



Jireh School Newsletter

18 May 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

As this is my first official newsletter as the Head Teacher, I would like to welcome you, encourage you and especially serve you in this journey. Let us embrace what is ahead, for I truly believe that the **'change' that has and will happen is all part of God's masterplan.**

Change is not always easy to accept and it may **take time to adjust. The position of 'Head Teacher' is overwhelming but I'm very excited for what this appointment will bring.** I urge you to trust in the journey, in God and in the leadership of Jireh School.

People respond to change differently and recently I read a blog that inspired me. It stated that **'Understanding our identity in Christ' will practically change the way we live our lives.** It identified four key thoughts:

- 1) We no longer chase after the desires of our flesh but instead seek to bring God glory in all areas of life;
- 2) We no longer fear the future;
- 3) We have no need to judge or compare ourselves to others when we seek to please Christ alone, in whom our identity is hidden;
- 4) We should not be surprised when suffering comes, but we can be confident that it will produce things of eternal value.

At Jireh, change has come and we will not lose sight of what God has in store for this week, month, term and year. As leaders and teachers we will relish the opportunities provided, raise our expectations of what we require of our students and most importantly, identify ways we can **continue to build God's Kingdom, right here at**

Jireh.

It is exciting for our school was founded on 'Trust, faith and obedience to God'. As Ruth clearly said to Naomi "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God' Ruth1:16.

I look forward to working in partnership with you, together we will embrace the change and continue to equip students with the tools needed for success in their academic journey and in their growth and knowledge of God.

Yours in partnership,

Maliah Tato

Car Park

Please be extra vigilant in the car park. Drive very **slowly, be alert and make sure you hold your child's hand** when they leave your vehicle. Escort them inside the school gates. Thank you.



Our children learning about road and car safety



Parent Meetings

Don't forget the next Parent Meeting is to be held on **TUESDAY 30 May 7.30PM at Laidlaw College**

All future meetings will be held at the same venue:
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

Enrolments

If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child at Jireh School, please encourage them to complete the application process as soon as possible. Any younger siblings of current students need to be enrolled urgently! There are limited spaces and we will be opening a waiting list.

PhotoLife

PhotoLife will be at Jireh on Monday 22nd May. If you want your child to have photos taken with sibling(s,) please make sure you complete the form at the office BEFORE Monday. The photographers will not take sibling photos without the completed form.

Term 2: 1 May to 7 July

22 May—PhotoLife

23 May—ACS Netball (23 May -rain date)

30 May—Zoo : Trip: Rimu, Totara, Puriri / **7.30pm Parents Meeting**

31 May—Zoo Trip: Kowhai, Titoki, Pohutukawa, Rata

2 June—Teacher Only Day

5 June—**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

13 June—**BYODOO Year 2 Information Evening**

16 June—Maths Day

20 June—ACS Soccer (22 June—rain date)

4 July—**7.30pm Parents Meeting**

7 July - Pet Day / Mufti Day / Reports Issued

School Office Hours:

Mondays to Fridays term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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Young Engineers—creative genius at work!



Living Eggs—
the children enjoyed seeing the chicks hatch and we now have 5 that will stay with us

