

## Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents /Kia ora te whanau/Malo e lelei/Talofa lava/Bula  
Vinaka/Konnichi wa/Kia orana/ Namaste/Welkom/Ni hao

Welcome back to the very first week of Term 1! We would like to especially extend a warm welcome to our new school families.

The school was a hive of activity last week as teachers prepped and tidied and laminated and organised and prayed for all the students coming in this week.

We trust that you have all had an excellent holiday and that your children were 'chomping at the bit' ready to come back to school. Talking to a few parents this week who have popped into the office, I fully know that there were a few cheers and celebratory coffees at 9.15am Monday!

We trust that you have caught up with the news that our school principal, Dr Peter Ferrar, resigned at the end of 2019. Peter initially took leave of absence from school to work through some personal issues. During this break Peter felt that it was time to move on to new ventures. At this stage Peter, Jo, and their family intend to remain living in Palmerston North and their two boys will continue to attend Cornerstone Christian School. We pray God's richest blessings on Peter as he moves onto new ventures. So that we can recognise the significant leadership Peter has provided to Cornerstone over the past seven years, we have planned three farewell events coming up over the next few weeks:

- **Whole School Assembly:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the gymnasium. All welcome.
- **Community Barbecue:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm behind the admin block. Please bring a picnic blanket and food. We will be putting on a free sausage sizzle. This will be an informal event where our school community can meet and chat with Peter and other school staff.
- **School Staff Event:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the staffroom.

The Board of Trustees have already begun the process of looking for a new Principal. Please understand that this is a process not to be rushed, and it is highly likely that the new principal will not be appointed until Term 3, 2020. In the meantime, I am honored to be entrusted with the ongoing leadership of Cornerstone Christian School as Acting Principal. I will do my utmost to ensure that the school remains steady and stable and operating with excellence.

On that note, I look forward to sharing with our school community our 2019 academic performance in NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. Suffice to say that I am rapt with the achievement of our school. We had a top academic year and all credit goes to our Teachers, Teacher Aides and Support Staff for the incredible way they have worked together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our Cornerstone Students.

We have had a few changes and developments over the holidays, both with property and with staffing.



We are excited to open L-block for our Year 7 and 8 (Whakapono) Team. Can I challenge each of you to go and take a look. The Cornerstone Proprietor, Mrs Tarryn Rose (Whakapono Team Leader) and our Executive Officer Mrs Angela Richards have once again gone above and beyond with the developments in L-block.

We would like to warmly welcome to our staff: Mrs Nicolene Marx, Mr David Papworth and Mr Nate Sextus in Year 7 and 8. Great to have you all on board and congratulations to Mr David Papworth who has just got engaged. We would also like to welcome Mrs Jae Lee (who has just got married – congratulations). Jae will be teaching in C1 (Year 5). Welcome also to Mrs Bridget Fordyce who will be co-teaching with Mrs Jane Sutherland in D3, Laura Siegel (Aroha Teacher Aide and ORS teacher), Miss Roseanna Thompson (Teacher Aide) and Mrs Janet Dore-Wright (Teacher Aide).

In the primary area, the big shift at the end of Term 4, 2019 has now meant that we have Aroha Team (Year 1-2) located in A Block. Manahau Team (Year 3-4) located in D block and Tumanako Team (Year 5-6) located in C block. The only anomaly is our awesome Year 2 class taught by Mrs Emily Gennills, who has moved just around the corner into room D1. The Proprietor and our Executive Officer did a fantastic job ensuring that many of the classrooms had new carpet and, in some cases, new paintwork, so it all looks clean and ready to go for the new year. We are also looking to install some new playground equipment behind A block and Waiata, so watch this space!

As you will have seen in the media, there has been a lot of discussion around the ‘coronavirus’ outbreak that originated in Wuhan province in China. We understand that this is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear. However, we have been informed that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms.

Can we please reiterate that the health of all Cornerstone Students and Staff is a priority. We are following the advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and will err on the side of caution. We do however need your help:

- As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school. We urge parents to contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or their GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages.
- If you, your child/ren or any close friend/family member (that you have been in close contact with) have been to China in the last 2 weeks, please let me know [chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz). This information will be kept confidential and we will work with you through this process.

For more information on the Coronavirus, please see <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>.

Please also be aware that we will shortly be consulting with our parent community around a draft enrolment scheme that we are looking to put in place. As many parents know, we have been asking the Ministry of Education for a roll cap increase to a maximum roll of 730. The Ministry has indicated for this request to be considered, we need to develop an enrolment scheme to help the school manage the high number of enrolments it is receiving. Please can you take the time to read the blurb about this scheme later in this newsletter and, if possible, attend the consultation meeting.

Have a blessed year.

Chris Mitchell

## Enrolment Scheme

Cornerstone is a state-integrated school operating under a maximum roll of 580 students (which is the maximum number of students the Ministry of Education will allow us to enrol).

During the past 2-3 years we have had many more enrolment applications than we have spaces to offer to students, and this has seen our waiting list grow. We have applied to the Ministry of Education to increase our maximum roll to 730. At present, the application has been put on hold and it will be reconsidered after we implement an enrolment scheme.

An enrolment scheme is the Ministry of Education's way of helping schools to manage their roll when they have more applications for enrolment than they have spaces available. Many state schools operate under an enrolment scheme, and the Ministry of Education is now also supportive of our implementing a scheme.

There are a number of principles that need to guide schools as they develop an enrolment scheme. We would like to give our school community – parents of children currently enrolled or interested in enrolling, and older students an opportunity to learn more about the principles which guide enrolment schemes and to see our draft scheme and give us feedback on the draft.

For this purpose, we are holding a community consultation meeting at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting will be held here at school with the exact location decided once we receive RSVPs from the school community. Please RSVP by email to [sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz) or txt 027 604 0064 no later than Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February if you plan to come along.

The meeting will be of particular interest to you if you have children who are yet to be offered a place at Cornerstone (i.e. parents who have children on the waiting list or who have yet to fill in an enrolment form for their child).

Following the meeting, copies of the draft scheme and a feedback form will be available at reception. We ask that the feedback forms be returned to the school office or scanned/emailed to [sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:sandra@cornerstone.ac.nz) no later than Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.



D2's 'Introduction to Computers' with Mr Jorgensen

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## School App

The School App allows parents to have instant access to important school information like the school calendar, student absences, sports information, school newsletter and so on.

The App also provides instant alerts for parents e.g. the delayed arrival time of a school trip or sports practise cancellations.

At the start of 2020, can we please remind parents that it is important that they ensure they have phone notifications for the School App turned on and that they are subscribed to the correct Alert Groups.

To set up the correct Alerts for 2020, please click on the ☰ symbol at the top left of the phone screen and then click Alert Subscriptions (see below).

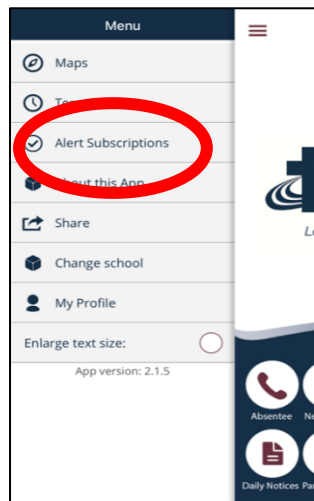


You can then subscribe to Alert Groups like your child's 2020 classroom or your child's sports teams and so on.

Choosing specific alert groups will ensure that you only receive alerts that are important to you and your family.

If you haven't done so already, to get the Cornerstone School App on your phone, search 'School Apps NZ' on your phone's App store (both Apple App Store and Android's Google Play Store) and download the App to your device. Once downloaded, search for Cornerstone Christian School and follow the setup instructions on your phone's screen.

If you have any queries regarding the School App please contact Chris Mitchell, Acting Principal [chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz).



## Wanted

### Rental

One of our new families are looking for a home to rent. If you know of any available rental properties in the Palmerston North/Feilding areas, please can you phone Beth Cunningham on 021 232 6817. Thank you.

### Business Studies Project

We are a business studies group and are looking for old rimu furniture for a free or low price. Ultimately, we would prefer around 3cm thick pieces that we can recycle into a product we are selling as part of our business studies project. if you have or know of anyone interested please contact [liamw@student.cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:liamw@student.cornerstone.ac.nz) or [liams@student.cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:liams@student.cornerstone.ac.nz). This would be greatly appreciated thank you.

## School Information

### Office Hours

Cornerstone Christian School office hours are from 8.30am-3.30pm. If you need to make contact outside these hours please phone and leave a message on 356 7326 or email [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz). Thank you.

### Uniform Shop Hours

Uniform Shop hours are from 1.45pm-3.15pm. Uniform can be ordered via email: [ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz) and paid for and collected the following day.

### School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is delivered in digital format via email. The school newsletter is also available on our website and via the School App. If you do not have an email address, you are welcome to collect a hard copy from reception. If you are not receiving our school newsletter via email, please send your email address to Jean at [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz).

### Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact Ilona Shewell our Student Office Administrator before 10.30am by either **telephone 356 7326 or txt 027 315 7764, or email [absent@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:absent@cornerstone.ac.nz) and please state your child's full name and classroom.** Thank you.

### Payments for School Trips/Bus Trips

Please can students and parents use the **BLUE BOX** at our student reception to pay for any school trips, bus trips, etc when paying cash (correct cash needed). Please write your child's name, class and what the payment is for on an envelope or zip lock bag and place the money in an envelope or bag and pop it in the **BLUE BOX**. The box will be cleared daily. We would prefer for payments of school trips, camps, sports fees, etc to be made online to Cornerstone Christian School 02 0727 0154852 00. Alternatively, eftpos is available if you would rather pop into the office. Thank you.

### Attendance Dues

Cornerstone Christian School does not charge a School Donation, but parents are required to pay attendance dues, which covers the use of the land and the buildings. This is to be paid to the Cornerstone Proprietors direct (owners of the land and buildings). Brian Gray will be sending out invoices during Term 1 for this. If you have any queries regarding attendance dues, please contact him direct at [accounts@ccet.ac.nz](mailto:accounts@ccet.ac.nz) or phone 021 024 02454.

### EPIC Music Lessons

EPIC Music Lessons are kicking off for the year. If you would like to register your child to learn an instrument at school, check out our Facebook page [fb.com/epicmusic.pn](https://fb.com/epicmusic.pn). Lessons are \$14.00 per week and spaces are limited. For further information please contact Alistair on 021 169 9559 or email: [alistair@epicma.nz](mailto:alistair@epicma.nz)

### Itinerant Music Teachers

We have access to itinerant music teachers who are available to give students music lessons. If you are interested, please contact the below:

Sara - Vocal: 021 083 43723, Craig - Guitar: 027 772 2877, Robyn - Piano: 021 046 3105

## Sports Notices

# TERM ONE SUMMER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> - in the Gym Foyer  
2.30-3.45pm

All sports fees must be paid to the school office BEFORE your child plays in the first game of the season

You are encouraged to email [Jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:Jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) to register your child's interest BEFORE registration – this means you do not need to come to registration

If you have any questions, feel free to come into the gym office to talk to Jannell or alternatively email on the above address

**Please note:** For further details about school sports, please go to our school website [www.cornerstone.ac.nz](http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz) and go to our Sports Page.

### Sports Uniform

A new school sports uniform is coming soon. We hope to have these available to purchase from the school uniform shop from Term 2. Watch this space for further information.



Level 1 & 2 Sports Studies

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## Gala 2020

Our annual gala is coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, which is only 1 month away! Preparation for the gala is going well, but more help is always welcome.

If you are able to help on the day and have not yet been contacted, please phone Josh on 027 267 2925.

Start getting your garage sale and clothing items ready for drop off at the school the week before the gala. We will also have our bake sale and it would be awesome if each family could contribute in some way to this.

More details to come next week, but please save the date and spread the word.

The gala is going to be a great fun day out for the whole family!

*Gala Committee*



The new L Block Classrooms  
(Year 7 & 8)



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## Life Education Truck

Hi from Tim and Harold from Life Education Manawatu!

We are so excited to be coming back to Cornerstone Christian School and seeing all our friends again.

We can't wait to see you all today, and are so looking forward to sharing in the students learning around 'What's inside our bodies' with the Year 1-2s, 'What makes us unique and special' with the Year 3-4s, and 'Is it okay to be different' with the Year 5-6s.

Life Education is a charitable trust that receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we have the following items for sale until February 17th:



Harold Flag Pens: \$1  
Small Soft Toy Harold's: \$7  
Harold Drink Bottles: \$10  
Large Soft Toy Harold's: \$20

These can be purchased from me at any time (cash only please).

Take care everyone, have a brilliant rest of the day, and we'll see you on Friday!

Love from Tim and Harold.



A3 – Bingo!

### Key Dates:

**Monday 10 February 9:00-9:30am**

*Whole School Assembly – School Leaders introduced*

**Thursday 13 February 4:00-5:00pm**

*Central Elite Sports Meeting*

**Friday 14 February 2:00-2:50pm**

*Combined School Assembly to Farewell Dr Peter Ferrar in the School Gymnasium*

**Friday 14 February 5:00-8:00pm**

*Community BBQ – Meet the teachers and farewell for Dr Peter Ferrar*

**Tuesday 18 February 3:30-5:00pm**

*Aroha team parent info afternoon in Room A5*

**Friday 21 February 9:00am-3:00pm**

*Swimming Sports (Year 7-13) Makino Pools, Feilding*

**Thursday 27 February 7:00-8:00pm**

*Enrolment Scheme Parent Consultation*

**Saturday 7 March 10am-2pm**

*School Gala*

### Term Dates for 2020

*Term 1: 3 February-9<sup>th</sup> April*

*Term 2: 28 April-3 July*

*Term 3: 20 July-25 September*

*Term 4: 12 October-11 December*

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## Community Notices

### ManaFit 8 Week Netball Fitness Program

Available for Intermediate and Secondary students Wednesdays 4pm at Palmy Powerhouse. \$40 each. Register at [www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/115482](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/115482).

# KIDS TRIATHLON



### HOW TO ENTER:

Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 7th February 2020, enter online at [triclub.co.nz](http://triclub.co.nz)  
Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

**Course Distances:** 4-6 years 300m run / 600m cycle / 1 length swim in teaching pool  
7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim  
8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim  
10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim

**Event Location:** Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool, Palmerston North.



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