

Principal's Message

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

Welcome back to the new term. It was so good to see all our awesome Cornerstone students streaming through the gate on Monday, smiles on faces (mostly!) and ready and raring to go for the term. The warm and sunny weather on Monday probably helped a whole lot as well. I'm really excited about this term and am hoping and praying that there will be no interruptions, and that we can get through a solid term of learning.

This term our schoolwide value is Integrity. Here at Cornerstone, students will tell you that this means, "doing the right thing, even when no one is looking". For all of us, this idea of Integrity is a big learning curve and at the ripe old age of 51, I am still very much learning to walk before God and have integrity in all I do. I don't get it right always, but the will is definitely there to do so. As part of this journey with our students, (your child/ren), we have established a learning program in school called Positive Behavior for Learning, or PB4L. This program is based on our school values of Respect, Diligence, Integrity, Kindness and Humility Before God. When parents ask to see our school rules, quite a lot of parents are surprised when I point to the poster (see picture right) and tell them that there are our rules.

Here at Cornerstone, our positive behavior for learning model, doesn't focus on *what NOT to do* – it focuses on what students *SHOULD be doing* at Cornerstone. Turning negatives into positives.



If a child doesn't know how to read,
we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to swim,
we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to
multiply, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to drive,
we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to behave,
we ... teach? ... punish?
Why can't we finish the last sentence
as automatically as we do the others?

Here at Cornerstone, we try to catch students being good or exhibiting the right behaviors, and then we praise and reward these behaviors in the hope that one day they will become 'intrinsic' or naturally what they just do.

Sometimes I have parents express concern that Cornerstone Christian School should be more disciplinarian and that there are not enough detentions or punishment structures in place to deal with poor behavior choices from students.

First of all, when students behave in a way that sets a dangerous example to others or subjects another student to bullying or harassment, we are not afraid to take strong action and deal with this decisively. But, as the quote on the left suggests, here at Cornerstone, we would rather walk a journey of Discipleship with your child/ren, based on a teacher-pupil relationship, and teach students how to behave.

Sometimes this pathway is longer and more difficult than slapping an after-school detention on a student, but in the long run we feel that it is a more Godly pathway to take.

Coming up this Term

This term we will begin reviewing our Strategic Plan to set the direction of Cornerstone Christian School for the next 3 to 5 years. We will be inviting parent input, and feedback on this process in late term 3.

In week 3 (Tuesday and Wednesday) we will be holding our Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Interviews) for all Cornerstone students from year 1 through to 13. Can I please encourage all parents to try and attend these? We'd love to see you and chat with you about your child/ren. Please ensure that you read the blurb about this later in the newsletter and make your bookings online.

This year, due to COVID-19 we will not be holding our traditional mid-term senior exam week and exam leave. Instead, high school teachers will spread NCEA mid-term internal examinations across the middle of term. It is important that students give these examinations their very best for their own learning benefit, but also if derived grades are required later in the year due to sickness or COVID-19.

Due to COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of our year 13 Missions Trip to Vanuatu, our year 13's will now be heading away in the last week of term 3 on a road trip. This road trip in the North Island will be a blend of fun, service, and mission. We are hoping that all year 13 students will be able to attend. A big thank you to Mr Ian Groube for all his work putting this together so far.

Week 9 of this term is Maori Language Week. To honor the importance of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori within our school community, our Rolling Stones competition on the Friday of week 9 will have a Waiata component and we will also be holding our Annual Cultures Day on the same day – complete with a shared Cultural Lunch and school performances in the afternoon. It should be an awesome event!

Kia tau ki a koutou te aroha noa me te rangimarie, he mea na te Atua, na to tatou matua, na te Ariki hoki, a Ihu Karaiti. Grace and peace to you from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell
Principal
chris@cornerstone.ac.nz



Term 3, Year 1-13 Learning Conferences

Term Three Learning Conferences will be held on **Tuesday the 4th of August and Wednesday the 5th of August.**

- On Tuesday 4th August, **school will finish at the earlier time of 1pm** for all students. Please make arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time.
- On Wednesday 5th August, Y1-6 students will finish school at 3pm as normal, **Y7-13 will finish again at 1pm.** Please make arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time.

The booking system is now open for parents to book a Learning Conference with their child's teacher.

- For Y1-6, this will be with their classroom teacher.
- For Y7-13, this will be with their Life Lab Teacher.

Learning Conferences run for:

- 10 minutes in Year 1-6
- 20 minutes in Year 7-8
- 40 minutes in Year 9-13

To do this, please follow the instructions below.

How to Book a Learning Conference:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Click "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code: **xqrk5**
- 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 home. Email the teacher directly if you need to cancel a booking.

Parents of students who normally catch a bus after school: For days where there is an early finish, please email jean@cornerstone.ac.nz before 3.30pm of the day before to register your child for school supervision through to the bus departure time.

Parents of students who can't be collected until the normal school finish time: For days where there is an early finish, please email jean@cornerstone.ac.nz before 3.30pm of the day before to register your child for school supervision through to the normal school finish time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Learning Conferences.

Blessings,

James Rose
Deputy Principal



Our intermediate A netball team are very blessed to have senior netballer Malesha Te Mataki coaching them this year. The team are playing great netball and having lots of fun. Keep up the awesome work Malesha!

School Notices

Year 9-11 Junior Social (Dance)

A Junior Secondary School (Year 9-11) Social will be held on Saturday 1st August from 7pm-9pm at Youth Space, Corner Coleman Mall and George Street, Palmerston North.

The cost is \$10 per student.

Tickets will be available for students to purchase at Morning Tea (11am) from the booth in the school office until Thursday 30 July or can be purchased online:

Cornerstone Christian School: 02-0727-0154852-00

Particulars: Student Dance

Reference: Students Name



IMPORTANT - Full-School Teachers' Only Day Friday 14 August

Parents are reminded that Friday 14 August is a Full-School Teachers' Only Day. The school will be closed for instruction for all Year 1 to 13 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. Secondary Teachers are completing assessment planning and preparation.

BOT By-Election

Rocky Ruihi-Lewis has recently resigned as BOT Parent Representative. We are now calling for nominations for a new BOT Parent Representative. A roll of all eligible nominees is available at the school office (as of 22 July 2020). Nomination forms will be posted out to all persons on the school caregiver roll by Friday 7 August. **Nominations close Friday 7 August at 12 noon.**

An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. The number of vacancies is 1.

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll **by Friday 12 August**. Voting closes **21 August at 12 noon**.

School Photos

The whole school will be having their class/individual photos taken on **Thursday 13th August**. Your child/ren will be receive a Scott Photographers order envelope today. If you would like to order a class/individual photo, you can do this by:



1. Ordering by Envelope: (one envelope per student) Complete all the student details, enclose cash or cheque payable to L C Scott Ltd + 30 cents cheque fee (if applicable) and a phone number on the back of the cheque please. Return the envelope **BEFORE** photo day. **(Please ensure you have the correct cash enclosed. No change will be given).**

2. Ordering Online: (If paying online **DO NOT** return envelope). Go to www.lcscott.co.nz, select order online, follow the order instructions and pay using internet banking (POLi) or credit/debit card **BEFORE** Photo Day.

All students present will be included in class photographs and also photographed individually regardless of whether they have returned payment envelopes or not. Students will be issued with an internet access key on photo day to enable all parents' access to online viewing of the photographs and to allow online ordering after photo day for those that have not pre-ordered.

School Notices Cont'd

School Photos/Sibling Photographs

There are sibling photo envelopes available from the office if you would like your children to have a sibling photograph together. Family photos must be ordered online or via envelope **BEFORE** photo day to ensure a photo is taken. These will need to be returned to the school office **BEFORE** photo day.

Congratulations

A BIG congratulations to Ben Rauzi and Nathan Soong who both completed a university paper in Semester 1 and both received an A+ grade. This is a huge feat. Well done Ben and Nathan!



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 Viz Tab at reception when coming onto the school grounds. Learn more about [NZ Covid Tracer](#).

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 is out now! Paper copies are available at the student's side of the school office or online at <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>. All orders must be made online, not through the school office. Any queries, please see Mrs Jane Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz. Issue 5 closes on 12 September. Thank you.



Nuts

As we have a number of Primary School students with severe nut allergies, we request that you please do not send any food with nuts in your child's lunchbox if they are in Year 1-6. Students in the Secondary School (Year 7-13) are permitted to have peanuts/peanut butter in their lunches, as students at this age with nut allergies, should be able to manage this themselves.

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 home from school. (If you have any concerns please phone Healthline or make an appointment with your GP). Students must be symptom-free for 48 hours before coming back to school. **Healthline: Ph: 0800 358 5453.**

Absences

If your child is absent from school for more than 5 days, please provide a Dr's certificate to the school as per the Ministry of Education requirements. Thank you.

Lost Bicycle

Orange and Grey Merida bike with white writing. Also lost, a bike helmet with black gloves in it. If found, please report to the office.



Our Year 1/2 Blue netball team play on Tuesday afternoons at Vautier Park. They are an enthusiastic bunch who are loving having Amanda Oldfield as their coach.

School Notices Cont'd

School Open Afternoon - Years 7-13

Our Year 7-13 open afternoon will be held next month (date to be advised). The afternoon is designed to provide our current Year 6 and Year 8 students an introduction to the opportunities in the secondary school for 2021. Parents are encouraged to come along and join the tours. Prospective students and their parents are also invited to join us for this event but should be aware that we will have limited places for new students in 2021.

Community Notices

Flip City

Teacher Only Day special at Flip City for Cornerstone School students - \$8 entry. Book over the phone or just turn up Friday 14th August. Ph: 06 355 2442.

RESPIRE CARE | Offered for Children with Disabilities and Special Needs

- Ages 0-16yrs
- Specialist 1:1 respite care and support with qualified, experienced professional 30yrs+
- Phone: Amanda A'Court on 021 266 6615 for further information.

Palmerston North Brick Show

Sat 1st August 9am - 5pm
Sun 2nd August 9am - 4pm

Barber Hall, Waldergrave Street PN

This year our 60+ exhibitors have been working hard to create new and amazing LEGO displays. There will be lots to do including a large Lego play pit, graffiti wall, and other activities/challenges.

Adult \$10, Child \$5
Family Pass \$30
(2 Adults and 3 Children)
Under 3 Free

This show will be raising money for Parafed Manawatu.



Key Dates:

Week 2:

Friday 1 August – 7pm-9pm

Junior Social – Year 9-11 Students At Youth Space, Cnr Coleman Mall, and George St.

Week 3:

Tuesday 4 August

*Year 1-13 Learning Conferences
School Finishes 1pm (All Years)*

Wednesday 5 August

*Year 1-13 Learning Conferences
School Finishes 1pm (Year 7-13)*

Week 4:

Tuesday 11 August

Fire Drill – 10.50am

Thursday 13 August

School Photos

Friday 14 August

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: 20 July-25 September

Term 4: 12 October-11 December



Tie-it-up Project - Year 8TR Art Project with Mrs Snedden.

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

Absences: absent@cornerstone.ac.nz | Text: 027 315 7764

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