

To educate children from a Biblical perspective
to become servant leaders



JIREH SCHOOL

Prospectus 2015

Years 1-6

*"Be ready to give
an answer to the
hope that is
within you."*

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Jireh School is a satellite of KingsWay School in Orewa

Why send your child to Jireh Christian School?

Our aim at Jireh School is to provide a quality education for students founded on a Biblical worldview and based on sound Christian principles. The school has a rich curriculum that covers all essential learning areas and prepares our students to face the challenges of the 21st century. Experienced and professional staff is committed to teaching children as individuals and encouraging them to reach their maximum potential. We want to challenge young people to understand and know God's word.

The development and education of our students is a partnership between the school and home, a responsibility which can only be achieved through a close relationship between parents and teachers.

Development of Christian character and servant leadership are important objectives for our students. We seek to encourage young people in the understanding and articulation of their Christian faith, in service within the community and in living their lives enthusiastically and with integrity. Part of the school's Christian ethos is to provide caring discipline. We have high expectations of our students and with clear and sensible guidelines we encourage them to develop self-discipline.

I am confident that your child can prosper in every way at Jireh School and I look forward to welcoming your family to this school.

Graeme Budler
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Introduction to Jireh School

Jireh School was founded to educate children of Christian families in a non-denominational environment.

Our Statement of Faith encompasses all mainstream denominations that are biblical, broadly evangelical and adhere to traditional Christian values.

All teachers are fully qualified and registered. As committed Christians they view their employment as a calling and part of their Christian service.

Jireh began as a private school, becoming state integrated, as a satellite of KingsWay in February 2006.

There are five classes. The New Entrant class, Year One class, Junior Primary class (Year 2 and Year 3 students), Middle Primary Year 3 and Year 4 students) and the Senior Primary (Year 5 to Year 6 students). A low teacher to student ratio allows for quality time and attention to be given to each child.

Our learning programme is based on the Interact Curriculum which complies with the requirements of the New Zealand Education Department. It is based and born out of a strong Biblical World View both in content and delivery. The Interact curriculum covers all the learning areas and essential skills. This offers a broad, interesting and varied programme inside and outside the classroom.

At Jireh we offer a full sporting and arts programme. We believe that education involves every aspect of a child's life; physical, spiritual and mental.

Admission Policy

In order to become eligible to attend Jireh School the following must be completed;

- The enrolment application form in full
- An interview will take place between the family and Head Teacher.
- The School Board reserves the right to accept or decline an applicant.
- The parents sign and return a letter of acceptance to Jireh School, including payment of the first Term's fees.
- Once these steps have been undertaken successfully the applicant may attend Jireh School and other information such as uniforms, medical details and stationery will be posted.

Staff Profiles

Head Teacher/Year 5/Year 6 – Sandra Bosman

Sandra has been part of Jireh School since its integration in 2006. Prior to that, she was Head of Department, Senior Primary at KingsWay School. Her role is to teach the Senior Primary Class and manage Jireh School as Head of Department. She reports to Graeme Budler the principal of KingsWay. She has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English and History and a 4 year Higher Diploma in Education.



Junior Primary - Maria Tato

Maria has been teaching for a number of years at Jireh School. Two years were spent in the Senior Primary Class and since then as the Junior Primary teacher. She is a graduate of MASTERS Institute, (now Laidlaw College). She believes strongly in Christian Education and she is passionate about developing children's character to be more Christ like and to see them succeed in every area of their learning.



Middle Primary- De Gibson

After teaching for nine years at KingsWay School, in the Upper and Middle Primary, De is delighted to be part of the staff at Jireh. De's husband, Keith, is teaching at KingsWay School. Before going into teaching De spent 3 ½ years in a Christian theatre company called Covenant Players. Outside of school she enjoys horse riding and is involved with a Christian camp called Sunrise Station which specialises in horse riding and outdoor adventure activities, (www.sunrise-station.org.nz). She is passionate about Christian education and loves her job." I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us here at Jireh."



New Entrant – Danielle Jelleyman

I am very excited about serving at Jireh School. I graduated from Laidlaw College at the end of 2012 with a Bachelor of Education and World View Studies and spent some time working as a relief teacher and painting up a storm. I am enjoying leading and encouraging the students at Jireh in their learning and reaching their God given potential...all this is a lot of fun! As I look over the last few years I can see how the Lord has led me into teaching. I love connecting with children and I love the Lord. When I am not teaching I play the violin, listen to music, paint, read and get outdoors into God's creation.



Year 2/Year 3 - Elise Schweitzer

I have been involved with Jireh for several years and am now overjoyed to serve the school as a teacher, helping our children reach their potential. I am passionate about teaching students to know and love God and guiding them towards fulfilling the purpose God has intended for them.

I have been blessed with a very supportive husband, and two wonderful girls who attend Jireh School. I have worked for over seven years in childcare in Canada and New Zealand and last year decided to pursue a Graduate Diploma in Teaching Primary. Working and being with children brings me great joy and I feel immensely privileged to work at Jireh with your children. In my spare time I love to read, cook and go for walks exploring the stunning world we live in.



Regular Relief Teachers



Sue Bickley



Linda Baird



Zelda Nielsen



Sarah Thomson

Teacher Aides:

Irene Ho

I have been married to Charlie for 18 years, and we have 3 children: Aaron, Venessa and Jarrel. Aaron and Venessa are both currently attending Avondale College, while Jarrel is a student at Jireh School. I have volunteered at Jireh for several years and worked as a Teacher Aide Reliever prior to taking up this position.



Jodi Seu

I have been working with special needs children for a number of years and enjoy working with children of all ages and nationalities. I'm a born again Christian, trusting in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for my eternal salvation. I am thankful every day for the blessings He has given to my family and I. Children are a gift from God and I am so blessed to have this opportunity to work in such a wonderful working environment that supports the needs of God's beautiful creation, (our children).



Val Hall

Val Hall is a full time teacher aide. Val has had 25 years of experience working with children with special needs. She is a mum of two, both of whom are grown up and live overseas. She has a young grandson. Val worships at Westgate Baptist.



Colleen Stairmand

Colleen is a Part time Teachers Aide. Colleen worked as a primary school teacher from 1973 to 1989. After 23 years of being in the business world, she felt the need to cut back on the high pressure work of the business environment. Colleen decided to follow the Holy Spirits leading and apply for a Teacher Aide position at Jireh. She has found the staff, pupils and parents at Jireh School to be a real blessing and enjoys working with a group of people that really love Jesus and are striving for excellence in education.



Administrators:

Sharon Chapman

Sharon came to Jireh in July 2010 from a state secondary school secretarial role. She has three grown sons and has been married to Peter for over 30 years. The administrator position at Jireh covers day to day administration, general organising of school matters and enrolments. She shares this with Rolene and Donna. Sharon enjoys being part of helping the school and its students grow to their full God-given potential.



Rolene Combrinck

Rolene Combrinck joined the Administration staff in January 2011. She has had years of experience in office work. Rolene works part-time job-sharing with Sharon and Donna. Rolene's son is in attendance at Jireh School. She and her family emigrated from South Africa in April 2006.



Donna Wineti

Donna has worked part-time and casual in the Jireh office for over a year. She job-shares with Sharon and Rolene. Donna's son is a past pupil at Jireh School. Donna says: "Handcrafted for a purpose, my life is filled with my hubby and young son, adult children and grandchildren. I have a background working with children, women and the community and in various administrative roles. I serve with passion 'as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord'."

