

# Aroha Team News

## Term 1 - 2020

Welcome back! We welcome all our new children and their families to Aroha Team. Introducing our Aroha Team Teachers:

- A2 (Yr 0-1) - Mrs Kathleen Christensen (Monday & Tuesday)  
- Mrs Penelope Smith (Wednesday-Friday)
- A3 (Yr 1) – Mrs Francelle Aiken (Monday-Thursday)  
- Mrs Kathleen Christensen (Fridays)
- A4 (Yr 1) - Mrs Karen Burrows
- A5 (Yr 2) – Mrs Catherine Forrest (Monday-Wednesday)  
- Mrs Kylie Salter (Thursday & Friday)
- D1 (Yr 2) – Mrs Emily Gennills



Mrs Bannister will be absent for most of Term 1 to recover from knee surgery. If you have any concerns please contact your classroom teacher first, then Mr Mitchell for unresolved problems.

Our Deeper Learning journey this term is around the concept 'Explore'. We will begin by exploring places we have never been before, like inside our bodies, then onto exploring the unknown like space. Life Education Trust will be visiting with Tim and Harold in the first few weeks helping us to understand how our bodies work.

This Term Cross Country practise will start from week 6 which will be held at school in week 1 of Term 2. Please send running shoes from week 6 onwards! If possible, send them to school each Monday and we will send them home on Friday.

### Our main learning this term is:

- \* Christian Living – Exploring the Bible
- \* Deeper Learning Topic – Explore – Where we have never been
- \* Maths – Number and Measurement (Time)
- \* PE – Team sports + Cross Country
- \* School Value – Respect



## Aroha Notices

### New Assembly Day & Time – Term 1

Aroha team has a new team assembly day and time. Assemblies will now be on **Monday afternoon at 2.20pm in the Library**. Parents are welcome to attend.

### Hats & Water bottles

This term is a Summer/Autumn term which means that it is compulsory for the children to wear school regulation navy hats. These can be purchased from the school office. Please ensure that your child's hat is **named** and that they can see their own name clearly. We also encourage the children to bring **named** water bottles, particularly with the weather becoming warmer the children are encouraged to drink more.

### Reporting information

#### Portfolios & Reporting

This year there is a change to the way portfolio will be formatted; year 0-1 will continue to send home paper student portfolios and year 2 upwards will be in a digital format.

This year we will continue to send home student portfolios and mid and end of year summaries to give a snapshot of student progress.

#### Interviews

We encourage parents to make time to talk with their child's teacher if they should have questions or concerns. Interviews will be conducted on a set school schedule at the end of term 1.

#### Primary Curriculum Afternoons

We will be holding Primary curriculum afternoons each term collectively to help parents understand how we learn at school and ways in which they can help their child at home.

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## Payments

The two options will be online payment and a cash box which is situated over at the office area. If paying by internet **which is preferred**:

Cornerstone Christian School Bank Account:-02-0727-0154852-00

Student Name

Event.

Please ensure if you are using the cash box that the correct money needs to be in a named envelope, with your child's class and the event it is for.

## Spare Clothes

Our Aroha children enjoy running around and can sometimes slip over and get muddy or may soil their clothes. We would appreciate it if you could place some named spare clothes in plastic bag inside your child's bag as we have limited spare clothing at school.

## Late or Absent

Please notify the school office should your child be late or absent:

Ph: 356 7326

Text: 027 315 7764

Email: [absent@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:absent@cornerstone.ac.nz)



## Update Contact Details

Please make sure that your contact details are updated at the school office. This includes all phone numbers and emails, as this makes it easier should we need to contact you.

## School or Team Events

- Farewell Assembly for Dr Ferrar – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February in Gym 2pm, followed by a community BBQ (Week 2)
- Aroha Team Information Afternoon – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm in A5 ( Week 3)
- Life Education Bus– February 7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Cornerstone Gala – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Week 5)
- Teacher/ Parent conferences – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm onwards, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15pm onwards (Week 10)
- School wide Tribe Fun Day – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Last day of Term)

## Reminders

### UNIFORMS

Our uniform policy enables parents to choose whether children wear summer or winter uniform (**not a mixture**). This also includes correct footwear and hair ties. (please see school website; <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/parent-info/uniforms>)

### DROP OFF & PICK UP

Children must be collected from their classroom after school by **parents or a sibling Year 5 or older**. For safety, children are NOT permitted to play on the playground out of school hours unless supervised by their parent.

**\*\* Please collect children by 3.15pm at the latest as often our teachers have meetings that start at 3.30pm. Late pickups: the children will need to be collected from the office.**

**Please note: Our teachers often have meetings before school so classrooms are locked until 8.30am**