



## Jireh School Newsletter

27 November 2014

### Dear Jireh Parents

2014 has been a year of growth and change. Jireh School reached its maximum roll at the start of the year with 105 students. This has now been lifted and we expect further growth in 2015. A new class was opened in Term 3 and we now have 5 teachers. Two relocatables arrived from KingsWay School during the December holidays to help accommodate the growth. The academic programme has seen a lot of change in delivery and content. As part of the teacher professional development on 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning and use of technology in the classroom the Middle and Senior Primary literacy programme has been significantly modified. Students learn to set personal goals and to monitor their own development. The outcome is a more student-driven programme where students take a greater level of responsibility. The students are given deliberate and intentional opportunities to take ownership and greater responsibility for their own learning by planning their own timetable and attending workshops, monitoring their own learning against the success criteria. They check in with the teachers to ensure that they are completing tasks and are acquiring the necessary skills. Team teaching and collaborative planning is a specific area of development. In Term 4 the students will be co constructing part of their learning programme. The Middle and Senior students have gone; Bring Your Own Device Optional, (BYODO) in Term 4 and to this end we have been doing a lot of work looking at safe and sensible media use.

Once again it has been a busy year with a wide range of learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. The learning areas include a variety of interesting and relevant topics ranging from the material world, foundation stones of our nation to social justice on a local and global scale. There is a specific focus on the cultures represented in the classrooms to help build, celebrate and value all people in the Jireh community. The topics are School wide with different year levels looking at different aspects of the same topic. Trips to contextualise, complement and consolidate learning included going to; the zoo, The Auckland War Museum, the Botanical Gardens, Waitakere Waste and Refuse Station and Howick Historical Village, Sporting opportunities include; gymnastics, swimming,

Snag Golf, Perceptual Motor Programme, (New Entrant and Year 1 students), soccer, netball, cricket, cross-country, Jump Jam and touch rugby.

The Arts programme has given the students the opportunity to attend workshops at the Corban's Art Estate experimenting with various visual arts media. Graham Dodd presented cartoon drawing workshops. All cultural topics studied include dance and music. Dance Sport has recently been introduced where the students learn ball room and Latin dancing.

Community building is something we value highly. The year started and ended with a Family Fun BBQ. The new parents' coffee dates are well attended and present good opportunities for new families to meet parents from their children's class. The Parents Association has been very industrious organising various successful fundraising events throughout the year. The walkathon, Movie and Boogy nights are some of the most popular of these events.

We continue to sponsor a TEAR Fund child from Rwanda by holding Mufti Days and selling vegetables from the Gardening Club. Some students visited a local rest home and served a special morning tea. The water quality of two of our local creeks was examined by some of our students and native trees were planted along the creeks, helping them to realise the importance of looking after the environment and the part we all have to play. Our Grandparents were loved and spoilt at our annual Grandparents Day. The year 6 leadership programme will be brought to a close with a celebration of their Primary School years at a formal dinner and sleepover. The year will end with a whole school trip to the Parakai Hot Pools and an awards ceremony.

Yours in partnership,  
*Sandra Bosman*

**Special blessings for this  
Christmas and 2015 to our  
Jireh family community**



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

## Stationery

The Stationery Lists for 2015 will be published online at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz) shortly. Please only use the online Office Max lists to order your child's correct stationery. Exercise books and other stationery are the school's preferred brands. Thank you.

## Lost Property

Please don't forget to check Lost Property for any missing items! It is cleared at the end of each term

## Privacy / Copyright Issues

Please remember that you cannot take photos at any school events with other children in, even if they are in the background, without permission from the parents or guardians. It is especially important not to post any photos onto the internet as some parents have expressly stated that they do not want their child's image to be shared in this manner. Thank you for respecting the wishes of our parent community and following privacy protocol.

## SCHOOL DATES—Term 4, 2014

**28 November**—Mufti Day/Y6 Sleep Over

**3 December**— Extra Mufti Day

**5 December**—Parakai Hot Pools Trip

**11 December**—Awards Ceremony/End T4

### School Office Hours:

8.30am to 3pm Mon- Fri during term time  
The office is closed from **midday Thursday 11th December 2014** and will re-open Tuesday 20th January and Thursday 22nd January 2015 from 10am to 2pm. Normal office hours resume from Wednesday 28th January 8.30am.

## 2015

**Term 1:** **28 January—2 April**

**Term 2:** 20 April—3 July

**Term 3:** 20 July—25 September

**Term 4:** 12 October—10 December

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## Welcome and Farewell

We welcome Mr Graeme Budler as the new Principal of KingsWay School from Term 1, 2015



.....and at the same time say a sad farewell to Francine Bennett who has invested 15 years into our school. To show our appreciation we would like to present her with a gift; to that end **we will be holding a special MUFTI DAY on Wednesday 3rd December.** Please send your child to school with **a gold coin donation** towards our gift to honour our departing Principal. Thank you.

## Jireh Awards Ceremony

**Thursday 11th December 10am**

Attached please see your invitation to the Awards Ceremony. Mr Holman is taking the official Jireh School Awards photographs but will not be taking pictures of students with their Memory Verse Certificates. He will be available for a short time after the ceremony to take pictures of those students, if required.

## Class Contributions to Auckland City Mission



## Boogie Night Glitterazzi!!

