20 July - Term 3**

Monday 31 August – Teacher Only Day

Day

Term 3 ends Friday 25 September

**Monday 12 October - Term 4**

Monday 26 October - Labour Day

Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 December

—Teacher Only Days

Term 4 ends for students on Friday

11 December.

## Dear parents

As we approach the end of our second year as Jireh Christian School, it is apt that we reflect back on all that has happened. 2020 has been a year of consolidation and growth with most of the systems we use in place and running smoothly and the introduction of some new initiatives. One of the highlights in Term 1 must surely be the Cultural week which, I think, reflects much of what we are about, *a diverse, yet unified community, who nurtures learners to glorify God.* The Cornwell Park Picnic did not disappoint with our colourful students, family and friends having fun in the sun and surf, dressed in House colours.

The Parents Association have been hard at work to raise money and build community by selling Calendar Art, reusable bags, running a walkathon, Movie Night and ending the year off with a fabulous, fun, family BBQ Boogie Bash. Lunches have got more exciting with Pita Pit being added to the menu, joining Chicken Madness, offering variety to our food choices. The day our Grandparents visit is always special. This year we had an added bit of fun by dressing up in our favourite story book character.

Trips have taken our students to the Arataki Visitor's Centre in the Waitakere where we learnt about the native bush. The younger students all brought home a harakeke plant they had planted. Ika took to the streets of Avondale to learn about their local community. Tiwai experienced a Future Leaders Day, paddle boarding on the shores of Mission Bay. A talented sports team went off to Matamata to compete in Sports Camp. Corban's Art estate gave unique art experiences for all our students where they did ceramics and made tote bags. The Manu and Ika teams visited the zoo as part of their learning of the living world. The highlight for Tiwai was a

trip to Wellington where they explored the capital city and visited Te Papa and had an all-encompassing Parliament experience. Seeing where and how decisions are made and witnessing politicians, in session debating.

Through service learning, Mufti Days were held each term with a gold coin donation in support of Benimana our TEAR Fund sponsor child. The industrious and committed Jireh community was once again in action in full force at the Market Days, raising money to help rebuild and stock Viloa School in Samoa which burned down. Blankets, food, clothes and Christmas presents were given to Feed the Streets Avondale for which the organisation was tremendously grateful. JCS was mentioned on the, I Love Avondale Face Book page, thanking us for all the donations mentioned above. Over 300 people were given presents and a Christmas meal in the Avondale community at the biggest party they have had to date. The Manu team once again blessed the residents at Selwyn Village with songs, cards, hugs and chats. The students were equally blessed as they chatted to delighted elderly people.

On the sporting front our students have had the opportunity to play soccer, netball, touch rugby, swimming, cricket, gymnastics, dance sport for the older students. Manu enjoyed a combined fun athletics morning with our neighbours, St. Marys school. A team from Ika participated in the local Ki o Rahi sports day and learnt some new Maori games which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Learning inquiries have taken students from; immigration, to mining, our cultures, learning about the government and how laws are made, economics, the different industries in society and the living world. For technology the students made bag tags, using 3-D printing, cooked delicious dishes, made an electronic game, sewed trendy tote bags and



learnt about gears. Bunnings came to help Manu students plant vegetables, flowers and strawberries in their planter boxes making the decks outside Piwakawaka and Kereru an industrious learning area. Ruru won the potato growing competition and enjoyed eating their crop. More chicks were hatched in Piwakawaka and are laying eggs happily in the chicken coop.

Prime Maths is in full swing, giving students a solid, structured, logical pathway in the learning of mathematical concepts to solve problems. The Arts were celebrated by holding a Day of Delight with poetry and music recitals and creative art work on display, including creative photography and ceramics. Our kapa haka group performed at various events including at St. Marys School as part of Te Wiki O te Reo Maori and at Church Unlimited as part of their Maori Outreach evening. Wow Week saw talented students create Picasso art pieces, learn how to do harakeke weaving and other creative activities. Various programmes have been running to help students' wellbeing; Seasons for Growth, Express Yourself which involved hip hop dancing and Mana Potential. Extra-curricular opportunities on offer have been; chess, itinerant music, (violin, piano, drums and guitar) Young Engineers, art and Mandarin classes.

House leaders from Tiwai did an inspiring job of shepherding and supporting the younger students. A new layer of leadership was added this year with two servant leaders being chosen fortnightly to support and pray for the school community. Graduation Dinner was a winner with a celebration of what has been and an expectation for what is to come. Our year 8 students were transformed into young ladies and gentlemen as they arrived in formal dress to enjoy dinner, certificates, messages and prayer.

The Kahui Ako, (Community of Learning) to which we belong, Ki Atua hei te Kororia, has helped support our ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) students, through professional development, which has equipped the teachers with effective strategies to help ESOL students learn English.

Much has been done to improve our campus; the old playground was resurrected, the field drained, lots of planting of trees, new blinds put up, four heat pumps installed in the relocatables, heaters in the administration block and more painting of the buildings inside and out will happen over the summer break. Our lovely maintenance team have worked tirelessly to keep our campus clean, tidy and in good working order.

We will end the year on Friday with Two awards ceremonies to celebrate all the good learning that has happened this year. The Day of Delight Art work will be up in the hall for you to view.

We give all the glory to our faithful God who has been, and is, our solid foundation, our inspiration our Corner Stone.

I pray that the summer break is full of special family times. Full of the joy, peace and hope which our Saviour bring. Thank you for your continued support, without which we would not be.

*Blessings in Christ, Sandra Bosman*

### BBQ. Boogie Bash:



**Chess** at Jireh Christian School—well done players!





**“Day of Delight”**



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



## Christmas Carols for all the Community

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER | 7:30PM

A night of carol singing, hot chocolate and snacks, as together we celebrate Christmas.

Why is Jesus' birth still relevant? Come and find out!

Where? Reformed Church of Avondale, 63 St George's Road.  
We'll sit outside, so bring rugs/cushions/beanbags if you like.



**Our Miss Lim** was recognized as a fully registered teacher at an official ceremony. Miss Bosman, Mrs Venter, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Duxfield and Miss Morris shared this special event with her..

**Carpe Diem Kids** Jireh will be open from 12.30 pm on last day of term, Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. The cost will be \$13 from 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm and after 3 pm the usual after school rates apply. A Holiday Programme will run from 6<sup>th</sup> Jan to 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Enrol online on [www.carpediemkids.co.nz](http://www.carpediemkids.co.nz) Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 1550242 Email: [info@carpediemkids.co.nz](mailto:info@carpediemkids.co.nz)



## Classes for 2020

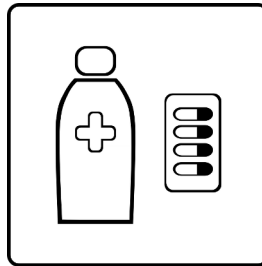


Letters are being sent home with school reports advising which class your child will be in next term. There is also information regarding stationery, how to access the stationery lists and how to order. If possible, it is best to order during December. 😊

## Medications

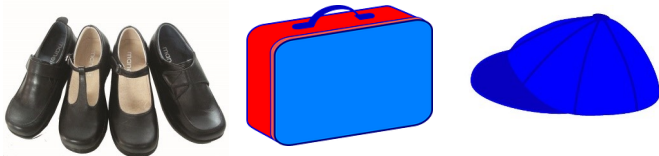
Teachers will return any medications and/or Action Plans held at school to your child on Friday. Please check your child's school bag. Action Plans need to be checked, updated and returned to the office with any medications on the first day of school.

Thank you!



## Lost Property

This will be on the courtyard on Friday 13th. All unclaimed items will not be available after Friday—PLEASE check!



*God's richest blessings to our Jireh Christian families over this special Jesus' Birthday season!*



*From God, For God | Atua, Hoki*



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 12 DECEMBER**



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