



Jireh School Newsletter

23 May 2013

Dear Jireh Parents

Last week I had the privilege of visiting a number of schools in Wellington and the beautiful South Island with a number of teachers from KingsWay School. Besides the spectacular scenery and gorgeous colours it was a most interesting and informative trip. Education is in the throes of great change. As Christian educators we need to carefully respond to the changes from a Biblical perspective, embracing the new, in a way which guards our special character as first and foremost a Christian School who seeks to honour God in all things. 21st Century learning is all about preparing young people for life in an ever changing world where skills and the ability to access and use knowledge responsibly and effectively is increasingly important. This involves collaborative teaching where students take greater ownership of their learning with a lot more personal choice about what they are learning. They do a lot of personal goal setting along with the teacher to help them advance in their learning. There is still intensive teaching taking place but the emphasis is on enquiry learning where students do a lot more group work and are more actively involved in their learning. The learning spaces are more open with students choosing to work where they feel most comfortable, not necessarily sitting at a desk. The development of learning communities is encouraged where students share their learning with each other and so form peer learning opportunities as a matter of course. E-learning is not simply using information technology to learn a new skill but to create and share knowledge. We are certainly living in an exciting time with exponential change and must as caring, responsible parents and educators give our children every opportunity to succeed confidently in the world they live in. In the weeks ahead we will continue to prayerfully consider our curriculum at Jireh and how best to reflect 21st century learning.

I would like to extend a big thank you for all the work done on the working bee held last Term. An enormous amount was accomplished. Shelving was put up in our new resource room and the hall store room. A platform for the sports shed was made. Rooms were cleaned and sorted. Books were covered, labelled and catalogued. The gardens were tidied up and a lot more.

Without your tireless support we could not exist. Thank you once again for partnering with us to make our School what it is and to best serve your children. The staff at Jireh appreciate all your support immeasurably.

Yours in partnership,

Sandra Bosman

Henderson Cross Country Field Day

Jireh competitors in action



Fundraiser for homeless in Fiji

A garage sale is being held at the 'House of Prayer' on 15th June to raise money for the homeless in Fiji. Please donate any items that can be sold to Linda; she is usually at school around 3pm.

Lost Property

Please check your child's uniform to make sure that it is their own. There are some children missing items that others may have taken home by mistake.

PhotoLife Photos

Your child's unique 'shoot' key was sent home earlier this week to enable you to order photographs online. Please order within two weeks to qualify for free delivery

SCHOOL DATES — Term 2, 2013

28 May—ACS Soccer Day

31 May—Kiwi Covenant Players Visit; School finishes 2pm

3 June—Queen's Birthday

4 and 5 June—Life Education Visits/Body Days

5 June—St. John's Visit

18 June—Open Day

4 July—Teacher Only Day

5 July—Mufti Day

10 July—Maths Day

12 July—End of Term 2, Reports Issued

2013 Term Dates

Term 2: 6 May to 12 July

Term 3: 29 July to 27 September

Term 4: 14 October to 12 December

Office Hours

Term time: Mondays-Fridays 8.30am-3pm

Ph: 09 8366913

Email: administration@jireh.school.nz

New Entrants Class with their teacher, Mrs Enfield who earned a Graduate Diploma of Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages (Grad. Dip TESSOL)

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Enfield!



Music in progress...



Piano Contact Frances email mycnz@slingshot.co.nz or 09 837 1417 (evenings).



Guitar Contact Anita on: 09 411 8618 or 0211394912.

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