



Jireh School Newsletter

30 January 2014

Dear Jireh Parents

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all and hope that the holidays have been an enjoyable time of connection, rest and stimulating activities.

Two new re-locatables have arrived and should be up and running by the start of Term. One of the rooms will become the Perceptual Motor Programme, (PMP) room for the New Entrant/Year 1 students where the large equipment can be set up and stored properly. The other room will be used for dance and drama. They will both become additional classrooms in due course. We start the year with 94 students with many more already enrolled during the course of the year. This means we are fast approaching our roll cap of 105. We have applied for a roll increase of 210 and expect to hear from the Ministry Of Education in March. The classes and their teachers are as follows; NE/Yr. 1 Miss Jelleyman, Yr2/3 Ms Tato, Yr. 3/4 Mrs Gibson, Yr. 5/6 Miss Bosman.

This newsletter will outline some of what is coming up this Term. Specific dates can be found on the Year Calendar on our website. The Covenant Players will again entertain and teach us about how we should live as Christians at our 2nd Friday assembly. Swimming will take place on Fridays from the 14th of February at the Amphibian Swim Centre, Clemway Place. Once again Jireh will be hosting the Auckland Christian Schools, (ACS) touch tournament in March. To consolidate and enhance our topic studies we will be having an Asia Day, celebrating and exploring some of the cultures represented at Jireh. Trips this Term will include a visit to the Auckland Memorial Museum and the Howick Historic Village. PAT testing will happen for Years 3-6 during the week of the 24th of February. The first of our bi annual Parent meetings will take place on March the 24th and Parent Teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress will be held towards the end of the

Term. A theme Mufti Day with a gold coin donation in support of our TEAR Fund sponsor child Benimana, from The Democratic Republic of the Congo, will take place on the 11th of April. The Year 6 leadership programme will be launched on the 20th of February with a number of team building and leadership activities, including a trip to Adventure World. A Family Fun BBQ and Sausage sizzle will be held on the 21st of February.

We look forward to a busy and stimulating Term as we continue our learning journey with God at the centre. That we may know Him through exploration of His world and our community through the lens of His truth, in order to better love one another and serve Him authentically.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

One of the new classrooms arrives at Jireh

Great excitement as one of the new classrooms arrives at Jireh—history in the making and more evidence of God's provision and answered prayer



Office Drop Box

We now have a 'Drop Box' at the office for you to leave permission slips, payments or notes for staff. Used envelopes are provided for you to write your child's name, the amount of money/cheque enclosed and what the payment is for. Receipts will be issued during the school day and available for collection at the office by 3pm. If receipts are not collected they will be sent home attached to the next newsletter. We hope this system will avoid waiting and congestion in the office.

Jireh PA needs new members

We are in desperate need of new PA members.

What does the PA do?

The PA team meet once a term. Usually on a Monday or Tuesday at 7pm for about an hour. We discuss fundraising and community building ideas. We run events once a term to raise funds and continue building unity and fellowship in the Jireh community. Each event requires a variety of help and expertise. shopping and man power on or before the day.

What am I required to do if I join the PA?

You are not required to attend meetings. The minutes to the meeting will be sent to you via email. However, your participation in email communications is requested. You are not obliged to help with every event but are asked to contribute your time or expertise at some of these events. There is a lot that can be done from home which is of great help to the PA team. Please contact me if you would like to know more.

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Alternatively, please come along to our first PA meeting set for **Tuesday 11th of February, 2014** to have a peek before making a definite decision. There is no pressure!



Welcome to the office, Donna!

Many of you already know Donna as a fellow parent. Donna is covering for Rolene over Term 1, while Rolene is busy with her new little boy, Arno. Donna says:

"Handcrafted for a purpose, my life is filled with my hubby and young son, adult children and grandchildren. I have a background working with children, women and the community and in various administrative roles. I serve with passion 'as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord'."



Welcome to our new students and their families



Reminders

Please remember to send your child to school with sun-block and a box of tissues for use in the classroom.

Contact Details

Remember to advise the office of any changes in your contact and emergency contact details.

Please note, if you are going away and someone else is looking after your child, it is important to notify the office with contact names and numbers of the temporary caregivers. Thank you.

Music

Jireh is blessed to be able to offer guitar and piano lessons on site, during the school day.

Guitar—Anita Paulsen is offering a free trial lesson to all students who think they would like to learn guitar this year. One on one guitar tutoring ensures that each student can move at their own pace and can have the individual support they need. Price is \$20 per half hour lesson - please contact Anita on 021 139 4912 for more information or to book a trial lesson for your child.

Piano—Lessons are currently being held on Mondays. Owing to demand, Thursday will be a second day offered for sessions. Contact Frances via email mycnz@slingshot.co.nz ph. 837 1417 or 0211570938 for more information. One on one half-hour sessions for \$25 run by a highly experienced and professional teacher.

SCHOOL DATES—Term 1, 2014

6 February - Waitangi Day

7 February - Covenant Players visit

14 February - Swimming Lesson (1)

20 February—Y6 Leadership Day

21 February—Swimming Lesson (2)/
Family BBQ

28 February—Swimming Lesson (3)

5 March - ACS Touch Rugby

7 March—Swimming Lesson (4)

12 March - Asia Day

14 March—Swimming Lesson (5)

21 March—Swimming Lesson (6)

24 March—Parent Meeting

27 March—School closes 2pm

28 March—TEACHER ONLY DAY

31 March—TEACHER ONLY DAY

7 April—Parent/Teacher interviews

9 April—Museum Trip (Middle & Senior)

11 April—Mufti Day

14 April—Howick Village Trip (NE & Junior)

17 April—School closes 2pm/
End Term One

2014 School Terms

Term 1: 29 January (Wed) to 17 April (Thurs)

Term 2: 5 May to 4 July

Term 3: 21 July to 26 September

Term 4: 13 October to 11 December

School Holiday Office Hours

8.30am to 3pm Mondays - Fridays
during school term.

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Y6 Sleepover

Leaders of the school have some end of year fun to finish off their time at Jireh



School trip to Parakai; what a way to end the year!



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