



Jireh School Newsletter

6 April 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

What a term jammed packed with stimulating learning experiences. The family BBQ, was, as always, a great time of fellowship and feasting. This is a good way for new families to meet new friends.

The topic of inquiry; How does the Treaty of Waitangi affect the way we live in New Zealand today, has brought up some interesting discussions and lines of inquiry as the students have looked at early settlers and life for the early Maori and the meeting of two cultures. They have looked at how two cultures can live together in unity. The overarching theme for the term is God is One and as His children we live as one in unity even though we are all different. We need to respect and value each other and our differences. The students have visited the Auckland War Memorial Museum to consolidate and enrich their learning. The Senior and Middle Primary classes are using the GROW inquiry model to frame their inquiries, investigate, research and draw conclusions on what they have learnt. Part of the process is to look at what the Bible has to say on **the topic and how we should respond as God's people** in the world today. The students are learning to ask good questions which allow for in depth inquiry and thinking. They are also learning how to conduct an inquiry through a process. The students are learning to assess how well they are able to work through the process and which steps they find difficult. This develops the skills of learning how to learn and can be used across the curriculum to access and think about information and knowledge and then how to use this knowledge for good.

The students have very much enjoyed having two young coaches from Auckland cricket come and do Blitz cricket. The swimming lessons have been very valuable as the students swim for a concentrated half hour in ability groups. The teachers have focused on swimming strokes and water safety. The students thoroughly enjoyed the Art workshops at Corban Art Estate where they learnt a number of different ways to use printing when creating a picture.

The Year 5 and 6 students had a unique dramatic

experience by visiting the Pop-up Globe Theatre in Ellerslie where the Shakespeare play; Much Ado About Nothing was performed with a wonderful Pacific Island flavour.

There is one more parent information meeting this Term on 11 April to discuss a number of important matters about the future of Jireh School. We are at an exciting time in the life of the school where significant decision making needs to take place. It would be expedient to be present at this meeting.

In week two of Next Term I will be taking up the office of principal of Jireh School. The Ministry of Education has made provision for three terms to set up Jireh as a stand-alone school with the inclusion of Year 7 and 8. This will be done in partnership with the Jireh Establishment Board. To this end I will be stepping out from the day to day running of the school but will still be keeping an oversight and will be on campus for several days a week. Ms Tato will be the acting Head Teacher of Jireh School. Mrs Venter will be acting Head of the Junior Primary Department and Mrs Stoffels will continue to be the Head of Department of Middle and Senior Primary. We are currently looking for a Year 2/3 teacher and have an advert in the Education Gazette. If you are aware of anyone who would like to apply please alert them to this. Once this appointment has been made I will further inform you of the necessary changes of teaching responsibilities for the teachers and how this may affect your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Easter break.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman.*





Congratulations

Miss Jelleyman who is now engaged to Joe and will become Mrs. Mitchell



Medications held at school

The public health nurse recommends that parents of children who hold medication at school check expiry dates and action plans for any updated information that might need to be amended or added. It is your responsibility to ensure we hold current medication and up-to-date action plans. Safe practice suggests you check at the end or beginning of each term.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your child's well being and safety.

Parent Meetings

Don't forget the next Parent Meeting is to be held on TUESDAY 11 APRIL 7.30PM at Laidlaw College

All future meetings will be held at the same venue:

May 30 Vision and values;

July 4 New School Organization;

August 15 Enrolments for New School students;

Sept 26 Structures and Systems;

Oct 31 Staffing Arrangements for 2018;

Dec 5 Classes and Programme 2018

Lost Property

Please check the lost property. All items are donated to a charity shop at the end of each term. We do not have space to store items. Thank you!

Enrolments

Any younger siblings of current students need to be enrolled as soon as possible. There are limited spaces and we will be opening a waiting list.

TERM 1 2017:

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

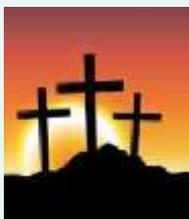
School Office Hours: Mondays

to Fridays term time 8.30am—

3.30pm.Ph: 09 836 6913 /

02108538662

Have a blessed Easter and a wonderful holiday break.



Action in the ESOL room



Cricket Blitz

Swimming



Museum trip



Weaving art