



Jireh School Newsletter

1 June 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING VALUES AND KEY COMPETENCIES FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

In our school curriculum teachers are expected to teach students about values and key competencies.

KEY COMPETENCIES are the capabilities people have and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future such as managing themselves, developing thinking skills and communicating effectively when speaking and writing.

VALUES are deeply held beliefs about what is important or desirable. They are expressed through the ways in which people think and act.

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes and tells us what love is, how love looks and what love does. He states that love is; patient, kind, not rude, not self-seeking and not easily angered. Paul also identifies that love does not envy, boast, keep record of wrongs, delight in evil, or failure.

As I reflected on this passage I wondered, what does this all mean for teachers, students, parents and Christian schools?

We love and value each student at Jireh school, we have goals and aspirations for all student. We educate students so when they leave Jireh school, they have the skills and values that will support their journey in discovering who they are and what God wants of them. Teachers and parents are a huge part of this journey, we are accountable for how we live our lives and how we conduct ourselves in front of children and others. We are their role models, students imitate what they see and hear. Therefore as educators, teachers and parents, we are responsible for teaching, equipping, **leading, serving and revealing God's values to all people.** This is exciting, for Jireh is a school that values parent partnership. Together, we have this amazing opportunity to impart knowledge and experiences to our students and children. We celebrate success, academically, socially, emotionally and physically and we persevere to find solutions to support students in areas of challenge. One of the things that makes Jireh

special, is that we are a community that strives to be like Christ in all aspects of life and in our relationship with people.

So I urge and encourage you to support our school in teaching and reinforcing the values and key competencies being taught This Term. They are;

Values:

- Respect for all cultures, languages and heritages
- Being inclusive
- Importance of living in community

Key Competencies:

- Interacts effectively with diverse people in different contexts.
- Recognises different points of view.
- Confidently uses ICT to access information and communicate with others
- Recognises how choices of language, affect **people's understanding or responses.**

There is an overall message in the values and key competencies, building relationships that shows love and value to all people. Love gives hope, love teaches, **love imitates our Lord's attitude and actions, love conquers all obstacles and breaks down walls.** Our desire as teachers, parents and students is to know **and feel God's love from each other. Teachers and Parents should be portraying God's love for students to witness and imitate in their lives.**

Our school community should strive to commit ourselves to ongoing, faithful relationships with each other, where everyone, teachers, parents and students will grow to be more loving people, and so be more like God Himself.

Yours in partnership,

Maliah Tato

Amazing
LOVE!



Thank You!

A very special 'Thank you' to all our parent helpers who assisted on the Zoo Trips. We couldn't do it without you!



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!

School Holiday Camps

Carey Park Christian Camp runs OSCAR funded kid's camps every school holidays. Registrations may be for the whole week or just for a day. For children aged 8-13 years; Full week (all meals included) \$225; Day Camper \$50. Register 2 or more siblings and receive 10% discount of the total price.

Week 1—10 to 14 LOST IN TIME

Week 2—17 to 21 July I.SPY

Please visit www.onebigadventure.org.nz or call 09 837 0494 for more information.

Showing Respect and Courtesy

Parents/Caregivers in order to support our community values and help cement teaching our children respect:

- please allow the staff room to be a 'Staff Only' zone and do not walk through that area.
- If you do need to wait on site for any reason, please use the seating in the foyer.
- If you need to speak to a teacher, please do not approach them from 8.45am (10 minutes before school starts) as teachers are preparing for the school day. Office staff are happy to help arrange a set time for you to discuss any concerns with the teachers.
- A courtesy call if you are running late to pick up students would be appreciated. The teacher on duty after school is only on site until 3.25pm.



Thank you so much for your co-operation in these matters.

Term 2: 1 May to 7 July

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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Jireh School Parents Association Fundraiser

The latest fantastic opportunity to participate in fundraising, stock up on a great gift idea, be eco-friendly AND support the school is our re-usable shopping bags sale.

The bags are \$5 with the school receiving \$2 from each sale. Money and unsold bags need to be returned to the school by Friday 9th June. Plenty of time to sell your stocks!

Late Arrivals and Early Pick-Ups

Please note that it is disruptive for your child and their classmates if they arrive late to class and/or leave early. It is also difficult for young ones to establish a good routine when they are not present for the full school day. Wherever possible, make every effort for your child to be at school and in class by 8.55am each morning and only leaving at 3.05pm.

Thank you.

ACS
Netball
Team—
well
done
girls!



Kappa haka
and Korean
Lessons—
shades of our
wonderful multi-
cultural
diversity!