



Jireh School Newsletter

23 March 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

Safety is a priority at Jireh School. Children and staff need a safe and happy environment to learn and work in. We endeavor to ensure that this happens for students and staff. It is important that our students feel emotionally and physically safe at school.

To this end we have enlisted a private safety company to guide our safety programme. Harrison Tew have over 30 years of collective experience in the domains of policing, emergencies and safety. Harrison Tew®, specialize in Emergency Management Plans for schools. They have helped design our safety procedures at school in an event or incident necessitating lock down or evacuation. The plans and procedures allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances.

The school has regular practices to ensure that we are as prepared as is possible for any emergency. This involves the students having safety instruction by members of the Harrison Tew team and then practicing the lock down. After the practice a debrief is done helping to refine the procedures.

Our entire school, including our students have all participated in training sessions and the response and interaction was very positive.

On Wednesday 15th March, we conducted a school-wide lockdown exercise under the guidance of Harrison Tew®. We are pleased to inform you that our students responded safely, maturely and with a nature of controlled urgency.

The lockdown is now a part of our emergency procedures. We will be implementing emergency protocol exercises each term to ensure all staff and students remain familiar with our processes.

Should you hear of a lock down or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be in a position to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information pertaining to an emergency occurring at the school will be updated on our website as regularly as possible.

Last night we had our first Korero meeting with our Maori whanau at Jireh School. We covered a number of interesting aspects of how to ensure that we are bi-culturally responsive at Jireh School. There were some rich and thought provoking discussions. This group will be working together to design a cultural emblem to represent who we are as a Christian learning community. The group will be meeting regularly. One of the first projects is to write a mihi for Jireh School.

Young Engineers kicked off this week with some exciting concept learning and model building to show their learning. This group will meet every Tuesday after school for ten weeks. They will be learning important concepts and design ideas found in the learning disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is run by Auckland Young Engineers.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman.*

Welcome to two new students:



Elianna
and
Samuel
Liu



Young Engineers at work/play

Missing Uniform

Please check your that your child's uniform belongs to them; while it may look like it belongs to you, please check that it actually does. The high incidence of missing items may be due to the lack of parent helpers at swimming, (less supervision with children getting changed and dressed). PLEASE name ALL your child's belongings as this means there is a better chance of them finding their way to the right home. Thanks!

Parking

There is a Church Unlimited conference being held at the Trusts Stadium Friday 24th—Saturday 25th March. Laidlaw will reserve some parking spots for Jireh School but be prepared for just a little bit of chaos on Friday afternoon.

Media and Privacy

Some parents do not want their children's photos to be on the FaceBook page or internet. PLEASE only post photos of your own child or those you have permission for; this includes school trips, events, sports and everything. It is wonderful to see our children in action so don't stop posting, just ensure that the parents of all the children you post photos of are happy to have them up. Thanks so much.

MARAE VISIT

After meeting with Whaea Pearl at the Marae at Waitakere College we have agreed that it would be a far richer and more engaging experience for the students to visit the Marae next Term during the time of Matariki. So the Marae trip has been postponed to Term 2. They will notify us on a suitable date as soon as they can which will be passed onto you.

TERM 1 2017:

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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Learning Korean



Congratulations...to

our very own Miss Tato who has made selection to the Samoan Woman's Cricket Team. She is representing Samoa in Japan during the school holidays. Go Miss Tato!!



Cricket Blitz



ACS Touch Tournament

