

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



5 February 2020 Important Dates

Parents Association Meeting	Tuesday 11 February
Wai (Awa & Moana) Corbans Estate Art Workshop	Tuesday 18 February
Progress & Achievement Testing Week	Monday 24 to Thursday 27 February
Lock Down Practice 9am Family BBQ 4pm	Friday 28 February
Parent Meeting	Monday 2 March 7pm
Whole School Picnic	Friday 20 March
OPEN DAY 9.30am—Midday	Wednesday 1 April
PA Cultural Dinner	Saturday 4 April
Parent / Teacher Interviews SCHOOL CLOSURES 2PM	Monday 6 April
Mufti Day Manu & Wai Easter Assembly End Term One	Thursday 9 April

Please note change of dates for:

our Family BBQ which is now being held on

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

and the Parent Meeting which is now being held on

MONDAY 2 MARCH.

Don't miss out!!!!!!

Dear parents

Welcome back to school. I trust you all enjoyed a good break, a blessed Christmas and are still enjoying the glorious summer weather. I would like to extend a special welcome to the new families, 20 in all, to our JCS community. We have enrolled 31 new students this term.

Another busy term lies ahead with some exciting new learning. The new digital technology curriculum is now to be implemented in schools in New Zealand. To this end we have purchased a number of BOTs (robots) to be used in classes across the school to code, create and enhance our learning.

This year we are introducing a new Learning Area - Wai, (water) consisting of Year 3 and 4 students. The classes in the Wai Learning Area are Awa and Moana. The Learning Areas in Jireh Christian School are:

Manu- New Entrant—Year 2
Kereru, Piwakawaka and Kakapo

Wai- Year 3 and 4
Awa and Moana

Ika- Year 5 and 6
Morihana and Taraute

Tiwai- Year 7 and 8
Nikau and Kotukutuku

There is a trip planned to Coran Art Estate for the Wai Learning Area this

term. The Children's Bible Ministries will be taking weekly devotional lessons in some of the classes. The sporting programme will involve touch rugby in preparation for the Auckland Christian Schools Touch zone day. The Manu team will also be participating in the Perceptual Motor Programme.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Family Fun BBQ on 28 February. This is a great opportunity to come along, meet and welcome all the new families to JCS. As we have grown, we are going to do the BBQ a bit differently this year. We ask every family bring along a picnic basket to feed their own family. We will still have a shared sausage sizzle supplied by the JCS Parents Association. The Parents Association will also be holding a Cultural Dinner to celebrate and share the richness of diversity in our community and all the different cultures we represent. More information for this will be coming shortly. If you would like to join the Parents Association, please contact the office. This is a dynamic group of parents who organize fundraising and community events. It is a great way to connect with more people in the community and to bless our students.

There will be an Open Day on April 1 from 9:30-12. Invite any people who may be interested in coming along to see what we are all about at JCS. Mufti day, with a gold coin donation, will be held on Thursday 9 April. This is in support of our TEAR Fund Sponsor child, Benimana.

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There is an important parent meeting on Monday 2 March. We would like all families to be represented at this meeting where important information will be shared about the school and classroom expectations. Parent teacher conferences will be held on Monday 6 April where you can come and discuss your child's academic progress and what steps they need to take to progress to the next level.

We look forward to a term of stimulating learning as we partner with you to do the very best for all our students.

Yours in partnership

Sandra Bosman



Start of Year— contacts and other information

Welcome everyone to the new school year! It is very important that we

have the correct contact information and details for every one of our precious students. If you have moved recently, changed phone numbers, or your child's health or emergency contact details have changed, PLEASE make sure you let the office know.

Medication at school

If your child requires medication/inhalers to be held at school, please remember to bring them to the office with an up-to-date action plan. It is helpful if you can check expiry dates to ensure we have effective medication on hand should it be required. Please ask at the office if you require any assistance. Thank you!



Scholastic

The latest Scholastic issue will be sent home on Friday. Orders close FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY. Go to www.scholastic.co.nz/loop to place your orders or download the App. NO CASH ORDERS can be accepted. Ask at the office if you need any help.

Hunting for pre-school books and games

Should you have any pre-school games or early books (single words and simple pictures) that you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the office. They will be received with much gratitude. 😊



PLEASE do not drive right up to the gate/front door to drop your children off. It is not safe! It is an accident waiting to happen having cars and children all over the car park at the same time at the start and end of school. Our Parking Guidelines and Parent Handbook remind you the best way to drop children off and collect them: ***"St. Georges Road is a drop off zone only. No vehicles are permitted to enter the carpark other than people going to the Kindergarten or Church. There is a turning bay in front of the church which has a safe path for the students to walk down to school without going through the carpark. Buses arrive and depart from this entrance. If parents wish to drop their child off or visit the teacher/office, they should park on St. Georges Road and walk their child into school."***

Extra-Curricular

Chess

The first chess lesson was meant to begin this week but there was a mix-up in communication. There will be a catch-up class. Please let your child know that chess will be held in Tui class from next Tuesday 11 February.

Chinese Language class

Lessons will now start THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY (3pm to 4.30pm); Contact lillian7879@qq.com in need, and

Unleash Speak class (the Great Talk)

Lessons will now start TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY (3pm to 4.30pm) Contact huluoqi123.com in need.

Welcome.....



.....to our new to Jireh Christian School families and students. Please make sure you give our new students a warm welcome.



Prayer

The wonderful privilege and opportunity to pray for our children, our school and community begins next Wednesday 12

FEBRUARY, 8.15am in the

school library. Our prayer warriors are an incredible blessing to us all, please join them whenever you can. Your prayers are so very appreciated!



Parent Handbook

The 2020 Parent Handbook is now available online on the school website:

<https://jireh.school.nz/handbook-for-parents/>.

Please make sure you download the latest copy and read carefully to make sure you are aware of the updated information. Should you require a printed copy, please contact the office.

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1 April

9.30am—12.00

Spread the word! We will be asking for helpers to take leaflets to their church families soon ☺

Worm "Wee"

2 litre worm "wee" for sale at \$5 a bottle. Fantastic for your garden! Place your orders at the office.

Images from 2019
—watch this
space for more
views on life at
Jireh Christian
School 2020!



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