

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



17 June 2020 Important Dates

Fire Drill during the week	22 to 26 June
Year 7 Immunisations	Thursday 25 June
Puberty Plus Parents' Evening	Monday 29 June
Kereru, Tui & Piwakawaka "The Great Teddy Bear Escape"	Wednesday 1 July
Wai—Chess Ika & Tiwai—Chess	Thursday 2 July
MUFTI DAY Reports Issued Tiwai-Puberty Plus Programme End of Term 2	Friday 3 July
Term Three	Monday 20 July
House Winner's T2 Pizza Lunch	Tuesday 21 July
Parent / Teacher Interviews SCHOOL CLOSES EARLY	Thursday 23 July
Tiwai—Clip 'n Climb (Weekly until 11 September)	Friday 24 July
Parent Meeting	Monday 3 August
Manu & Wai "MONARCH" Visit	Tuesday 11 August
OPEN DAY	Wednesday 12 August

Dear Parents

We are having some changes in staff over the next two terms.

We are saying au revoir to Danielle Mitchell who together with her husband are moving to Sweden for a year. This exciting opportunity has come up and is too good to be missed. Mrs Mitchell will be teaching at a school in Sweden using her talents in the arts. We will keep in touch and are keen to start up a student dialogue between our two schools. We will miss Mrs Mitchell as a New Entrant teacher and all the wonderful opportunities she has given students across the school to use and develop their skills in the area of visual art. Her touch will be with us through a lovely tapestry she completed with students.



This will be hung in the library.

Debra Wood, who is known to some of you already as a former Immanuel teacher and reliever at Jireh Christian School, will be taking up the position of

New Entrant teacher together

with Mrs Duxfield. Mrs Wood is an experienced Junior teacher who studied at Bethlehem Institute. She brings with her twenty nine years of teaching experience. Debra is married to Kevin and they have two beautiful golden retrievers. We know that our 5 year olds will be in good hands with these two experienced teachers.

Naomi Stephenson is leaving us for a year to have her first baby. We are very excited about this happy news and know that taking a year out to be with her baby will be a tremendous blessing for her family. Mrs Stephenson has not only been a caring and capable classroom teacher, she has also been our chicken teacher, affording the students the opportunity to see chicks hatching live and to enjoy watching them grow and collecting and eating their eggs. It is with great delight that I can inform you

that Miriam Shilston is returning to JCS to fulfil the role of a year 1 and 2 teacher in Piwakawaka Class.

Miriam was part of our staff in Term 4 2018 as a New Entrant teacher. She then left to do mission work in Madagascar. Miriam has returned from the mission field and is currently a teacher at an early childhood centre. Ms Shilston studied to be a teacher at Bethlehem Institute. She comes from a large Christian family and has experience in teaching a range of primary years.

Due to growth in the Junior years, a new New Entrant class will be opened in term 3.



This class will be part of the Manu Learning Area under the able leadership of Mrs Duxfield and Mrs Stephenson. The room will be called Tui Class and be next to Kereru Class.

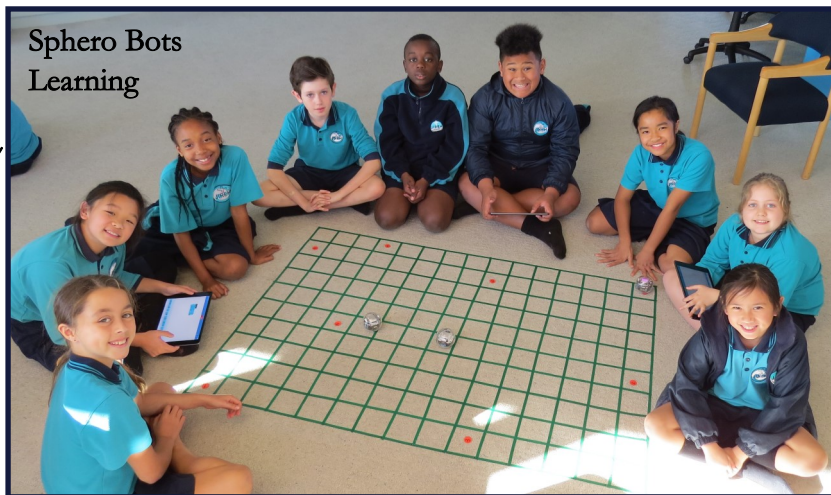


Johannah Prasad is joining our teaching team to teach these new students. Ms

Prasad studied to be a teacher at Bethlehem Institute and has experience teaching over a range of primary years, including being a learning needs support co-ordinator. She has a passion for the performing arts and believes she has been called to teach to set up the next generation for success, drawing out the giftings that God has given each child. She endeavours to be a role model, encouraging young people to have a strong relationship with God. Ms Prasad is currently teaching at Balclutha Primary.

We are looking to employ a full time receptionist to take up office from the start of term 3. Once the appointment has been made, I will introduce this important new member of the team.

Yours in His service,
Sandra Bosman



Chess

We are privileged to offer a 10-week chess coaching programme at school from Term 3 running on **Tuesdays** from **12:30 - 1:15 pm**. Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

To register or find out more information visit www.chesspower.co.nz and click on Parents Centre.

Art

On site classes have now resumed. These are held on Fridays from 3-4.30pm. To register for Term 3 or find out more information contact Maggie on 02102656809/maggiezzk@gmail.com.

Young Engineers

Enrolments are open for Term 3, LEGO classes held on site on Tuesdays from 3-4.15pm. To register or find out more visit www.akl.youngengineers.co.nz or email Auckland@youngengineers.co.nz or call 022 1955733 / 09 390 9494

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure you advise the office of ANY changes to your contact details (address, cell phone number, email etc.).

It is vital that we have the correct information to enable us to contact you in the event of an emergency.

ICAS ENTRIES NOW DUE



It is time to receive entries for the ICAS exams for 2020. The format and cost of these exams is the same as last year. If you would like your child to enter one or all of the following exams, please email Vicki Morris on vicki.morris@jireh.school.nz with your child's name, class and the name of the exam/s you would like them to sit. They may choose from Digital Technologies, English, Maths, Science and Spelling Bee. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Writing exam is not being offered this year. Each of the ICAS exams will be sat **on-line** and will cost **\$18 each**. Once Rolene has received your payment, she will advise Ms Morris and your child's entry will be submitted. Please note that it is necessary to have a minimum of 3 students entering any one exam.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 3rd July**.

Master Mind Abacus

Improve your child's mental arithmetic abilities—enrolments are open for Term 3. Classes held at school on Wednesdays 3-5pm. To register or find out more visit

www.mastermindabacus.co.nz or email mastermindabacusnz@gmail.com.

Kelvinside Terrace

Good news! Now that we are at Alert Level 1, we will be able to open the gate at Kelvinside Terrace for drop offs and pick ups.

PLEASE do not park in the bend of the road. It is not safe and blocks access for our neighbours. Thank you!

*From God, For God
I Atua, Hoki Atua*



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