



Jireh School Newsletter

8 December 2017

Dear Jireh Parents,

What a year this has been in the life of Jireh School. It will be marked as a year of mixed emotions from huge excitement and anticipation of what the future holds and of the sadness and trepidation which comes from letting go and swimming on our own. After many years of preparation and nurturing, Jireh is to become a stand-alone full primary school from the start of 2018. To add to the changes, we are relocating to join with Immanuel Christian School in Avondale. Jireh Christian School will start a new chapter as two Christian communities of learning come together, to serve the Christian community in the greater west Auckland area. Our new vision statement sums up what we strive to be about; **"We are a Christ centred community where learners are nurtured to glorify God."**

The school has grown in numbers and despite the growth we have worked hard to maintain our powerful connection with our community. It is with sadness that this year will be our last year of being part of the wider Kingsway community and saying farewell to current families who will not be coming with us to the new site.

As we look ahead with hope, we pray and cling to the **belief that God's vision for Jireh School will be** acknowledged and planted in the hearts of all students, teachers, parents, board members and the wider community.

As we look back at the journey that Jireh has been through, I am reminded of how past and current **families have served Jireh so faithfully. It's with great** sadness that at the end of 2017, we will see the end of a few partnerships and relationships between our school and KingsWay, Laidlaw and most importantly departing families. We would like to take this time to honour all these families and people for the invaluable input, support, time and sacrifice to help Jireh become the school that God intended.

Jireh School has flourished and grown under Kingsway and as we take this new journey, we will go with confidence. We will go with peace and we will start **2018 knowing that this is God's will and we're going in obedience to God's calling and plans for Jireh School.**

May you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours in partnership,
Maliah Tato.

*Blessings to our Jireh family for a very Happy
Jesus' Birthday.*

*Have a safe, joy-filled, loving memory-making
holiday and a wonderful start to 2018.*

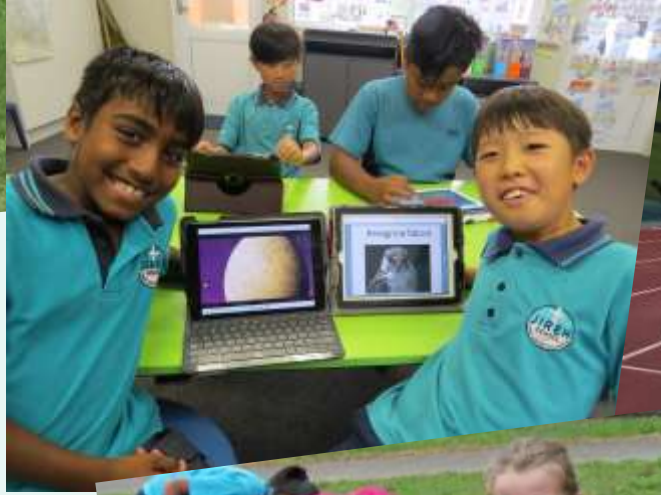
See you next year!



To educate children from a Biblical perspective to become servant leaders

JIREH SCHOOL IN ACTION





UPDATE DETAILS

PLEASE!!! A number of emails are being returned 'Undeliverable'. We trust YOU to keep us up-to-date! Please notify us of any changes to addresses, phone numbers, **emergency contacts, your child's medical condition(s), etc.** Don't miss out—a lot of important information and news is distributed via email!

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property that is not collected by the last day of Term (15th December) will be disposed of. Please check if your child is missing any items.

Thank you!

Term 4:

11 December—Mangere Mountain (Puriri, Totara & Rimu)

12 December—Parakai (Kowhai, Puriri, Totara & Rimu)

12 December—MOTAT (Rata, Pohutukawa & Titoki)

13 December—Mangere Mountain (Rata, Pohutukawa, Titoki, & Kowhai)

14 December—Awards Ceremony (10am—Noon) Reports Issued

15 December—End Term 4/**2PM FINISH**

2018 Dates

22 January—Office re-opens

2 February—Meet the Teacher 10-12

7 February—Term 1 commences

30 March—3 April Easter

13 April—end of Term 1

Term 2: 30 April—6 July

Term 3: 23 July– 28 September

Term 4: 15 October to 20 December

School Office Hours:

Mon-Fri term time 8.30am—3.30pm.

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URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

Parents if you have not already notified us in writing (email is fine) whether or not you are moving with us to Avondale, **PLEASE** do so as soon as possible. Remember NZCPT require **one term's notice for fees.**

There will definitely be a bus—more details will be sent out as soon as we receive further information.

JUNIOR, MIDDLE AND SENIOR SYNDICATE REPORT

Our year has been jam packed with learning, laughter and life-long skill building. The children have had many opportunities to develop our Jireh outcomes of becoming Christ-centred, confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners. These have included studying biculturalism, animals, plants and natural disasters in the context of our Biblical worldview. The students have enjoyed rotations during Topic Studies which gave them diverse experiences such as problem-solving, art, music, science and literacy. A highlight was watching eggs hatch and now having our very own egg-producing chickens. Buddy reading with an older class has been a great way to develop relationships across the school. All the studies are underpinned with strong Christian foundations pointing back to our understanding of the attributes of God. We have learnt to respond with gratitude and awe for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us.

No year at Jireh would be complete without excursions to places of interest. This year we have visited the Museum and enjoyed learning about the Maori culture, had an up close and personal viewing of the elephants at the Zoo and explored Mangere Mountain. Guest speakers and whanau members have shared their expertise and knowledge. The students have benefitted from swimming and gymnastics lessons, soccer and cricket coaching and improved their overall fitness with cross country training. We have celebrated our bicultural heritage with weekly kapahaka. During these sessions the akonga have learnt Maori tikanga, weaving, waiata, poi and ti rakau culminating in a special powhiri performance. Celebrations have continued to other areas of learning as well with a **100 Day Party, Maths Day, Pet Day and Grandparents' Day.** The children have been able to apply their learning about **God's love by serving at a local kindergarten, helping to support a Tear Fund child and looking after the school environment.**

What a wonderful year we've had ☺

SCHOOL FEES

Please remember during the holidays, that if your Direct Debit falls on a Public Holiday, it will be processed the next working day. Those wishing to set up a Payment Plan for 2018, please contact the NZCPT office.

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New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust (NZCPT) wishes all Jireh Christian School families a very Happy and safe Christmas season, and Blessings for the New Year.