



Jireh School Newsletter

29 June 2017

Dear Jireh Parents

Teaching Christianly:

What does it mean to teach from a Biblical worldview?

Learning in Christian schools has a clear purpose; the transformation of students and teachers so that they might have the mind, heart and life of Christ and be his disciples. It is our goal as educators to ensure that schooling is for responsive discipleship. As **students, engage with God's world and Word, they** are encouraged to respond with wisdom and knowledge, with discernment and creativity, with playfulness and perseverance, with love and compassion, (Burggraaf & Semmens 2014). Our teachers have been having Professional Development in the area of 'Biblical worldview' or 'Teaching Christianly' to ensure that we are well equipped to model, encourage, maintain a good environment and deliver a restorative approach. There is so much more to teaching Christianly than the examples stated above, but as teachers it is our calling to open up the world to our students and equip them for works of service. To create a classroom and school atmosphere in which students strive to be of service to each other. We were blessed to have Kaya Lombaard, (KingsWay associate Principal) and Rachel Wilding come to our school this Term and deliver a fantastic Professional Development on 'Teaching Christianly'. They challenged us as teachers to reflect on our teaching practice and look at ways that we can be better in our calling as teachers to serve our students and community.

Here are some of the key ideas with questions, which are very relevant for all of us to think and reflect on;

1. Culture and Identity, (Who is setting the atmosphere in the classroom/home?)
2. Just Push Pause, (What is the difference between "putting healthy boundaries in place" and "not playing your part in the community?")
3. Pastor Teacher, (Is my behaviour management marked by fear of consequences or by love?)

4. Learning Community, (In what ways am I contributing in the Jireh Community?)
5. Whatever happened to Truth - (What is it that God wants to renew in my thinking?)
6. My Mission is to Fulfil your plan - (What is my mission?)

Last Friday, the staff heard Cassia Reed's testimony.

Cassia is a Year 5 student at Jireh School. Please read her testimony below. We were in awe of her great faith in God. Her testimony was a blessing to **her peers and the staff. Cassia's testimony is an** example of what we strive for in all our students, to be able to serve others through sharing how God is working in their lives and how much they cling onto Him for strength, peace, love and hope.

Thank you for your wonderful support this Term and have a blessed school holiday.

Yours in partnership,

Maliah Tato.

A testimony of great faith from Cassia

Healing does not come from us. Healing comes from **God. Here's a simple prayer to get you going: "My healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done. I receive my healing NOW."**

Please get comfortable. I'm going to tell you a story. There was this man who was on his first mission trip. He came to pray for this woman who could not speak. The first time he tried, nothing happened. Then he tried a second, a third, a fourth and a fifth time. On the sixth time, God said spit into her mouth. So he spat into his hand and put his hand into her mouth. She was instantly healed. And do you know what she said? **"I'm starving. Can we have dinner?"**

It's not for us to worry if we pray once or twice and someone's not healed instantly. The most important thing is that they encounter the love of God and that we know Jesus has paid the price for the person's healing. Too many times we don't give God a chance to heal because we're afraid. The process of healing is sometimes slow and sometimes fast. For example, my dad had a brain bleed and a stroke.

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He's had it for two years, so yeah, it's been a slow healing but I have to remember that he nearly died. The doctors thought he would never speak and always be in a wheelchair. Then there was my uncle who had a car crash and his brain got damaged. He had to have 8 hours of picking glass out of his brain, but in a few days he was healed, so yeah, he had a fast healing. Dad may be going through a tough time waiting, we all have gone through a tough time. But **God has always been with us and it's** been worth it. We have learned so many things in this adventure: such as faith—you need to build your faith because you have an authority over Satan because of what Jesus did on the cross. Satan always tries to kill, steal and destroy but **God's nature is to bring abundant life and healing.** Do you know you are more powerful than Satan? When you are praying for someone all you need to do is open your mouth and let the words start pouring out. One of the things I learned is not to look to the miracle but the God of miracles. He is looking for opportunities to see people healed and free.

Psalm 103: "Praise the Lord, who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases."

Term 2: 1 May to 7 July

4 July—7.30pm Parents Meeting

7 July - Pet/Mufti Day/Reports Issued

Term 3: 24 July to 29 September

24 July—TEACHER ONLY DAY

4 August—Dance Sport (1) and weekly for 5 weeks for Year 5 and Year 6

15 August—7.30pm Parents Meeting

16 August—Art Workshop

4-8 September— Wai Care Visit

13 September— Arataki Trip Year 5-6

14 September— Arataki Trip Year 3-5

15 September— Grandparents Day

25 September— Parent/Teacher Interviews

26 September— ACS Cross Country / 7.30pm Parents Meeting

29 September— MUFTI Day/End of Term

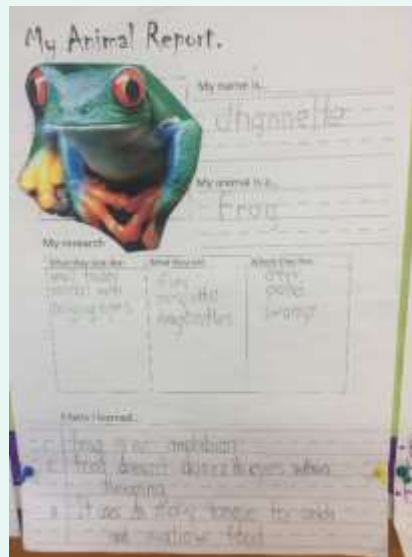
School Office Hours:

Mondays to Fridays term time only:
8.30am—3.30pm. Ph: 09 836 6913 / 02108538662

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Rata Class

In Rata class the children have been presenting their Animal Projects that they have worked on for homework. We have learnt about all kinds of animals from scorpions to koala's. We have marvelled at God's creativity and sense of humour 😊



The children have also been making 'Kiwi' pictures as part of our Topic rotation activities, using crayon, paint and dye.



Coralie and Matthew with their crayon, paint and dye Kiwi pictures.

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;

Week 1—10 to 14 LOST IN TIME

Week 2—17 to 21 July I.SPY

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