

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,

Thanks for the great parent turnout last Friday at the Year 7 to 13 Swimming Sports at the Makino Pool in Feilding. This is one of the things I love the most about Cornerstone Christian School – the close connection that we have between School and Home. It was great to see so many Mums and Dads taking time out to encourage their child/ren (and others) in their events in the pool. We had a fantastic fun-filled day, full of friendly swimming competition and a few crazy water-related tribe events, dreamed up by Mr Craig McDonald – the organiser extraordinaire!



Congratulations to the Issachar tribe who once again took out first place in the competition. For the first time in at least five years of competition, the teachers and parents relay team won the 25m Freestyle relay. I'm not sure about Mr Doody's dive style (pictured left) though!

Senior students have now set their sights on the Athletics competition coming up on Wednesday 11th March and are practising hard in a range of different athletics disciplines.

Once again, we would like to extend an invite to all parents to attend this event at the Massey Athletics track starting at around 9.15am. The day before this event (10th March) our Aroha Team students will be taking part in our annual Tribe T-Ball competition held here at school, starting at 11.30am. As with the Athletics event, this junior competition counts towards the overall tribe shield for the year.

This week I spent some time wandering around L-Block, our newest block of classes in the school. While we have had some teething issues around the curved L-block barn roof acting as a bit of a sound reflector and creating difficulties with noise level in the classes, it was good to see all of the students beginning to settle into good learning routines. The board of proprietors are looking to install a range of sound dampening measures in this block over the next few weeks.



This year we have three new teachers in the Whakapono (Year 7 and 8) team: Mrs Nicolene Marx, Mr David Papworth and Mr Nate Sextus. We are privileged to have these three high calibre teachers join our team of staff in 2020.



Mrs Nicolene Marx



Mr Nate Sextus



Mr David Papworth

Next week we are looking forward to the Year 6 Camp at Rangi Woods in the Pohangina Valley. I will be attending this camp from Monday through to Wednesday and our Secondary DP, Mr James Rose will be Acting Principal in my place for those three days.

IMPORTANT - Early finish at 1pm on Friday 28th February – now for the Whole School

We recently learned of the sad news that the husband of one our Cornerstone teachers, Mrs Bridget Fordyce, passed away suddenly. The funeral is at 1.00pm this coming Friday 28th February and a good number of our Cornerstone staff will be in attendance. As a result, regular teaching classes for Year 1-6 will finish at 12.50pm.

As per earlier correspondence, on the same day, (Friday 28th February) the PPTA has called a Paid Union Meeting for secondary teaching staff. All Year 7-13 students will finish at the earlier time of 1.00pm that day.

Where possible, please make alternative arrangements for your child/ren regarding their transport home. Where parents are unable to make arrangements, supervision will be provided at school until 3.10pm.

If you wish your child to be supervised during this time, **please register their name with the office via email office@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone 356-7326 before 3.30pm Thursday 27th March.**

Feilding and Ashhurst bus students will need to remain at school under supervision until the buses arrive as per usual after 3:10pm. As above, if your child is to stay at school and wait for the bus, please let the office know.

Have a fantastic week and God bless.

Chris Mitchell
Acting Principal



School Notices

Draft Enrolment Scheme - Consultation Meeting

A consultation meeting regarding our draft enrolment scheme will be held at school at 7pm tonight (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 are planning 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.

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

The Ministry of Health School Based Immunisation Programmes will again be offered by Public Health in 2020. Parent consent forms have gone home to Year 7 and 8 students for the below immunisation/vaccine. Please return consent forms before Friday 28th February. Even if you do not want your child to have the Immunisation/Vaccination, please fill out the DO NOT CONSENT part of the form.

Year 7 Immunisation: Boostrix – a booster to help protect against infection from tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (pertussis). To be given on 8th May 2020.

Year 8 HPV Vaccination: Human Papillomavirus Vaccine - Dose 1: 8th May 2020, Dose 2: 5th November 2020.

Mystery Bottle Mufti Day

Please bring a bottle along in place of a gold coin to support the Cornerstone Gala for Mufti Day this 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.

(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.



School Notices Cont'd

Student Drop off Collection Times

Students can be dropped off at school from 8.30am in the morning, not before thanks. All students need to be collected from school before 3.15pm. The school office is closed at 3.30pm and often teachers are in a meeting after school. Please notify the school office before 3.15pm if you are running late.

Office & Uniform Shop Hours

Please note that the school office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm and the uniform shop ours are 1.45pm-3.15pm. Please phone the office and leave a message on the school answering machine outside these hours and we will endeavour to return your call.

Appointments During School Hours

There seems to be confusion around student absences or appointments. During the hours of 8.50/9.00am-3.00/3.10pm we are responsible for your child. If a student has an appointment during school hours, we require parental permission for them to leave the school premises to attend this. Please ensure you let the school office know via a note or an email if your child has an appointment. Students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds without prior parental permission.

Student Absences

Please ensure you notify the office if your child is absence from school either by email: absent@cornerstone.ac.nz, txt 027 315 7764 or phone 06 356 7326 Push 1 for absences.

Counselling Support

Delwyn Crowther (Guidance Counsellor) 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 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.

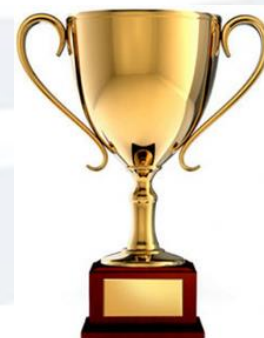


We welcome Brenda to the Guidance and Counselling Team at Cornerstone for 2020.

Class Awards

Week 4

- A3 Ruth Litty & Brooklyn Murcott-Dowers
- A4 Leighton Stephenson and Kaydee Lowe.
- A5 Blake Shewell, Bradley Seymour & Ryder Scott
- D1 Oliver Henderson and Eli Van der Werff
- D2 Brooklyn Allan and Caylee Correa Ceron
- D3 Elijah Meyer and Ethan Nolan
- D5 Matthew Tait and Klarabelle Spies
- D6 Noelle Fauolo and Maximus Thomson



Sports Notices

New PE Uniform

From Term 2 (Tuesday 28 April) we will be introducing our new PE/sports uniform for Year 7-10. This uniform will be used for Physical Education lessons and will also be used as the uniform for those playing in junior school sports teams. To enable this, each shirt will have a unique number that stays with the student for the duration of the time they are at school. If parents wish to pass their child's PE uniform onto other siblings, they can do so, but they will need to inform the school so that we can update the sports uniform register. There is a boys' cut (pictured right) and a girls' cut (pictured below). The shorts come in two designs, unisex or girls. Girls have the choice of wearing the unisex option or the girl's shorts.



Students that have an existing school PE uniform, will not have to purchase a new one, unless they are playing in a junior (Year 7 – 10) school sports team, as uniforms for these teams will no longer be issued. In this instance, they will need to purchase a new top to wear as their uniform for their sports team, although they may continue to wear the existing blue shorts if they have them. The sizing charts will be emailed with this newsletter and will also be sent via the school app. There will also be paper copies available from the school reception.

Can you please measure your child and choose the shirt and shorts as per the sizing chart. If you are unsure, there will be sample sizes available to try on at the uniform shop (student reception). The cost of the shirt will be \$40 and the shorts are \$40. Orders need to be placed by Friday 13th March (Week 6) by emailing ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz or by delivering your child's size chart to Ilona Shewell in the school office with your child's name, classroom and size on it. Payment needs to be made at the time of ordering please. As these shirts are being manufactured specifically for us, there will be a wait time of approximately 6-8 weeks before they will be available to collect.



Contact: office@cornerstone.ac.nz | 06 356 7326 | cornerstone.ac.nz

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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.

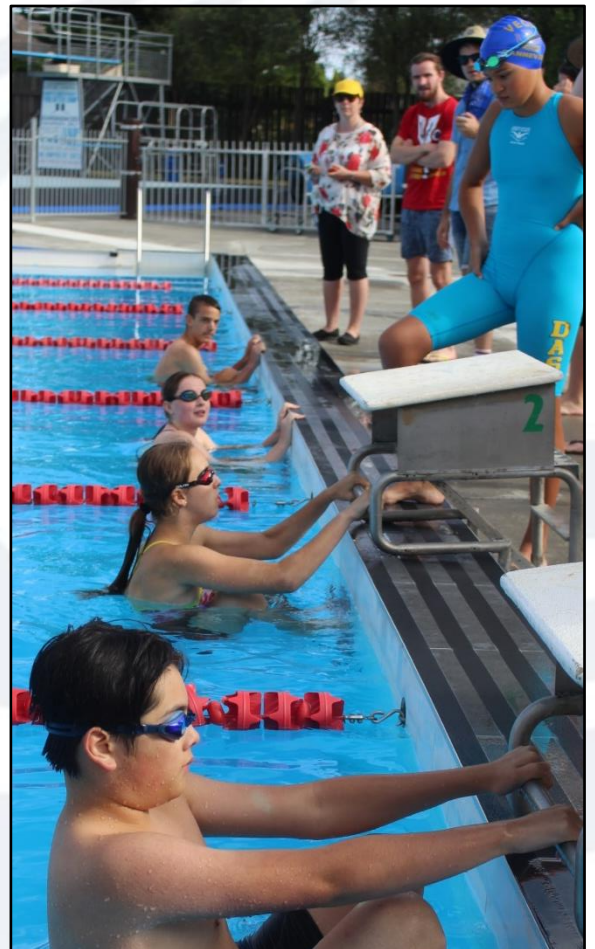
To enter the Triathlon visit tryathlon.co.nz. If you have any school or school group related questions please contact **Craig McDonald** on craig@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Swimming Sports

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at Swimming Sports last Friday. It was a real fun event. Special thanks to the Senior Students and teachers who helped set up and pack down. An extra special thanks to the timekeepers who had to spend most of their time in the sun: Kyallie Grace, Roanne Thatcher, Pip McCracken, Rebecca Jorgensen, Jo Auer, Suseela Batchelor, Steve Fail, Raeleen Simpson and Jannell Eade. We would also like to thank Maia, Sophie and Mrs McCracken for sorting out the BBQ.

Congratulations Issachar for winning, though only by 100 points in the end.

Congratulations to the new Record Holders: Darian Odering, Nathan Soong, Dominic de Vries, Brooklyn Scott, Charis Gilbert, Maui Bentson, Paul Ozdemir, Awhina Bentson, Shanese Sproull, and Abigail Dore-Wright. (You can check out the new records on the sports website, and see what the Athletics records are for beating on Wednesday 11th March at www.bit.ly/ccssport).





Cornerstone Christian School

Y7-13 Athletics, 2020

Wednesday 11th March

9.15am-2.40pm



*...Bus available leaving school
at 8.50am and returning by 3pm.
\$4 per family. Book at office by
Friday 6th March.
...Drop off by 9.15am & pick up
at 2.40pm if not using bus.*



Come and support your athlete.

(See Craig McDonald if you can help with an event throughout the day.)



Students need to wear hats, have plenty of water and wear Colours or Costumes to support their tribe.



Drop your child off at Massey Track



Albany Drive by 9.15am (see website www.bit.ly/ccssport for map and info).
We pray for an enjoyable day for all.

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Gala 2020

GALA 2020

Gala is on *SATURDAY 7 MARCH*

The Gala is next week and we are SUPER excited!



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 really 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. **No dvds or videos!**

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.

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 any electronic items like TV's, blenders, old computers, etc. Please no broken items.**

Items can be dropped off from Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th March in Room A1 (A block). Please no rubbish! There will be people monitoring goods being dropped off and if the items are unsuitable, they will ask you to take those items away.
Drop off times: 8.45am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

For all Gala queries, please the committee on email: gala@cornerstone.ac.nz
[Cornerstone Fundraising Group](#)

Art Notices

Paula Tuimana and Ruth Benton's Artwork

Come and celebrate Paula Tuimana and Ruth Benton's artwork. They received Excellence for their 2019 Level 3 Art Folios, Excellence Endorsed in Art with Paula also achieving an Art Painting Scholarship.

Their work is exhibited at Te Manawa. The opening is on the Friday 17th March at 5.30pm. This is the only opportunity for you to view the Scholarship workbooks. Only the Folios are displayed for the duration of the Exhibition.

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TOP ART FOLIO SHOW

TE MANAWA
OPENING

27TH MARCH 5.30PM UNTIL
19TH JULY



MANAWATU ART TEACHERS
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CCS 2019 Art Folios

Please join us Thursday 27th February 5.30-6.30pm to Celebrate last year's Folio Art Boards.

Light snacks provided.

Community Notices



Need something to do on Friday 27th March for Primary Teachers only Day?

Bring the kids into Flip City between 12-4pm and pay only \$8 per person for an hour of jumping.

For further information Ph 06 355 2442. This deal is just for Cornerstone kids on Friday 27th March.

Wanted

Looking for transport from Levin. If you travel up from Levin each day, and would like to have an extra paying passenger, please contact Carla. Mobile: 0204 0792813.

Family Easter Camp

Family East Camp is on at Forest Lakes from the night of Thursday 9th of April until the afternoon of Sunday the 12th of April 2020. For more information and registrations please visit

www.easteratforestlakes.com or contact Steve Oldfield 021 0712381.

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



Key Dates:

Thursday 27 February 7:00-8:00pm
Enrolment Scheme Parent Consultation

Friday 28 February
MUFTI DAY
Mystery Bottle Donation

Friday 28 February 12.50pm
Year 1-6 Students -School Finishes at 12.50pm for staff to attend Mr Forsyth's Funeral

Friday 28 February 1pm
Year 7-13 Students – School Finishes at 1pm due to Secondary Teacher Paid Union Meeting

Mon 2 March-Thurs 5 March
Tumanako Camp

Thursday 5 March – Friday 6 March
Drop off Gala Baking to Gym Classroom

Saturday 7 March 10am-2pm
School Gala

Tuesday 10 March 10:50am
Lockdown Drill

Tuesday 10 March 5.00-5.30pm
Year 7 & 8 Camp Parent Helpers Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 9.00am
Year 7-13 Athletics @ Massey Track

Thursday 12 March 1.45pm
Year 7-13 Student ID Photos

Thursday 12 March 5.00pm
NZQA Parent Info Evening - Staffroom

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

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