



## Jireh School Newsletter

27 February 2014

### Dear Jireh Parents

The Jireh Board held a strategic planning meeting at the end of week three of this Term. I would like to outline some of the key points we covered;

We used extracts from a book written by Patrick Lencioni; "The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business" to guide the focus of the morning's discussions. We looked at four key questions. Why do we exist? How do we behave? (What our core values are). What do we do? And how will we succeed? Our existence is intrinsic to our organisation and what it stands for, Christ centred education. Our core values are; *Authentic Christianity*, which involves faith permeating all of life and finds expression at Jireh as a community of learning which extends care and support beyond the classroom serving as a living example of Christianity in action. *Parent Partnership* is another of our core values. We are a team educating students from a Biblical world view to reinforce what is taught at home. We value and encourage open, regular communication and parent involvement. The third core value is *Passion* for Christ and His calling for us to be in Christian education. As a staff we all believe we are called to be at Jireh School for this time and that our being here is in service of Him to further the Kingdom of God. As a school we are primarily about educating excellently. How this will be accomplished is by improving the quality of our systems by accessing appropriate professional development of our systems, staff and facilities in order to grow the school in numbers and quality 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. We recognise the enormous changes taking place in education and would like to respond by giving our students the very best and up to date educational opportunities whilst keeping our special character. We recognised that growth is the aspect of our school which is most pressing and practical matters arising from this were discussed; Plans were made to refurbish the current Arts room into a multipurpose science, technology and arts room. Funds for this project have been released from KingsWay School and the Jireh Board has appointed two people to head up this project. We are hoping for this to be completed by mid-year. The possibility of a fifth teacher being added to the staff to accommodate the growth of numbers at the new entrant level is being presented to the KingsWay

Board. The possibility of Jireh becoming an optional, "bring your device" campus is under discussion. Also discussed were the employing of a property manager for a few hours a week and the moving of the staff kitchen and an additional toilet being built in the administration block. Two more relocatables have been earmarked to be put on our current campus in the future. We await the roll cap, (currently 105) to be extended by the Ministry of Education to 210. When this happens we will explore the possibility of starting a year 7/8 class. This is subject to KingsWay Board and New Zealand Christian Proprietors Trust approval. We face the challenges and changes that growth brings with excitement and a realisation that there is much to be done. We value your prayers as we face the future together as a community of learning.

Yours in partnership, *Sandra Bosman*

### Year 6 Leadership Day



*To educate children from a Biblical perspective to become servant leaders*

## **"Joseph: This is your life!" DVD**

Even if you have your own copy; consider ordering a 'proper' copy from the school office. It is brilliant quality and will make a great keepsake!

## **Health**

As your child's Starter Pack information will have informed you; we have children at school with life-threatening nut allergies. This is a reminder: PLEASE do not send your children to school with any nuts, or nut products - including peanut butter or nutella. We are sure you understand how serious this could be and really appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL DATES—Term 1, 2014**

**28 February**—Swimming Lesson (3)

**5 March** - ACS Touch Rugby

**7 March**—Swimming Lesson (4)

**14 March**—Swimming Lesson (5)

**18 March**—Howick Village Trip (NE & Junior)

**21 March**—Swimming Lesson (6)

**24 March**—Parent Meeting

**27 March**—School closes 2pm

**28 March**—TEACHER ONLY DAY

**31 March**—TEACHER ONLY DAY

**2 April**—Asia Day

**4 April**—Swimming Lesson (7)

**7 April**—Parent/Teacher interviews

**9 April**—Museum Trip (Middle & Senior)

**11 April**—Mufti Day/Swimming Lesson (8)

**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 Office Hours**

8.30am to 3pm Mondays - Fridays / Email: [administration@jireh.school.nz](mailto:administration@jireh.school.nz); Ph:836 6913

## **Prayer**

You are warmly invited to join a group of dedicated prayer warriors who meet every Tuesday morning at 8.55am to pray for the school. It is a short time, but so very important.

## **Family BBQ**

Past, current and future students enjoy the family BBQ



**India**- Thank you Mr and Mrs Gandam for teaching us about India and how to cook Butter Chicken



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