

To educate children from a Biblical perspective to become servant leaders

JIREH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16th February 2012



Dear Parents

The teaching staff are participating in a co-operative learning course presented by our Resource, Teacher and Learning Behaviour representatives, which we will be implementing in the classrooms. Co-operative learning is not a new programme but rather a way of teaching the existing programme which fits in well with the Christian ethos of our school where, like the body of Christ, we as a community, work together to achieve so that all do well and are supported.

As we are all well aware, getting on with others and being able to work alongside all sorts of people whom we do not always naturally connect with, is a very important part of our everyday lives. We would like to equip our students with this skill so that they can be peacemakers and changers in the society they live in now and in the future.

The fundamental core of co-operative learning is team commitment, an "all for one" attitude is required for success. One of the perceived weaknesses of group work is that there are the movers and shakers who take charge and the pudding who will allow the mover and shaker to do everything whilst they do not contribute and learn. Co-operative learning circumvents this. The team does not succeed unless every member is significantly involved and achieving the goal. The success of the whole is dependent on each member. This allows for support and help to the ones who need it so stretching the leaders and raising the standard of the lower achievers as all work together to see everyone understand and succeed and in so doing the team does well. Students tend to learn best in a supportive environment and value the help they receive from their peers.

The five essential element for co-operative learning are; positive interdependence, individual accountability, group and individual reflection, small group skills and face-to-face interaction.

These elements, when all at play, form the foundation of co-operative learning and are a powerful tool for thinking and learning.

The teachers at Jireh School will be using the technique of co-operative learning in various areas of the curriculum to build within our students, genuine concern and interest in one another and a desire to see everyone succeed.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

**Welcome to the new additions to
the Jireh School Family**

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**Ruby, Sophia, José, Koda, Grace,
Giovanni, Ben and De'Shawn**



SCHOOL DATES

Term 1, 2012

20th February – School Parent Meeting

24th February – Family BBQ

15th March – Year 6 Leadership Day

22nd March – Museum Trip

30th March – Mufti Day and ACS Swimming Sports

2nd April – Parent Teacher Interviews

6th April – End of term 1

School Office Hours 2012

During term times

Monday to Friday

8.30am – 3pm

2012 Term Dates

Term 1: 1 February to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 28 September

Term 4: 15 October to 13 Dec

SWIMMING LESSONS



Swimming lessons are underway with 7 more lessons to go. Thank you to all our faithful helpers who assist with transport and supervision.

More parent helpers are **urgently** required. We have had to change the times we go as we do not have enough parent helpers. If you can help, please let the office know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

FAMILY BBQ

Friday 24th February from **4pm** onwards. See the flyer attached for more information.

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Parents Association is looking for new members if you would like to be more involved in your child's education and serve the school community by being on the Parents' Association please let Sandra Bosman know. We will be giving more information about what is involved at the parents' meeting on Monday the 20th February.

SAFETY

Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time, especially at the end of the school day, unless accompanied by an adult. Our car park is a busy place and it is not safe for children to walk through unattended. Parents or caregivers are required to enter the school grounds and escort their children off the property and to any waiting vehicle.

PARENT MEETING

Our first Parent meeting is to be held on **Monday 20th of February**. See the flyer attached for more information.

SPEAKER REQUEST

There is a church programme being held at Shalom Celebration Centre for young girls aged from 9 to 18 years. They have asked if someone would like to come in and speak to the girls about etiquette, (table manners, social graces etc.). If you think you can help or you know someone who might like to help, please contact Hazel on 838 0586.

ACTIVITY FEE

Thank you to all those families who have paid the Term One Activity Fee.

JIREH TEACHERS

Thank you to all who are honouring the teachers and staff by respecting their space and privacy and not going into the staff room area.

This is a reminder that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher about anything, the teachers are happy to meet with you. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

TEAR FUND

Jireh students sponsor a child, Benimana. Our mufti days and various other fundraisers are used during the year to support him. We need a caring parent to oversee this wonderful ministry – to make sure that Benimana receives the cards, notes and letters the students make for him and to liaise with Tear Fund on occasion. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this little task that is such a blessing.

PAID

GARDENER/GROUNDS

PERSON

We are looking for a garden service to help us look after the school grounds. It is expected to cover 3 hours a fortnight (outside of school hours due to noisy machinery) to mow the lawns and keep the gardens tidy. The 'Gardener Extraordinaire' will need to have their own equipment.

Please contact the office for more information or if you are interested in filling this role.