

Deputy Principal's Message

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

Years ago, as a young adult, I spent six years attending and then working at a Bible College, north of Auckland. As part of our outreach service at Bible College, I worked as a 'roadie' for musicians, David and Dale Garrett who pioneered 'Scripture in Song' worldwide. Many of us who are slightly longer in the tooth can probably remember the old brown and blue spiral-bound Scripture in Song music books that used to be used as the go-to for worship teams within churches in New Zealand. In the latter years of Scripture in Song, David and Dale along with their band members, deliberately wrote songs that promoted the memorisation of scripture – and I am forever grateful for these. One of their songs has been playing on repeat in my head this week. It was based on the scripture 2 Timothy 1:7 – 'God has not, given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.'

This week we have been bombarded at every turn with news and advice, and to an extent scaremongering, around the Covid-19 virus. It is easy for adults and children alike to fall into fear and anxiety around this untested threat to our country. In this season, we need to remind ourselves that God is still on the throne and that He still holds the universe in His capable hands, and that the Holy Spirit within us gives us power to overcome, and the ability to have a sound mind. This is not a time for panic, it is a time for sound, reasoned thinking, enabled by the Holy Spirit.

A quote I read this week states 'fear is magnified and distorted caution'. To be cautious is fine, but as we know this can easily be distorted as our thoughts cycle through everything bad that could possibly happen!

With all of this in mind, the school management team have felt that it is both wise and prudent to put in place a range of measures at Cornerstone Christian School to ensure that Cornerstone remains a safe place for all students and to ensure that we are 'loving our neighbour' by reducing the likelihood of infection amongst our wider school community.

As indicated in an email sent out on Wednesday this week, these measures include:

- Increasing student education around the importance of effective hygiene practices:
 - Wash hands after using the bathroom and before eating.
 - Basic hygiene.
 - Avoid person to person contact, this includes handshakes, hugs and hongi where possible.
 - Sneeze into your elbow and wash hands afterwards.
- Ensuring the contact details for all school families are totally up to date. To this end Jean in the office will be sending out a contact info update sheet from our School Management system (KAMAR). Please ensure the details on this sheet are totally correct. If not, please make corrections and hand these into the school office.

- Delaying, cancelling or postponing EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) or learning activities outside of Palmerston North. At the time of writing these include:

- World Vision Leadership Conference in Wellington - Cancelled
- The NZACS year 4-8 sports day on Friday – Postponed
- Manawatu Inter-Secondary School Athletics – Cancelled
- Summer Volleyball Tournament – Cancelled
- Netball, Hockey and Volleyball Competitions postponed until term 2 (most school-based practises though are still happening).
- Year 7 and 8 Leadership Camp – Postponed until later in the year.



- Actively encouraging anyone from our school community to remain home if unwell.
- Reviewing, postponing or cancelling any domestic or international school-related travel by students and staff on a case by case basis.
- Supporting students learning through online tools, should they be required to self-isolate. If your secondary child uses a school provided laptop, please contact the school to arrange access to a device. Email: paul@cornerstone.ac.nz.
- Keeping our community updated with any advice we are receiving from the Ministry of Health and or Education.
- As a precautionary measure we will be turning off the shared drinking fountains this week. We encourage students to bring their own drink bottles.

Let our prayer always be:

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand!

God bless,

Chris Mitchell
Acting Principal



School Notices

Cornerstone Principal Appointment Process

This week a survey link was sent out to all of our school parents from the Board of Trustees. The purpose of this survey is to consult with our school community around the Principal appointment process and the values and skills that our community feels are important to be represented in the person being appointed to the position. For those who missed this email, the survey can be completed by clicking on the internet link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVJLXC9>

The Cornerstone Christian School Principal vacancy is currently being advertised through the Education Gazette (and other channels) and will close on the 30th April 2020.

IMPORTANT - Primary Teachers' Only Day Next Week

Parents are reminded that next Friday 27th March is a Primary (Year 1-6) Teachers' Only Day. The school will be closed for instruction for all Year 1 to 6 students on this day. Please do not send your child to school on this day. The Primary Teachers are completing a day of Professional Development with provider CORE-Ed around future development of our Primary Curriculum Programme.

Year 1-13 Learning Conferences (Teacher/Parent/Student Interviews)

Term One Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday the 7th of April and Wednesday the 8th of April. On Tuesday, school will finish at the earlier time of 1pm for all Year 1-13 students. On Wednesday, Year 1-6 students will finish school at 3pm as normal, Year 7-13 students will finish again at 1pm.

Please make arrangements to collect your children around these earlier finish times.

The booking system is now open for parents to book a Learning Conference with their child's teacher. For Year 1-6, this will be with their classroom teacher. For Year 7-13, this will be with their Life Lab Teacher.

To do this, please follow the instructions below. Learning Conferences run for:

- 10 minutes in Y1-6
- 20 minutes in Y7-8
- 40 minutes in Y9-13

How to Book a Learning Conference:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Click "Make a Booking"

Enter the event code: kkff8

Follow the onscreen instructions to book a Learning Conference

Repeat for each child you have in Year 1-13
One conference per child.

If you need any assistance with booking, please contact Mrs Wilkins in the school office.

COVID-19 Awareness: If you or your child is unwell on the day, please stay at home. Email the teacher directly if you need to cancel a booking.

We look forward to seeing you at the Learning Conferences.

School Notices Cont'd

Gardener – Temporary Position Available at Cornerstone

Our fantastic gardener and groundsman, Stu Te Mataki is currently recovering from an operation and we require a temporary gardener who can assist us with keeping our school gardens in tiptop condition. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact our Executive Officer, Angela Richards by emailing: angela@cornerstone.ac.nz or call 06 356 7326 during school hours.

Drivers Needed

Cornerstone is looking for a parent volunteer who could assist us with driving Year 9 Food tech students (in the school van) to and from Wholegrain Organics at the following times:

- Mondays – 11.00am from Cornerstone to Wholegrain Organics
- Mondays – 1.00pm from Wholegrain Organics to Cornerstone
- Wednesdays – 11.00am Cornerstone to Wholegrain Organics
- Wednesdays – 1.00pm Wholegrain Organics to Cornerstone

Drivers are not required to stay at Wholegrain Organics for duration of the class. Drivers must hold a full driver's licence and be comfortable driving an automatic 10-seater van. If you can assist with this, please email: chris@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone/text 027 7654931. Thanks.

Student ID Cards (Year 7-13)

Year 7-13 students had their photos taken last Thursday to be used for the purpose of Student ID cards. Please note these are not compulsory. If you would like to purchase a student ID, please fill out a registration form (available from the student reception). The cost of these is \$10. These need to be returned to the school office together with payment **no later than tomorrow Friday 20th March**.

Lunch Purchases at Countdown - Reminder of Current School Expectations

Currently our Cornerstone **Year 13 students** are able to leave the school grounds at lunchtime to purchase their lunch across the road at Countdown or food outlets in the area. We would ask that Year 1-12 students purchase their lunch from these outlets **before school**, as once these students have arrived at school, they do not have permission to leave the school grounds during the day.

Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Consent Forms

If you have not yet returned your Year 7 or 8 child's immunisation/vaccination form, even if you do not want them to have the immunisation/vaccination, please return this to the school office ASAP. 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.

Student Drop off / Pick up 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 meetings after school. Please notify the school office before 3.15pm if you are running late.

School Notices

Acrylic & Cotton Jersey/Cardigan's Available

We are currently placing orders for acrylic or cotton jerseys/cardigans. Please note that the acrylic cardigans and jerseys are made with 30% wool and 70% acrylic. We now have cotton ones available. If you require an acrylic or cotton jersey/cardigan, please order these from Mrs Ilona Shewell (Student Administration Officer) at the **Student Reception** ASAP. There are samples of these available to view at the office. If you require further information, please email Ilona at ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone 06 356 7326 or pop into the school office.

SCHOLASTIC

Lucky Book Club

Once again, we are providing the opportunity for you to access Scholastic's Lucky Book Club online. Please note that the school does not condone all the books on offer, and we encourage you to make wise choices with your children before purchasing. **We have opted to do online ordering only.** Book Club catalogues will be available at the school office or you can view at: <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>. To order online go to: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/>. Your order automatically attaches to the School Orders Page, which will be forwarded to Scholastic on the **date due: Friday 27 March**. When you order for the first time you will need to click "Register" and after that it's easy!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Sutherland in D3 (not the school office) or email janis@cornerstone.ac.nz. The orders will come to school, saving you the delivery charge, and will be given to your child.

Breakfast Club

Don't forget Breakfast Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.00am-8.30am. Please check the Kamar notices the day before for the location or email delwyn@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Everyone welcome!



Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Certificate:

Week 6

D1 Macey Edmonds-Ormsby & Helena Kaufononga

Week 7

A2 Lucy White & Theo Cooper
 A3 Dominic Ng
 A4 Elijah Gibin & Grace Calogaras
 A5 Briele Harman & Elis Mangalathu
 D1 Corban Stevenson & Madison Tasker
 D2 Cody Measey, Johan Mathew & Olivia Tait
 D3 Yulia Cacho & Jay Clissold
 D5 Max Tizard & Luke Fontillas
 D6 Mana Ozdemir & Ziah Sanders



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Praise Awards

7SE Elizabeth de Vries
7SE Paul Bentson
10AN Caragh Aspden
10AN Grace Brown
11BE Benjamin Grant
11WU Seth Stewart
13HE Jonathan McDonald
13JA Poppy Hewitt



Second-hand Uniform – For Sale

Senior Girls Uniform for Sale

1 Girls Navy Skirt - Size 81R: \$10
1 Red Cardigan - Size 102cm: \$30
1 Black Puffer jacket: Size Medium: \$40
1 Girls White Blouse - Size 14: \$5
Please Phone Louise on 022 390 9281

Sports Notices

Year 7 to 13 Athletics last Friday

A great of competition was had by all with several school records falling as students gave their best in competition. Thanks again to our Sports and Tribes coordinator Craig McDonald for organising another excellent event.



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Sports Notices

Congratulations Jasmin Tattle

Jasmin attended the Fencing Central Under15 and Cadets Under17 Regional Fencing Championships in Wellington on Saturday. Jasmin started with the Under 17 Combined Women/Men Sabre weapon. She made it into the finals and made 2nd place and received a regional title of top U17 Women's Sabre. She then participated in the U15 Combined Women/Men Sabre and came 1st giving her the regional title for top Under 15 Combined and Top Under 15 Female for our region (Taupo to Wellington). Jasmin is now working hard training for the National title at the NZ Fencing U15 and Cadet U17 Championships on the 25th April in Wellington, where she will face fencers from all over NZ. Congratulations Jasmin, you have worked very hard and have reaped the reward!

New PE Uniform

Ordering for the new PE Uniform is currently closed. The next bulk order for new PE Uniform will be in Term 4. We do have a number of smaller sized stock available to purchase from the Uniform Shop. Please note that the old PE uniform will be phased out. We do hope to have all students in the new PE uniform by 2021.

SATURDAY MUSIC 2020

 **Don't miss out!** 

Our classes are set for 2020. We still have available classes for:

- Trumpet, trombone and french horn learners
- Flute, clarinet and recorder learners
- Children's Choir members

Classes started on Saturday 7th March 2020. Last chance to enrol at:

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz

contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz

Visit our website or facebook page for specific course details and updates

Gala 2020

The gala committee would like to thank our sponsors for their support to make our Gala 2020 a huge success. Our apologies for the error in last week's newsletter – there was a glitch and so only half the list was posted! Please ensure that you read through this list thoroughly and where possible, please support these local businesses as they were an awesome support to us.

Abbey Musical Theatre Society and
Allan Nagy
Alsco
Angela Duke
Awapuni Nurseries
B S Ng
Brokerweb Services
Campbell Design NZ
Carousel Confectionery
Central Energy Trust (Arena
Manawatu)
Chilly Box
Clelands Plant Barn & Darryl
Cleland
Crest Cleaning - Ali Sahayam
Donut King
E A Fleming
Educated Furniture
Esmae Goodwin
Feilding Dental
Flip City
Fonterra
Greenleaf Plant Hire & Phil Kelly
iPlex Pipelines
Isles Construction
Jonathon Henning
Jean Jeannie Caramel Apples
K Mart
KW Hairdressing
Leafland
Lido
Lighting Plus

Little Savannah Restaurant
Little Transport
L J Hooker
Luke Ackerman
Manawatu Golf Club
McNae Electrical (Clayton McNae)
Metalco
Mitre 10
Morgan & Laurenson
Naylor Palmer and C & K Southall
Ocggi Sushi
Office Max
Palmerston North City Council
Palmerston North Storage
Pat Henning
Pepsi
Pioneer New World
Proarch Consultants
Property Brokers
PS Photography
R Okey Limited
Rainbow Confectionery
Redpath
Sam De Vries
Stephanie Poulton
Summerhays Café
Trafik Media
Triple R Engineering
Triumph Homes
Vital signs
Waste Management



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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.

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 (Tuesday) - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974

Aplus School Holiday Programme

The days are getting shorter, which means it's almost time for the aPlus Autumn Holiday programme! Awesome activities and affordable care available from 7:15am to 6pm from 14th to 24th April. Head to www.aplus.kiwi.nz for all the details and to book. Or pamphlets available from the school reception.



Key Dates:

Tuesday 24 March

NCEA Music Performance 1

Wednesday 25 March- Friday 27 March

Year 7 & 8 Mi-Camp

Friday 27 March

Teacher Only Day (Year 1-6)

Tuesday 31 March

Earthquake Drill – 10.55am-11.05am

Tuesday 7 April

1:00pm Year 1-13 Learning Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

School Finishes at 1pm

Wednesday 8 April

1.00pm Year 7-13 Learning Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Year 7-13 Students Finish School at 1pm

3.00pm Year 1-6 Learning Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Thursday 9 April

Last Day of Term 1

9.00am - Bible Quiz

11.30am - Summer Games

1.50pm - Easter Service

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: 3 February - 9th April

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Is it possible to Raise good kids without using punishments?

21 March 2020, 2.30 – 4.30pm

PNC Roslyn (ex St David's) , Main Street, Palmerston North

Child supervision available if booked

Cost: \$10 a ticket, \$15 for two. Early bird price before 7 March: \$5 each

Presented by Dave Dawber, Practice Manager, Te Manawa Family Services, Feilding and Palmerston North. Dave is a qualified counsellor with 12 years' experience of working with men and families.

Contact lighthousepn@gmail.com for registrations, payment details and child supervision bookings.

Organized by the Children & Families Team at Presbyterian New Church



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