

Learn, serve and grow in God

School Newsletter

To provide, with parents, a balanced Christian education to help children develop to their full potential in God."

Week 11 Term 2 25 June 2020

Principal's Message

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

I am often asked in various church or home group settings to share my favourite Bible verse. I have many, but there is definitely one that is my 'life-verse'. Rather than being a favourite this 'life-verse' is difficult and challenging as it requires daily choices to be made and obedience on my part. It has for me though, determined the overall way in which I want to live. My 'life-verse' is:

Galatians 6:9: "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

This week, I would like to ask our school community to partner with our school in 'doing good'. The main 'good' that I am asking you to partner with us in, is PRAYER - prayer for our school. Before you get worried and wonder what is going wrong, let me allay your fears by saying we have an awesome school that is going well. I am conscious however that the Bible tells us that we are engaged in a spiritual battle daily – wrestling not with people (flesh and blood) but with spiritual powers. Ephesians 6 describes the Armour of God that we are challenged to put on; however, we often miss the last piece of the armour in Ephesians 6:18: *"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."*

Over the years we have had a bunch of faithful school parents who have committed daily to pray for our school. At times we have had prayer teams who have met onsite here at Cornerstone to start each week immersed in prayer. Parents such as Corrie Brown, Cherie Yates, Rocky Ruihi-Lewis and Sherilyn Wong have been staunch prayer supporters of our school and we thank you for your commitment from the bottom of our hearts. The staff also meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before school to pray for your children and for God's covering over all that we do in school.

We need your prayers. In fact, I would go so far as to say that we *covet* your prayers. Here at Cornerstone, our core reason for being is 'Discipleship'. We want all our students to walk a journey from Year 1 through to Year 13 growing into confident followers of Jesus Christ, equipped and inspired to creatively impact our world. This does not go unnoticed in the spiritual realm and the reality is the Bible clearly states that we are engaged in a spiritual battle for the souls of our children. Please join with us in prayer for all aspects of our school.



Trade Fair

Last week we had an awesome Friday with our students. Friday was Mrs Wucherpfennig's annual young enterprise scheme (YES) day (Trade Fair) where our Year 10 Enterprise students marketed and sold their food product that they had designed as part of their classwork.

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There was a huge variety of food on sale from butter chicken through to cupcakes and everything in between. It was great to see how students had thought about their sales pitches and marketing strategies to ensure that their product made a profit rather than a loss. A few enterprising students even took on creative video advertising to ensure their product had the highest level of market exposure. Thanks Mrs W for all of your hard work around this day!

Week 12

We have a number of events coming up next week as we wind down to the end of term:

 On Tuesday of week 12 we have an Education Review Office (ERO) review. Due to COVID-19 this review will be conducted via Zoom with the Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees rather than the normal review team visiting the school over the course of a week. We will let you know how this goes.



- On Thursday afternoon we have the Primary (Year 1 to 6) Kingdom Kid Award Assembly in the gymnasium, starting 2.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend. This assembly will be a celebration of students in each class who have shown our School Values (respect, diligence, integrity, kindness, and humility before God) over the course of the term.
- On Friday morning we are holding our inaugural school carnival day. This will be a fun Tribesbased event for all Cornerstone students involving 24 fun events that the students will rotate through to earn points for their tribe. Primary students will be buddied up with high school students to take part in the activities. There will be a free sausage sizzle as one of the 24 rotations. Can all students please come dressed in their tribe colours.
- On Friday afternoon at 2.15pm there will be a whole school assembly to celebrate the end of term and to round off the day.



Have a fantastic weekend and God bless.

Chris Mitchell Principal chris@cornerstone.ac.nz



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Please refer to the <u>school website</u> for more details. Applications close 9.00am Wednesday 1st July.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - L Block Driveway

Parents <u>PLEASE DO NOT</u> drive down the L Block driveway to drop off/pick up your child/ren before or after school. Instead please drop them off from the curb side. This is a **STAFF ONLY** entrance.

NZ Covid Tracer

Posters displaying Cornerstone Christian School's **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** have been placed at the school entrances. Parents coming on-site should use either the **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** or the **School App** or sign in on the VizTab at reception when coming onto the school grounds. Learn more about <u>NZ Covid Tracer</u>.

EPIC Music Lessons

Music Lessons are available at our school through EPIC. If you would like to register your child to learn an instrument at school, please check out their Facebook page <u>fb.com/epicmusic.pn</u>, website <u>www.epicma.nz</u> or email <u>schools@epicma.nz</u>. Lessons are \$14.00 per week and spaces are limited.

Rain Jackets

If you would like to place an order for a Cornerstone School monogrammed rain jacket, please contact llona at <u>ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> or 06 356 7326. The cost of these are \$46 for Junior sizes and \$60 for Adult sizes. We have some samples available in the office to look at or try on. Please place your order/s by next Friday 3rd July. *(Please note that we require a minimum order of x10 jackets in order to place the order with our supplier).*

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club have a huge brochure of books available for the rest

of this term! Orders can be placed online only between 2 June and 11 July with free delivery to the school. View the brochure on the Scholastic website: <u>https://www.scholastic.co.nz/toolkit/</u>. For further information, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Nuts

As we have a number of Primary School students with severe nut allergies. If your child is in Year 1-5, we request that you please don't send any food with nuts in your child's lunchbox.

Students in the Secondary School (Year 7-13) are permitted to have peanuts/peanut butter in their lunches. Students at this age that have nut allergies, are able to manage this themselves a lot better.

Trade Fair

Thank you so much to all of our Cornerstone families for the amazing support for our Year 10 Students at their Trade Fair. Thank you to the Parents that came and helped on the day and a huge congratulations to the Year 10 students on their outstanding efforts!

Student of the Week!

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

- A2 Psalms Kerr & Melody Burns
- A3 Kenzie Gray & Jairus Jeff

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Cornerstone Awards

June

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

11BE Talaiasi Muli

11WU Jared Wellington

12DO Malesha Te Mataki 12SI Devon Snedden

13HE Emmanuel Tuisaua

13JA Rebecca Mark

Whakapono Team

- L2 Samuel Maas
- L3 Griffin Auer
- L4 Gracie Malcolm
- L5 Matthew Meyer

Secondary

9CA Denzel Robinson
9CH Bailey Hamilton
9GR Olivia Burn
10AN Matariki Clayton
10CD Osaiasi Tuimana
10HS Bridget Smart

Sports Notices

Term 3 Badminton for Years 4, 5 & 6 Students

- Duration: Competition runs for 7-8 Weeks (TBC)
- Day: Tuesdays at Arena Manawatu from 28 July – 15 September
- Time: Between 4.00pm-5.30pm
- Cost: \$55 per player (2 player teams. Please find your playing partner then register interest to jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz). Teams can be either boys, girls, or mixed teams.



Sickness – When to keep your Child/ren Home from School

If your child has a persistent cough, constant runny nose, sore throat or are generally feeling unwell, please keep them at home. (If you have any concerns phone Healthline or make an appointment with your GP.)

Students must be symptom-free for 48 hours before going back to school.

Healthline: 0800 358 5453



Community Notices

Highland Home Christian Camp

Highland Home Christian Camp is running a Junior Kids Camp for 6-8-year-olds these holidays.

Registrations are open now, and places are limited. We are running a "Through the Decades" camp for two days and one night from the 6th to the 7th of July. We are a faithbased organisation promoting Christian character and would love your 6-8-year-old to spend part of their holidays with us. Click on the link to register: <u>https://www.highlandhome.co.nz/junior-kids-camp-6-to-8-</u> <u>years/</u> or feel free to contact us on <u>kidscamph@gmail.com</u>.

Aplus School Holiday Program

APlus has awesome, age specific activities and affordable care for 5-14 years, 7:15am to 6pm from 6th to 17th



July. Head to <u>www.aplus.kiwi.nz</u> for all the details and to book. Printed copies of their programme are available from the school office.

Sport Manawatu Indoor Holiday Program

6-8 July Years 8-13 (Ages 13-17)

13-15 July Years 5-8 (Ages 9-12)

Time: 9.00am-2.30pm Cost: \$60 per child Register at: wwwsportmanawatu.org.nz or collect a form from the school office.

Sport Manawatu Outdoor Holiday Program

6-8 July Years 5-8 (Ages 9-12)

13-15 July Years 9-13 (Ages 13-17)

Time: 9.00am-3.00pm Cost: \$60 per child Pita Pit sub provided Register at: wwwsportmanawatu.org.nz or collect a form from the school office.

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ADVENTURE & RETREAT

Key Dates: Thursday 25 June

Elite Sports Meeting

Thursday 2 July *Primary School Assembly - 2.15pm in the Gym (All welcome)*

Friday 3 July

Carnival Day – Please wear Tribe Colours Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm in the Gym (All welcome) Last Day of Term 2

Term Dates for 2020

Term 2: 15 April-3 July Term 3: 20 July-25 September Term 4: 12 October-11 December





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