

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

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Dear Parents

I have been thinking lately about the wonderful concept of gratitude. I recently read a story about a lady who worked as a cleaner at a company. The company was sold and new owners took over. Shortly after this all the workers were called in and given a note in an envelope. After the lady had opened her envelope and read the letter she asked if she could be excused for a few minutes. She left the room and wept. The note had been a thank you note for all her hard work. She had never received a thank you note previous to this and she had worked at the same place for 30 years. She was considering resigning but after this small token of appreciation she decided to stay on and no doubt was inspired to do the best she could for them. "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more." (Melody Beattie)

I am sure you will agree that when gratitude is shown ones feels far more gracious about giving, helping and caring. Although this is not a prerequisite for doing one's best for someone else it certainly helps to inspire and encourage to do more. Seldom is this more obviously evident than in the life of a child. When children feel appreciated and valued, they are far more inclined to meet and surpass expectations.

Timothy tells us in 2Timothy 3:1,2a: "*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...*" The word used for lack of gratitude here is unthankful. Although it seems to be one of the less offensive of the unfortunate characteristics of the end times, it is clear evidence of the prevailing self centred attitude of our day. People are often ungrateful if they think they are here to be served, not to serve, to take, not to give.

A common expression of this is found in the blame game and a feeling that others owe me and I deserve. One has said that, 'Ingratitude is a crime more despicable than revenge which is only returning evil for evil, while ingratitude returns evil for good.' (Heber Q. Hale –"Conference Report", October 1919, p.172)

Gratitude and value go hand in hand. We are grateful for that which we value. Our most valuable assets are the people God has put in our lives no matter how small the role they play. It is certainly God's will that we demonstrate gratitude as it shows that we value what He values. Showing gratitude shows that we notice what others do and understand their sacrifice for us. It is a recognition that others are important and what they do for us is valued.

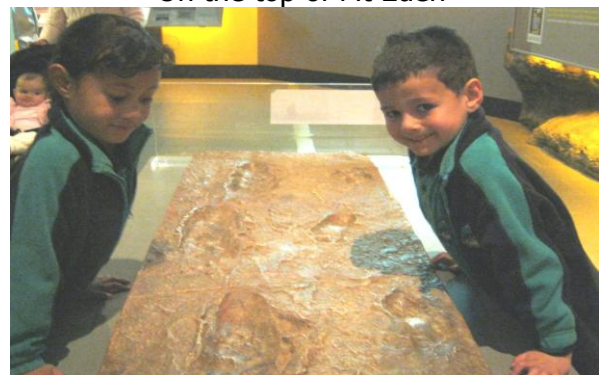
Children learn by observing and emulating the behaviour of those they love. So if we want our children to be grateful and express gratitude we need to be doing so ourselves. I encourage you to make someone's day by showing how much you appreciate what they do, not just in thought but in a way that will leave them feeling blessed and valued.

Ever yours in partnership
Sandra Bosman

MT. EDEN & MUSEUM 18 AUGUST



On the top of Mt Eden



And in the museum

SCHOOL DATES

Term 3

9 September – Teacher Only Day

16 September – Pacific Island Day

20 September – ACS Cross Country

22 September – ACS Cross Country Saving Day

26 September – Parent/Teacher Interviews

28 September – Trip to see Immanuel School 'Toy Box' production

30 September – Mufti Day and Walkathon

1 October – Working Bee

4 October – Rugby World Cup Day

5 October – TTAA Cross Country Visit

7 October End of Term 3

Term 4

24 October – Labour Day

25 October – Start of Term 4

28 October - PA Big Band Night

9 November – Trip to Observatory

Term Dates 2011

1 August–7 October = Term 3

25 October–13 Dec = Term 4

School Office Hours 2011

During term times

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8.30-3.30pm

Wednesday & Friday
8.30-2.30pm

BASKETBALL

Wow! What a rush! Jireh School entered the Henderson Sports cluster basketball tournament for the first time and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain confidence and experience. On our arrival to the stadium, we were the smallest team, in numbers and size! With only a week's training under our belt we were ready to give it our best. As a coach and teacher, I couldn't help feeling **proud** of all the students who took to the court; they played with passion, courage and perseverance. As the only Christian school there, I truly believe that our students displayed excellent Godly character and behaviour on and off the court.

We look forward next year to bigger and better things!



LIBRARY

Parents can you please ensure that your children return their school library books each Wednesday? If students do not return their books they will be disappointed as they cannot take out any new ones.

SWEETS AT SCHOOL

It has come to our attention that a number of children are bringing lollies to school. Please do not add lollies to your child's lunchbox as it affects their concentration and is against school policy.

Thank you.

DATES

Please make a note of the change of dates: Pacific Island Day is now on Friday 16th September and Rugby World Cup Day Tuesday 4th October. (Dates have swapped).

WALKATHON



**Friday 30th
September**

We are raising money to buy reading books. Please encourage your children to sign up sponsors and get excited about walking for health and books!

The walkathon will be held on the big field at school. Come along to walk and cheer!

Iced lollies and drinks will be on sale.

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a prayer time every Tuesday morning at Jireh School. Please put any requests in the prayer request box in the foyer. Anonymous requests welcome.

SPARE

UNIFORM/CLOTHING

If you have any spare dark shorts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, shoes etc we would be most grateful for them. Our young ones often slip and fall in the mud and wet – we need gear for them to change into!

CAN TABS

We are still collecting can tabs to raise money for children with kidney problems. The container is in the foyer – let's see how quickly we can fill it!!

PAYMENTS

Please ensure that any monies/cheques are paid to the **office** and not to the class teacher. It is best not to put money in envelopes or packets into your child's school bag as this is often lost or forgotten. Thank you.

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