



Jireh School Newsletter

7 September 2017

Dear Jireh Parents,

This week was an important week for the school. On Tuesday we had ERO (Education review office) spend the day at school. The Education Review Office (ERO) is the New Zealand government department that evaluates and reports on the education and care of students in schools. For most schools, it is a challenging and stressful time for school leaders, teachers and board members to ensure that ERO receives and identifies our school strengths, culture and vision. At the same time, ERO will highlight areas of development that the school will need to address for the next ERO visit.

During ERO's visit, they pinpointed our school strength; Having educationally powerful connections and relationships with parents and whanau. From the powhiri, to the classroom, to the stories they heard, to the documents provided, this was obvious. Jireh School values partnership with parents, Jireh School values your opinion as parents and we value your service, either through your job expertise, gifts and talents or your time. As a school, we are rich in resources, having supportive parents, whanau and communities, providing school access to a greater and deeper range of learning opportunities and partnerships to **support your child's learning. Research has always** proven the importance and effectiveness of key partnership to achieving positive outcomes for students. Students are engaged and motivated to learn if lessons are connected with their experience and interests. The key for Jireh school in making powerful connections with our parents lies in well-designed planning that connect academic concepts with relevant cultural ideas, skills and activities. One simply has to look at the

'Cultural dinner' in Term 2 and the many events we've had in the school. It is true, Jireh school has reaped what we have sown.

A challenging task for Jireh in the future is to maintain this powerful connection with parents and whanau as we move into a new location and importantly, as we grow in numbers. The complicating factor, is the issue of trust. Without trust buildings, all the parent evenings, newsletter, homework projects, school events will yield disappointing results. Trust is essential to maintaining a healthy and godly school community. When trust is combined with effective strategies **for parental involvement in their children's education**, the student achievement is likely to **increase and the child's well-being** is nurtured.

As the Head Teacher, I encourage you to continue to serve your child and be part of their learning/school journey. Together, parents and teachers can work to nurture, educate and raise up children that will be God fearing, God honouring, using their gifts and talents to honour Him. We must stand back, reflect on our school, and give praise to God for the faithful and loyal community He is building right now. As a community we need to pray for the future, ask God to give school leaders the wisdom to find ways to maintain the community we have now as we grow to be an army of God.

Yours in partnership,
Maliah Tato.



To educate children from a Biblical perspective to become servant leaders

Attendance

Parents/caregivers please note that it is a legal requirement for you to ensure that your child aged between 6–16 years attends school regularly when the school is open for instruction. We would appreciate it if you could notify the office every time your child is not able to attend school for any reason. We are required to hold a Medical Certificate on file for every child who is absent for 3 days or longer due to illness/accident. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

IGNITE CONFERENCE

Genesis ... The Beginning

At: Church Unlimited, 3 Te Atatu Road

When: October 13-15

For more information visit:

www.sword.org.nz/ignite

School Holiday Camp

Topsy Turvy 2-6 October for ages 8-13.

For more information visit:

www.onebigadventure.org.nz

Term 3: 24 July to 29 September

13 September– Arataki Trip Year 5-6

14 September– Arataki Trip Year 3-5

15 September– Grandparents Day

19 September– ACS Cross

Country

25 September– **2pm Finish:** Parent/Teacher Interviews

26 September– **7.30pm Parents Meeting**

29 September– MUFTI Day/End of Term

Term 4: 16 October-15 December

20 October–**2pm Finish**

23 October–Labour Day

3 November–Gymnastics (1) / 4 weeks

School Office Hours:

Mondays to Fridays term time only:

8.30am–3.30pm.Ph: 09 836 6913 /

02108538662

Email: administration@jireh.school.nz



Maths Goals



Writing Goals



Wet Walkers at the Walkathon



Dance Sport Fun!

Puriri
When the Education Review Office visited.....

21st Century Learning

PARENT MEETING

Please note that the next parents meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 26th September.**

A proposed Year 7/Year 8 programme will be presented and our new Deputy Principal, Vicki Morris will be introduced.