

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,

As promised in the first newsletter of the year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate with our wider school family our academic results for the 2019 school year.

Year 1-6: Figure 1 (right) indicates that we have above 80% of our year 1 to 6 students working at or beyond New Zealand Curriculum expectations in Reading (83%) and Writing (81%). 77% of students in year 1 to 6 are working at or beyond expectations in Mathematics.

Figure 1: Year 1 to 6 Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Percentage of students Working 'At' or 'Beyond' Curriculum Expectations

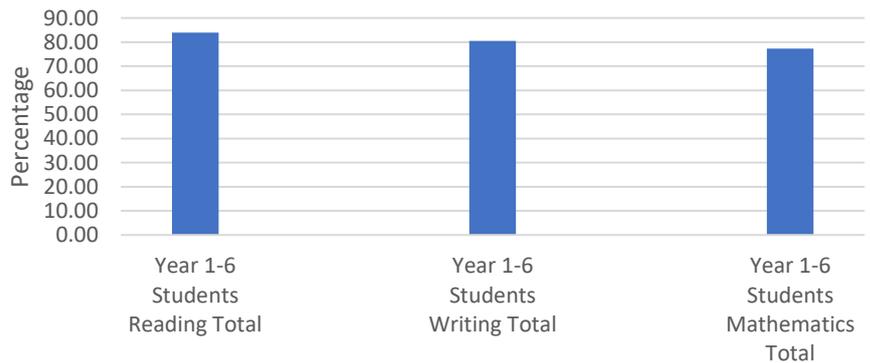
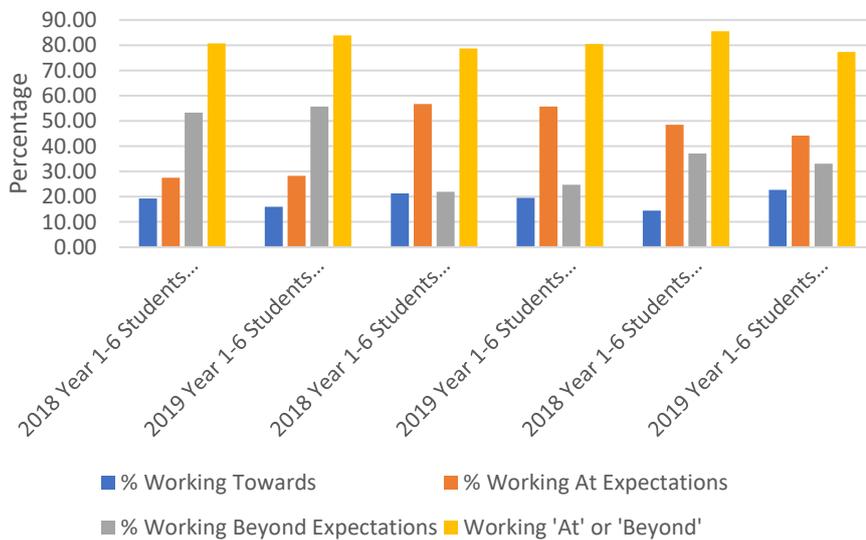


Figure 2: Comparison of 2018 and 2019 Reading, Writing and Mathematics Data



In Figure 2 (left), the year 1 to 6 data for Reading, Writing and Maths in 2018 has been compared with our 2019 results. It was good to see significant improvements in our Reading and Writing achievement. As you can also see, there was a drop in our mathematics results between 2018 (85%) and 2019 (77%). We are unsure why this has happened, especially since mathematics was a core area of Professional Development focus in 2019. Maybe our teachers have got better at recognising what the requirements for mathematics looked like at each year level.

Years 7-10: In year 7 and 8, 78% of year 7 students and 79% of year 8 students are working at or above target numeracy expectations, whilst 85% of year 7 students and 79% of year 8 students are working at or above target literacy expectations. In year 9 and 10, 86% of year 9 students and 87% of year 10 students are working at or above target numeracy expectations, whilst 82% of year 9 students and 83% of year 10 students are working at or above target literacy expectations.

Year 11-13: The NZQA data below is based on total roll numbers in a year level. All students are counted in the statistics regardless of whether they are entered and eligible for the qualification. Almost everyone who was enrolled and eligible for NCEA at the respective levels (1, 2 or 3) in 2019 gained their qualification. This is an outstanding achievement. For the most part, the proportion of each year level below who did not get their qualification also represents the proportion of students on alternate pathway courses, or in the case of Year 13, the proportion of students who left school for employment etc before completing Level 3. That said, the graphs below show that we are well above the national and decile averages once again in 2019.

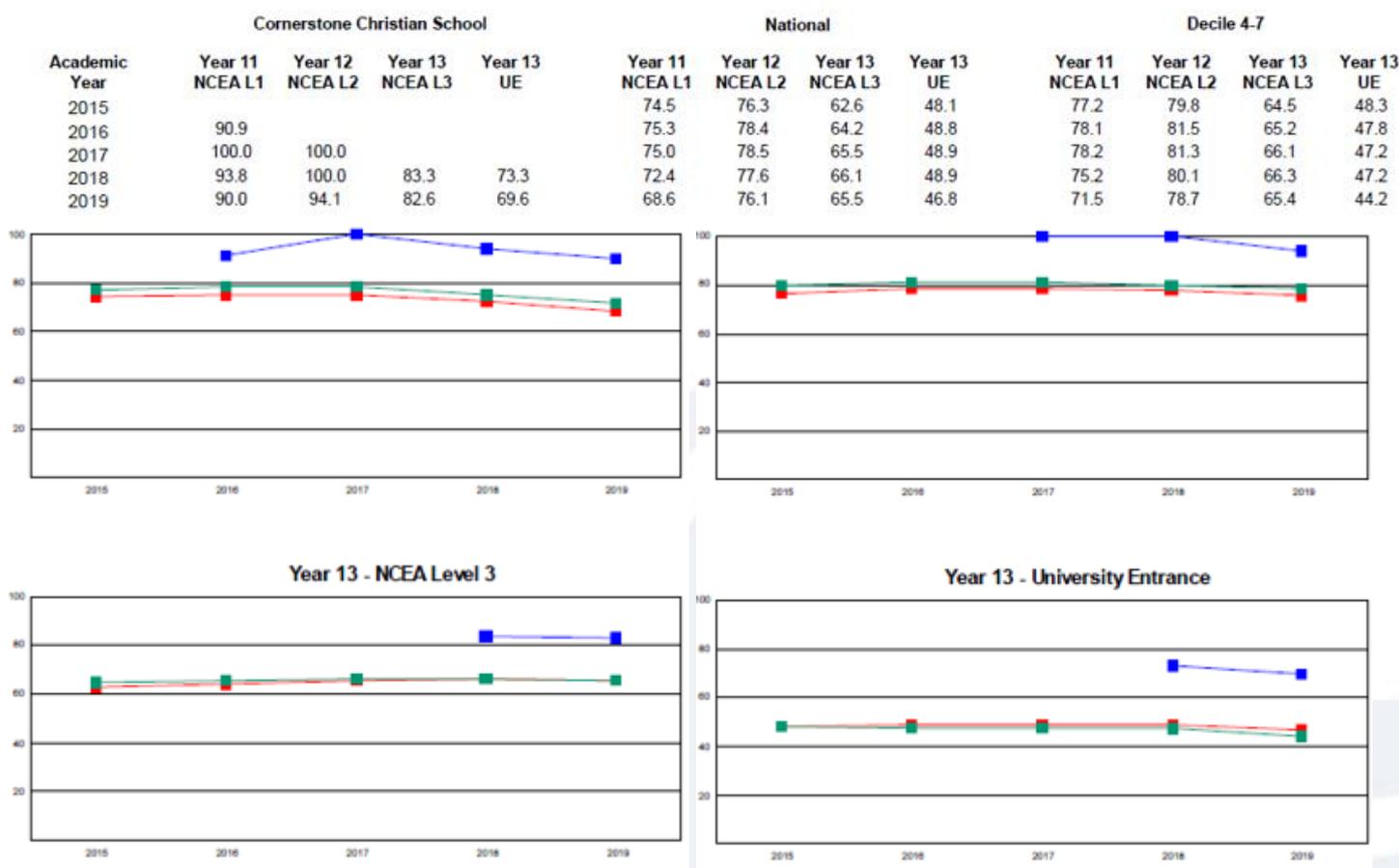
Key: The blue line tracks our Cornerstone achievement over the past few years, compared to the red line which tracks National New Zealand NCEA achievement. The green line is the school decile average.

Figure 3 – NCEA Results 2019

Achievement in NCEA and UE: Cornerstone Christian School

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PR2 - Enrolment Based Cumulative Overall Results



These are outstanding results. A huge round of applause must go to our outstanding students and our teachers and support staff who have enabled this excellent school performance.

While our Cornerstone students' academic success is fantastic, and we love to celebrate it, it is important to remember that it is not the most important thing at our school. The most important thing at our school is 'character' and in particular 'Christian Character'. Similarly, as a Christian teacher here at Cornerstone, I have come to realise that the most important thing I do as a teacher is 'Discipleship'. Discipleship is simply learning to live the way that God wants us to live and I love being part of that process in our students' lives.

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One of the best things about our school, is that we get to spend part of every day with God through devotions, reading the bible, praying, singing praise and worship and learning about God's plan for our lives.

Have a great week and God bless!

Chris Mitchell
Acting Principal



School Notices

Paid Union Meeting – Secondary School Teachers (Year 7-13)

On Friday the 28th of February the Secondary School (Year 7-13) will finish at the earlier time of 1.00pm due to a PPTA Union Meeting. If you cannot collect your child/ren at the earlier time of 1.00pm, please email office@cornerstone.ac.nz. Please note that as the Primary Teachers belong to a separate Union (NZEI) the primary classes (Year 1-6) will not be affected. The Ashhurst and Feilding buses will operate at the normal time due to Primary Students remaining at school through to 3.00pm. Apologies for the inconvenience caused.

Draft Enrolment Scheme - Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting regarding our draft enrolment scheme will be held at school at 7pm on Thursday 27th February. The scheme is being developed by Cornerstone Christian School (with the support of the Ministry of Education) to help the school manage the high number of enrolments it is receiving. The draft scheme will be introduced at this meeting and members of our community will be invited to provide feedback to the Board of Trustees before a final version is forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

If you plan to come along to the meeting please RSVP to the Principal's PA (email sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz or txt 027 604 0064) so that we can choose a suitable room based on the expected numbers.

Following the meeting, copies of the draft scheme will be available from reception together with a feedback form. Please return the feedback form to the school office or scan/email it to sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz no later than Monday 9th March.

Teacher Only Day (Year 1-6)

The Primary (Year 1-6) part of Cornerstone Christian School will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 27th of March. School will be closed for instruction for all **Year 1 to 6** students on this day to allow the Primary Teachers to attend a day of Professional Development being provided by Core Education. The school will remain open for all Year 7 to 13 students and the Ashhurst and Feilding buses will operate at the normal times.

Mystery Bottle Mufti Day

Please bring a bottle along in place of a gold coin to support the Cornerstone Gala for Mufti Day on Friday 28 February.

What is a Mystery Bottle? A Mystery Bottle is anything in a bottle (as long as it is new and unopened). Be as creative as you like. This will then be wrapped and sold at the School Gala.

School Notices Cont'd

(No alcoholic bottles please).

Some ideas:

- *Olive oil
- *Shampoo/Conditioner
- *Chocolate sauce
- *Scented oil Diffusers
- *An empty bottle with a voucher or a service for a Business.



Uniform Shop Hours: 1.45pm-3.15pm

Office Hours: 8.30am-3.30pm

Counselling Support

Our Guidance Counsellor, Delwyn Crowther, is available for appointments with students and/or families and can be contacted by email or phone should you want to utilize this specialist service.

Delwyn is excited to have Brenda Fredrickson working alongside her on Thursdays this year. Brenda is a 3rd year counsellor trainee.

Brenda is a single mum, taking an extended journey towards a degree in Counselling at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute. She is fulfilling a long-term desire to work with people in a meaningful way, recognising from her own journey, that there is hope after pain.

She is a student member of the New Zealand Christian Counsellors Association (NZCCA). Maintaining safe practices through the guidance of the NZCCA and New Zealand Association of Counsellors (NZAC) Ethical Code of Practice.

Brenda's main focus will be working with students from the secondary school (Years 7-13) and will seek permission from parents if she is going to be working with students from year 6 or younger.

We welcome Brenda to the Guidance and Counselling Team at Cornerstone for 2020.

Dr Peter Ferrar's Farewell

Last Friday we held a farewell whole school assembly for Dr Peter Ferrar. We celebrated the past 7 years that Peter has led our school as Principal and thanked him for his service at Cornerstone.



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Class Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award.

Week 3

- A2 Vikram Pandey
- A3 Nicola Venter
- A4 Jason Tokode and Rohi Shumba
- A5 James Anderson and Charlie Wrenn
- D1 Logan De Beer and Lakita Lowe
- D2 Ella Ballantyne and Logan Wucherpfennig
- D3 Andrew Irvine and Scarlett Woods
- D5 Trey Dore-Wright and Riley Bloye
- D6 Phoebe Kim and Caleb Henderson



Sports Notices

New PE Uniform

Over the last year we have been exploring options for a new PE and Sports uniform for Year 7 – 10 students for a number of reasons:

- The previous uniform has been discontinued.
- We wanted a product that was quality and going to last well enough to be passed on through families or on-sold, without losing the quality of garment.
- We wanted a uniform that could be used for both PE and extra-curricular sport, that would allow us to be represented well on the sports field and encourage students to participate in extra-curricular sport.
- We wanted a garment that all students would be comfortable in and proud to wear during their PE lessons and on the sports field.

A group of senior students and teachers have worked together to come up with a design that represents the school as can be seen below. Due to the higher quality of garment, there is a price difference between the old PE uniform and new. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.



Sports Notices Cont'd

Weetbix Triathlon

This year we are going to do the Weetbix Triathlon as a school group. We will need parents support with this (particularly the younger students). An email will come out at the beginning of next month for those interested in participating. At present there are 15 students attending.

Entries are open for the **Palmerston North Weet-Bix Kids Triathlon on 18 March 2020 at Ongley Park.**

Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **Cornerstone** when prompted. By linking to our school group, it will give us the chance to win some cool prizes. Cost: \$45 at present.

To enter the Triathlon visit tryathlon.co.nz. If you have any school or school group related questions please contact **Craig McDonald** on craig@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Golf

Golf for Years 7 and up at Palmerston North Golf Course Saturday afternoons during Terms 1-4. "Junior Golf Club Day" 1:30pm tee start for 18 holes and 2:30pm onwards for beginners to play up to 9 holes. Play alongside other students from PNBHS, Feilding Agricultural High School, Awatapu, PNGHS and various intermediates. Cost: \$45* for an annual junior golf course membership *if supporting Junior Golf on Saturdays. Run by CCS parent's Kelly and Cherie Southall. Contact kelly_cherie@hotmail.com if interested, some equipment can be provided depending on numbers interested.

ALSO – the Secondary interschool Golf Champs will be held on April 2nd. We are looking for one more golf player to fill a spot on our CCS golf team. Is that YOU? Contact Jannell for further information.

Gala 2020

Baking for the Gala

A reminder that drop off days for baking are **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March** to the classroom next to the gym please. All baking welcome, eg muffins, cake, slice, etc. We will not be providing plastic bags for baking this year, as we are trying to be environmentally conscious.

If you would prefer to make sweets eg fudge, coconut ice, gingerbread men, sherbet, etc, please let Eloise know nickandeloise@gmail.com or 027 5378144.

Please ensure your baking is in sealed packaging and has a label with a list of ingredients in it. We also welcome baking that is allergy friendly.

Thank you.

Cornerstone Fundraising Group



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Gala 2020

GALA 2020



We are excited to be organising this great event and would like to say THANK YOU to all our volunteers so far. The CFG will now be running an **ANNUAL** Gala so we can focus on one big event that collects outside funding instead of constantly asking our school community for monetary donations via lots of smaller fundraisers. The previous Galas were focussed on raising funds for the turf, and our target has been met. Our new big target is a **new playground!**

With such a big school community we have an amazing amount of people to help us run a fantastic gala event and we are excited about having your involvement with this.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

ON THE DAY VOLUNTEERS: We are still in need, so if you haven't been contacted, but you are available to help from 12noon to 2.00pm, we desperately need to hear from you. Please email: gala@cornerstone.ac.nz and let us know, so we can put you down for a job.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SALE

BOOK SALE: Books in good 2nd hand condition, no broken spines or ripped pages please.

FABRIC SALE: If you have a pile of fabric sitting in the dark waiting to be used but haven't got around to making something with it then consider donating it to our gala for our fabric stall. A fabric de-stash for a cause! And on gala day you can have a rummage at the fabric stall and find other fabric to collect. 😊

CLOTHING SALE: Good condition and clean clothing items are needed. Nothing with holes, rips, or unwashed please. Also, any spare coat hangers are greatly appreciated!

GARAGE SALE: Items for the garage sale can be almost anything i.e. toys, games, crockery, etc. **Things we cannot take are large items like furniture or electronic items like TV's, or old computers. Please no broken items.**

These can be dropped off at school the week of Gala – details about drop off point will come out next week.

For all Gala queries, please contact the Cornerstone Fundraising Committee on email: gala@cornerstone.ac.nz.

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Community Notices

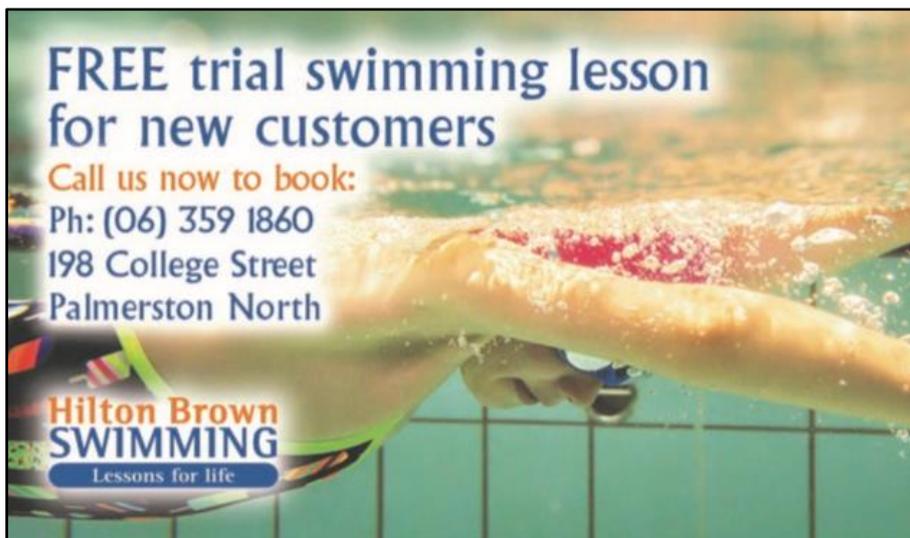
Girls' Brigade

Looking for a fun and affordable activity for your daughter? Then come along and give Girls' Brigade a go. Summer programmes starting now.

We have companies in:

Milson (Thursday, 4.30-6pm) - Joanne Ph: 355-3124

Highbury/Taaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974



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School Leaders

Some of which are pictured wearing our school blazer. Please note school blazers can be worn by Year 11-13 students.

Key Dates:

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

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

Friday 21 February 3:30pm

Futsal

Friday 24 February 3:30pm-5:00pm

*NCEA Music Performance
Opportunity 1*

Thursday 27 February 7:00-8:00pm

*Enrolment Scheme Parent
Consultation*

Friday 28 February

MUFTI DAY

Mystery Bottle Donation

Friday 28 February

*Secondary Teacher Paid Union
Meeting*

(Year 7-13 School Finishes at 1pm)

Mon 2 March-Thurs 5 March

Tumanako Camp

Thursday 5 March – Friday 6 March

Drop off Baking to Gym Classroom

Saturday 7 March 10am-2pm

School Gala

Tuesday 10 March 10:50am

Lockdown Drill

Friday 27 March

Teacher Only Day (Year 1-6)

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: 3 February - 9th April

Term 2: 28 April-3 July

Term 3: 20 July-25 September

Term 4: 12 October-11 December

What I like about Cornerstone Christian School – Mr Gareth Bell

The parents' prayer group. A small group of faithful, passionate parents, meeting weekly to uphold us in prayer. I believe in the power of prayer and wonder what difference it makes in protecting our school, blessing our teachers, and growing our students. Thank you, faithful parents, and thank you Jesus. For further information about our parents' prayer group, please phone Corrie: 022 435 103.



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