



Jireh School Newsletter

9 March 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

Parent partnership is one of the foundation stones of Jireh School. We acknowledge that parents are the first and primary educators of their children. There has been extensive research done on the **power of parent involvement in children's education. Parent participation in their children's education** experience has a strong correlation to high academic performance. In fact, Professor John Hattie, a highly regarded, educationalist, argues that parent involvement has one of the **highest impacts on children's performance** academically. It also facilitates social capabilities. Parent involvement sends a clear message to children that they are cared for and that learning matters. This improves students behaviour and engenders high levels of engagement and a realisation of the importance of learning. Patricia Williams says that, **there are three R's to effective school parent partnerships**; respect, responsibility and relationships. (<http://inclusiveschools.org/how-do-we-build-effective-parent-school-partnerships-in-inclusive-schools/>). At Jireh, we endeavor to build on these important qualities recognizing that we are a Christian Community of learning. Effective education is a team effort and is done best when the community is involved. This is a concept introduced by God with the Israelites. We read in Deuteronomy how parents and the community were admonished to teach the next generation the word of God and to ensure that it was in their hearts and written on the doorposts of their houses.

The staff at Jireh School value our parents and all they do to make our school the success it is. We endeavor to build good relationships and to involve

our parents whenever possible. We recognize that parents have a wealth of experience and are a vital part of the school home partnership.

Now is ***your opportunity*** as a Jireh parent to come and ***share your passions, hobbies and talents*** with the students. Spending time with your child at school whilst being involved in their education is a **powerful way to be part of your child's learning** journey and promote lifelong learning for them. We would like to offer a variety of activities for students during the lunch break. If you would like to take a small group to do gardening, cooking, crafts, dance, drama, choir, scrap booking, sport coaching, running games, chess, learning a language, cultural games or any other exciting activity please get in touch with me. The activities will run for 45 minutes and will start at 1pm.

Please watch this space for other opportunities to become more involved in school life and enrich the life of your child and their learning experience.

Yours in partnership, ***Sandra Bosman***.



Weaving Work.

Theme for Term 1

One of our values we are looking at this term is 'respect'. A courteous way of showing respect is to ensure that you drop your children off at the right time and don't engage the teachers in discussion so that they can be ready to start class at 8.55am. It is also helpful if you could collect your children on time, at the latest by 3.30pm as we cannot always guarantee there will be a staff member on campus. After 3.15pm the safety of the students is no longer the school's responsibility. Please note that for safety reasons we cannot allow a child to leave the school grounds unaccompanied by an adult. There will be two staff members on gate duty each afternoon. We appreciate you joining us in modelling 'respect' for our future generation. Blessings and thanks!

Trips

In order to help things run more smoothly we are changing the way we organise our school trips and outings. All return slips need to go directly to the class teacher who will keep a record of who has returned their slip and who has not. They will also keep a check on parent help and notify the parents if they are required to help on the trip. The school has grown to a size now where it is not possible for the office staff to follow up unreturned permission slips. If there is no permission slip for your child they will sadly have to miss the trip.

Parents, if you put your name down to go on a trip as a parent helper please do not pull out at the last minute. This causes all sorts of problems and stresses and often means we are short of helpers. If you are unable to go on a trip and you have put your name down to assist, please can you give the teacher ample notice so that they can find a replacement. Although it is not always possible due to unforeseen circumstances, to cancel on the day makes it very difficult to get a replacement. Thank you for your help in ensuring our trips run smoothly.

TERM 1 2017:

14 March—ACS Touch Rugby Tournament

20 March—Museum Trip, Puriri, Totara + Rimu

21 March—Museum Trip, Rata, Pohutukawa, Titoki + Kowhai

29 March—Trip to Massey High School Marae

3 April—Y5/Y6 trip—Pop Up Globe

7 April—Mufti Day

10 April—2pm CLOSE -Parent/Teacher Interviews

11 April—Parent Meeting 7.30pm

12 April—TEACHER ONLY DAY

13 April—TEACHER ONLY DAY/End T1

Term 2: 1 May to 7 July

School Office Hours:

Mondays to Fridays term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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PRAYER MEETING

Straight after school TOMORROW (Friday 10th March) in the hall. This is an opportunity to pray for our future—open to anyone who can make it. There will be a teacher on duty looking after the school children of those who want to pray



Corbans Estate - Artists at work



Swimming

Year 6 Leadership Day



Year 6 Tree Adventures