

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,

Last week was one of those full and busy weeks that you look back on with a sense of exhausted satisfaction!



For the first three days, I was blessed to be a part of the Year 6 camp at Rangi Woods in the Pohangina Valley. Wow, what a special time was had by all.



While camps do put a huge organisational load on teachers and somewhat of a financial burden on our school, you only needed to watch the Year 6 students fizzing with excitement as they pushed themselves to try new outdoor experiences, to know that camps are just invaluable!

One special moment that really stuck out to me was walking with the students to the Glow Worm Grotto on Tuesday night, and hearing students' spontaneous prayers of awe and thanks to God as we stood together in pitch black darkness, staring up at countless little glowing lights on the cave ceiling.

Teachers, David Henderson and Raeleen Simpson ran an excellent camp filled with activities like bivouac making, stream studies, wide-games, tugs-of-war, pancake cooking, raft building – and of course an obligatory swim in the river to cool off at the end of the day!



A special thanks must go to all of our camp parent helpers and the indomitable Mrs Lynette Olson who is supposed to be retired from teaching yet came back to cook for this camp. Lynette tells me that camp cooking is her 'happy place.' We salute you Mrs Olson!



On Saturday we held our annual school Gala. Again, we had a fantastic day put on for us by our Heavenly Father and a great community turnout. While we don't have the final profit figure at this time, it would appear that the Cornerstone Fundraising Group (CFG) managed to raise approximately \$15,000 for our school. I would like to honour our CFG chairperson, Mr Josh Couperus for the time he put into organising this event, alongside some special key helpers: teachers, Mrs Vicki Campbell and Mrs Emily Gennills, and school parent Mrs Eloise Short. Thank you so much!

Thank you also to all of our wider parent community, who contributed by setting up and running a wide range of stalls. The range of food on offer this year was incredible. From Tongan Umu to hot and spicy Indian food, from Dutch sweet treats to delicious South African Braai. I have to confess that I sampled most of them... Oops! Thank you to all of the parents who set up activities and games at the Gala. It was great to see students (and adults) enjoying bouncy castles, a petting zoo, V8 supercar simulators, bash-a-car, golf and face-painting to name a few.



I have to give a special mention to past-Cornerstone parent, Nardine Hall who has been coming back year after year to help with the White Elephant stall. Thanks so much!



As with the 2019 GALA, part of the funds raised will go towards the completion of our new play area behind A and D block. It was great to get the new spiderweb tower finished just in time for the 2020 Gala and the Cornerstone students have been very much enjoying the view from the top!

While I recognise that a yearly GALA is taxing on parents and in particular our CFG committee, we are wanting to remove the need for lots of little fundraising projects across the year for trips, sports and events by combining all of that into one large fundraising event. The CFG and school management have recognised that we may need to tweak how and where the GALA funds are spent, to ensure there is better equity and fairness for all parents contributing.

Have a great week! Nga mihi nui.

Chris Mitchell
Acting Principal



Year 6 Camp – By Ryan Short

On a hot sunny morning my friends and I were in the car..." We're there! " my mum said. Oh finally, it felt like forever! We had arrived at the fern walk. We climbed out of the Volvo and had a camp photo of all of us. We finally started the long hike. I stayed at the back because there wasn't any pushing and shoving. We had morning tea beside a small stream. We found a few cockabullies' in the stream too. No one was fully ready for a long hike and so all you could hear here was... "Are we there yet?" "Are we there yet?" "Are we there yet?" We finished the hike and everyone was tired, so we jumped into the cars and headed to Camp Rangī Woods. We arrived there and unpacked all of our bags and got ready for the team challenge. It was so fun getting a little wet in the team challenge. Then we went down to the river for a little swim for free time. After that we played the first round of tug of war. It was out of three. My team, Rimu lost. We had dinner and started the night walk. I screamed a lot! It was time for bed after that. I fell asleep so quickly.

We woke up and had devotions. Our verse for devotions was Philippians 4:13. Breakfast was normal but after that was our activities. Rimu had bush study first. We learnt about lots of trees and after that there was a quiz. We won the quiz by one point. Then it was bush collage time. We made a picture using natural things. Lunch was next, it was hot dogs, yummy. Then we had orienteering, I did well. Then we had an ice block, it was delicious. We continued with stream study and we were able to catch little critters. I caught lots of boatmen, two earwigs and a Dragonfly. It was fun. When we got back, we had our second and third round of tug of war. We lost again and again. I was upset. Then we had dinner, which was nachos. They were delicious. After dinner we went for a car ride to see the glow worms. After a short walk I saw stunning and beautiful glow worms. They do just show how great our God is. I walked back reluctantly. I was a little slow because it was very dark. After everyone prayed, we got back to camp and our cabin and hopped into bed and had a perfect sleep.

I woke up from my sleep and we had devotions. Mrs Short was doing devotions, it was about hearing things from God. We had breakfast, which was the same as yesterday. We started our day with B-day. Mr Henderson explained everything. It was a rotation. Rimu started on bombing. All we had to do was build a catapult. It was hard, but we managed to do it. Next up was baking in the bush, where we made pancakes. They were yum. We made our last one into pizza slices. Then it was time for bang bang we used guns to shoot the targets. Our team won for that activity. Last but not least we had the bivouac building and ours looked real cool. It was pies for lunch, I wasn't a big fan of pies, so I decided just to have a sandwich. Next, we made a boat to go down on the river. Ours was pretty good, but we didn't know till we raced it. We walked down to the river and Mr Clark got ready with the other team of adults. Mr Henderson blew his whistle and the race had begun. We weren't doing that well, but wait, we are catching up. We were coming forth with the third boat right in front of us. Our boat pushed the other boat out of the way and we got third. When we got back to camp, we had some free time and then had our fourth and fifth round of tug of war. We lost again. That night a few of the parents came to dinner. I played some rough and tumble with some of the other kids. After all the parents left, we all got ready for the camp concert. The acts were so funny. I did two acts, Car Wars and life of Abominable. At ten o'clock we had a game of possum spotlight. I didn't do that well as I kept getting out. Then it was bedtime for everyone. I fell asleep at the speed of light.

In the morning, Mr Thomson did devotions. It was really cool. We had breakfast and then off to the last two rounds of tug of war. Again, we lost the first round, but then on our last game we got a point. I was so happy, I could scream, but the other team still won. After that, we got a camp photo and packed up our stuff. Before presentations was magic carpet. We all got a turn sitting on a huge bit of carpet and being dragged around by a quad bike. We were all excited for the presentations. Sadly, Rimu came sixth overall, but it was still a great week. I had a great time and hope everyone else who went on year 6 camp did too.

By Ryan Short

Gala 2020

GALA 2020

The gala committee would like to thank everyone that came together to make Gala 2020 a huge success. Even though numbers were down quite a bit from last year, God still blessed us with around \$15,000 for the school. Isn't He Great! Our sincere thanks go to all the parents, school staff, friends of the school and community organisations and businesses that donated their time and money to help raise funds for the school. We have listed them below, so please do support them with your business as they have blessed the school with theirs!

We are looking for feedback around the event, so please feel free to email me on couperusjosh@gmail.com with your thoughts so that we can make Gala 2021 an even bigger success! On that note, there would not be a gala without a committee and I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the entire current Gala committee. Thank you for making our Gala the success it was. On that note, we are currently looking for people to join us on the gala committee so that we can start planning for next year. Our meetings are once a month, and the workload is not too demanding. We would love you to join with us as you have some amazing skills and talents that can be a real blessing to the school and wider community. Please use the above email address to contact me to find out more.

Josh Couperus
CFG Chairman

A List of the Amazing GALA 2020 Sponsors

Abbey Musical Theatre Society and	Flip City
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School Notices

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 today 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. Please bring the form together with the payment to the school office **BEFORE THURSDAY 19 MARCH**.

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.

Hearing & Vision Screening

The Hearing and Vision Technician will be visiting our school on Tuesday 17 March at 11.30am.

The technician will be screening New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check, selected Year 7 and 8 students – retests/follow-ups/absentees or those that have not been screened as a Year 7 or 8 and children that have no previous screening record.

Any parent/guardian that does not wish their child to be checked, could they please inform the school office. Thank you.

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 Cont'd

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be starting again from next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.00am-8.30am. Please check the Kamar notices the day before for the location.



Acrylic Jersey/Cardigan 2020 Orders

We are currently placing orders for acrylic jersey's/cardigans. Please note that these are made with 30% wool and 70% acrylic. If you require an acrylic jersey/cardigan, please order this from Mrs Ilona Shewell (Student Administration Officer) at the **Student Reception** before **Friday 13th March**. 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.

Students with 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 absent from school either by email: absent@cornerstone.ac.nz, txt 027 315 7764 or phone 06 356 7326. Please dial 1 for absences.

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 janes@cornerstone.ac.nz The orders will come to school, saving you the delivery charge, and will be given to your child.

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Congratulations

'Congratulations to Hanna Fail, who has been selected as a United Nations Youth Ambassador. This prestigious role involves representing and promoting the United Nations at a range of local and national events. This is a well-deserved opportunity for a student of Hanna's calibre!'



Cornerstone Awards

March

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Cornerstone Award for this month:

Tumanako

C1 Olivia Malcolm
C2 Morghan Bannister
C4 Raeleen Simpson
C6 Elizabeth Thatcher

Whakapono

L2 Alysha Vilivili
L3 Hannah Tait
L4 Jonny Caske
L5 Jimin Kim

Secondary

9CA Jade Bull
9CH Seth Beukes
9GR Gabriela Hammoud
10AN John Cagaoan
10CD Samuel Shortall
10HS Gabriel Taylor-McLean

11BE Nate Spargo
11WU Jacob Dodunski
12DO Jack Nicolson
12SI Sharon Titus
13HE Timote Muli
13JA Milan Valliyakkara George



Student of the Week – Week 6

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

A2 Melody Burns
A3 Catherin Sherin & Annabelle Sisson
A4 Erceena Cabantug and Zavier Pienaar
D2 Cody Measey, Johan Mathew and Olivia Tait
D3 Yulia Cacho and Jay Clissold
D5 Max Tizard and Luke Fontillas
D6 Mana Ozdemir and Ziah Sanders
C1 Olivia Malcolm
C2 Morghan Bannister
C3 Ruben Reid
C6 Elizabeth Thatcher



Sports Notices

New PE Uniform

From Term 2 (Tuesday 28 April) we will be introducing our new PE/sports uniform for students in Years 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 (Years 7-10). 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 Year 7-10 (Junior) 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.

These are from a different supplier than the old PE uniform, so sizing may differ. The cost of the t-shirt is \$40 and the shorts are \$40. Orders need to be placed by Friday 13th March (Week 6) by emailing ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz 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.

Winter Sports Registration Reminder

We had our winter sports registration on Monday. If you forgot to come in or email Jannell to sign up for sports, please email jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz **BY FRIDAY 13 MARCH (TOMORROW).**

Art Notice

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 and Excellence Endorsed in Art, with Paula also achieving an Art Painting Scholarship.

Their work is exhibited at Te Manawa. The opening is on Friday 27 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.

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.

Family Easter Camp

Family Easter 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 (Tuesday) - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974

Key Dates:

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

Thursday 12 March 5.00pm
NZQA Parent Info Evening in the School Staffroom

Thursday 12 March 6-7pm
2021 Vanuatu Missions Trip Meeting in the School Staffroom

Tuesday 17 March
Hearing & Vision Screening 11.30am

Wednesday 18 March
Weetbix Triathlon

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



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