

**To educate children from a Biblical perspective  
to become servant leaders**

**JIREH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011**



Dear Parents

2011 has certainly been a very significant year in the life of Jireh School. Celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, enjoying a fully fledged Middle Primary Class, having our own special needs co-ordinator and unprecedented growth with 12 new families joining our school since February, has all contributed to this being a turning point for Jireh School.

The students have had the opportunity of a rich variety of learning experiences intermingled with a lot of fun activities and events. Some of these being; the World Cup Rugby Day, Island Day, a line drawing art workshop, Bike Day, Grandparents' Day, a visit from the KingsWay School Middle Primary Department, attending the Toy Box show presented by Emmanuel School, a morning spent at Chipmunks, our end of year outing at Parakai Hot Pools and a very successful Body Day. To enhance and consolidate the learning of our students we have had a trip to the Howick Historical Village, Mount Eden and the Auckland War Museum to look specifically at volcanoes and Pacific Island culture.

There have been a number of sporting opportunities namely; competing in tee-ball, basket ball, touch rugby and cross-country events. Swimming and the introduction of gymnastics lessons added to our sports programme. Students have had exposure to the four areas of the arts namely; visual art, music, dance and drama. This has culminated in our end of year production Christmas in the Islands, where all the students have been involved in a number of scenes.

The Jireh Parents' Association has managed to raise close to \$5000 for much needed reading books by organising a walkathon, big band night and calendar art. They also co-ordinate a much needed Working Bee.

We have continued to support our TEAR Fund child, Benimana throughout the year with mufti days. A coin trail was laid to help those affected by the earthquakes in Christchurch. The four year olds from Olive Shoots and

Loving Care Kindie have had fortnightly visits to the Junior Class to have a taste of Primary School by sharing in big book story lessons. We had the opportunity to host the New Zealand Christian Proprietor's Trust, the KingsWay Board of Governors and KingsWay Board of Proprietors for their respective monthly and quarterly meeting. This gave opportunity for those who are responsible for governing and supporting Jireh School to come and visit our campus, meet the staff and see firsthand what we are about.

The 2011 school year will end with our awards ceremony on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December from 10am to 11am. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for all the support, encouragement and commitment you have given to make this school what it is. Without your support we would have no school. Have a safe holiday and a Christmas filled with special times shared with loved ones and significant spiritual moments.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman*



**PARAKAI  
HOT POOLS  
TRIP – having  
fun!**

## SCHOOL DATES

### Term 4

**13 December** – Prize Giving  
10am-11am. End of Term  
(Office closes Middy)

### Term 1, 2012

**1<sup>st</sup> February** – Start of Term 1

**10<sup>th</sup> February** – First Swimming Lesson

**21<sup>st</sup> February** – School Parent Meeting (To be confirmed)

**30<sup>th</sup> March** – Mufti Day (To be confirmed)

**6<sup>th</sup> April** – End of term 1

### School Office Hours 2012

During term times  
Monday to Friday  
8.30am – 3pm

### 2012 Term Dates

Term 1: 1 February to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 28 September

Term 4: 15 October to 13 Dec

## STATIONERY PACKS & UNIFORMS

The office will be open for purchases of Stationery Packs and to order uniforms from **10am to 2pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.**

The Office resumes normal hours (8.30am-3pm) from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** but will not be manned on

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January as a Staff Retreat is being held at KingsWay College on that day.

### Stationery Packs:

**NE/Y1 = \$60.00 (includes book bag);**

**Year 2 = \$54;**

**Year 3 = \$36;**

**Years 4 and 5 = \$46.50;**

**Year 6 = \$44**

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## BODY DAY

28<sup>th</sup> November

Learning all about the body....



## LOST PROPERTY

Parents please check lost property – we have lots and lots and lots.....!!

Unclaimed uniform items will be donated to Parents Association and unclaimed clothing and other items will be given to a charity shop.

Thank you!

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return library books to school urgently!

Many thanks.

## END OF YEAR

The end of year day, Tuesday 13 December, 10am – 11am in the Auckland Mandarin Church next door to our school and finishes with the Awards Ceremony. Reports will be handed out.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE ISLANDS

What a fun production! Well done to all the students who gave exuberantly to make our show such an energetic and colourful success.

I would also like to thank the many parents, friends and staff of Jireh School who contributed to make this a truly community effort. To rejoice together and celebrate one of the most important events in all of history in Pacific Island style was very special. What a wonderful way to end a full and satisfying year!

