

To educate children from a Biblical perspective  
to become servant leaders



# JIREH SCHOOL

## Prospectus 2016

Years 1-6

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

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# **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: New Entrant, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4/5 and Year 5/6. 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 process must be followed:

- The enrolment application form to be completed in full and returned to the school office.
- 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 5/6 – 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.



## **Year 4/5 - Natasha Breese**

I was born and raised in West Auckland as part of a large extended family. I have been teaching for several years and I love being able to work alongside children inspiring them and helping them to reach their best potential. I worked at Sunnyvale Primary School in both the Junior and Middle school. I currently attend City Church Waitakere, serving in the youth and young adult ministries. I have recently completed an internship. I love God and I am excited to teach in a school that is founded on a biblical worldview. I was married in March 2016. My husband has a green acres business and serves alongside me at church. We have a lovely little dog called Moses who we consider to be our fur baby. I am enjoying immersing myself in this wonderful school community and continuing my journey with God in the vocation He has chosen for me.





## **Year 3 – Zelda Nielsen**

Zelda has been part of Jireh School since 2014 in a part-time role. This year she is full-time and head of middle school. Prior to that she has taught for over fourteen years with most of her experience being in Hong Kong. She has a Diploma of Teaching (Primary Education), Bachelor of Education and Masters of Education.



## **Year 2 - 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.



## **Year 1 – Lesley Venter**

I am passionate about teaching, particularly literacy, and believe the most crucial years for development are the early ones. I have spent many years learning about children and different methods of teaching so that I can help them to achieve their God-given potential. I believe that Christian education provides a framework for life that gives young people the best foundation for lifelong faith and understanding of God. My husband, Mark, is an IT consultant. My daughter, Aimee, studying Occupational Therapy. My son, David, is in his final years at KingsWay School. As a family we enjoy exploring the many interesting places in New Zealand. I am very excited about being a part of the Jireh community.



## **New Entrant – Danielle Jelleyman**

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 enjoy 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.



## **New Entrant – Rachel Robinson**

Rachel has previously taught for fifteen years at two integrated Christian Schools and one private Christian School. She has had the privilege of teaching New Entrant up to Year 13 students. Rachel is passionate about art, and likes to bring creativity into all her teaching. Rachel enjoys reading, cooking, painting and creating things, going to the beach and spending time with her husband Hayden and their two sons. She has a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Teaching.



## **Regular Relief Teachers**



**Sue Bickley**



**Sarah Thomson**



## **Teacher Aide: 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.



## **Irene Ho**

I am married to Charlie, and we have 3 children: Aaron, Venessa and Jarrel. Aaron is studying in New Plymouth, Venessa is attending Avondale College, while Jarrel was a pupil at Jireh and is now at KingsWay School. I volunteered at Jireh for several years and worked as a Teacher Aide Reliever prior to taking up this position.



## **Jane Lovell**

Jane Lovell has many years of experience as a Primary school Teacher Aide, working in the classroom as well as withdrawing small groups of children and working one to one. Latterly she worked in Administration and was also responsible for running the Parent Tutor Reading Programme, including training the parent tutors.

She is married to Sid and they have 4 adult children and 2 grand-daughters.

She feels very blessed to be working at Jireh School.



## **Colleen Stairmand**

Colleen is a Part time Teacher's 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.



## **Teacher Aide – Leslie Baron**

Leslie Baron is currently part time support at Jireh with the privilege of having both my boys attending at the school. My family and I have immigrated to New Zealand from South Africa in 2008, we have been so welcomed and experienced Gods wonderful love and grace in both school and the wider community. It is a real blessing and privilege to be part of fantastic team that is committed and passionate for the love of God and others.



## **Administrators: Sharon Chapman**

Sharon came to Jireh in July 2010 from a state secondary school secretarial role. She is married to Peter and has three grown sons. The administrator position at Jireh covers day to day administration, general organising of school matters and enrolments. She shares this position with Rolene. 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. Rolene's eldest son is a past pupil at Jireh and is currently attending KingsWay School. She and her family emigrated from South Africa in April 2006.

