

## Principal's Message

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

Well a big well done from me, you all made it to the end of term 3! It's actually been a really good term of solid learning here at Cornerstone Christian School, in spite of all of the craziness from COVID-19. The term has flown by and here we are at the end of week 10! My sincere prayer is that all of our staff, students, parents, and caregivers, can have a great and restful break over the next two weeks.

## Sporting Success

This term has been probably our most successful ever, at least from a purely sporting perspective. Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey boys won their secondary winter tournament for the first time ever and last Friday night our Senior A Boys Basketball Team also won their end of season finale against Freyberg High School. Sadly, no parents or staff could celebrate their win due to Alert Level 2 restrictions on gathering size. The game was a hard-fought battle, but our boys came out on top just before the final whistle blew. Our Senior B Team was placed second overall and our Junior A Team placed second also. As I write, our Intermediate basketball Team is preparing to play off for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their final tonight at Arena 2 (Wednesday). We know that whatever the outcome, our boys will do our school proud!

## Board News and Strategic Planning

Last night at our September Board of Trustees meeting we welcomed our newly elected Board Member (and school parent) Mr Tony Budd. Welcome to the team Tony and thank you for putting up your hand to serve our school community in this way!

The board of trustees are currently working through finalising our school's Strategic Plan that will set the overall direction for Cornerstone Christian School from 2021 through to 2023.

We are expecting to hear back from the Ministry of Education at the start of term 4 regarding our application to grow our roll to a maximum number of 730. Having this capacity in our roll, opens up a world of new and exciting possibilities.



D2 students made 'Tapas' traditional Pacifica cloths at their recent Trip to Te Manawa.

## NCEA and Learning Conferences Next Term

You may see in the school calendar that we have listed optional Secondary Parent / Subject Teacher Learning conferences in week 2 of term 4. These were originally listed as 'Learning Conferences' for all high school students, however due to teaching time being very tight in term 4 for our year 11's, 12's and 13's, we have decided to offer optional Y11-13 Subject Teacher Interviews only.

These will be 10 minutes per student, afterschool on Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 2, 3:30 - 6:30pm. Can I please encourage ALL parents that have any concerns about their child(ren)'s NCEA achievement, to book in meeting slots with subject teachers so that we can together map out a plan for achievement. Information on how to book these interviews will come out shortly.

## Something to Think About

Last night at our Board meeting the Chairman of the Board of Proprietors, Mr Richard Tankersley, shared Psalm 42 for our meeting devotion. Listening to Richard read the Psalm out loud, I was struck anew just how much the Psalms are filled with raw and at times gut-wrenching human emotion. Reading our way through the Psalms we see in the lives of King David's contemporaries, every single kind of emotion from over-the-top joy, though to the depths of despair. The Psalms invite us to see ourselves through Scripture as our feelings and emotions are mirrored by those struggling to be faithful to God. Seeing our emotions mirrored in the Psalms, invites us to get real with God. We begin to gain a sense of confidence in God as we allow Him to enter our raw feelings about life. This is particularly important in this crazy COVID year! As God enters our hearts through His Spirit, our hearts become God's sanctuary. Paul writes, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16.) Inviting God to expand His presence in us, through His Spirit as we meditate on His word, enables us to sort out our feelings about life. Our hearts become God's sanctuary and in giving Him a sanctuary, he becomes our refuge.

Please stay safe over the next two weeks and I sincerely look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell  
Principal

## Basketball Results

Congratulations to our champion Intermediate Basketball Team (pictured below) who took out a hard fought final 37-38.

Also a massive congratulations to the Senior A Basketball Team who won their division and the Senior B and Junior A teams who came runners up last Friday night.



## School Notices

### Planning for 2021

We are starting to plan for 2021! If your child **will not** be returning to Cornerstone in Term 1 2021, please let the office know as soon as you can. Thank you.

### Mufti Day Tomorrow

A reminder we will be holding a school wide Mufti Day tomorrow to mark the end of term. Please bring a gold coin donation, which will be donated to World Vision.

### Staff Vacancy - Executive Officer

Our Executive Officer Mrs Angela Richards has been awarded an exciting new position as a Business Manager. As a consequence, we require a highly competent Executive Officer to undertake financial, property and payroll functions. The role includes working closely alongside the Principal and Senior Management as a critical link in the smooth-running of the school.

Key areas of responsibility include:

- Financial management of accounts through to year end.
- Payroll management for all teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Other property and administrative functions dependent on the skill set of the appointee.

This role is term-time only, plus three weeks, for up to 35 hours per week. Remuneration commensurate with qualifications and experience. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the special character of the school shall be a condition of employment. For further details and an application pack please refer to the school website: <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/> Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### School Trophies (Sports & Academic)

Can all school trophies be returned to the school office or gym office ASAP please.

### Sunhats for Years 1 to 10 – Term 4



In Term 4, it is our expectation that all school students in year 1 to 10 should own and wear a school hat when outside at break times and during sports events. In years 1 to 6 this hat is a regulation blue bucket hat (right).

In years 7-10 the required hat is the blue Cornerstone cap (left). Please note that we also allow year 6's to purchase and wear the blue Cornerstone cap in term 4 as they anticipate moving to the secondary school in the following year.



### Swings & Climbing Net - Afterschool

Students will only be allowed to play on the swings and climbing net after school if they are supervised by their own parents. **Without parental supervision the swings and net will be out of bounds to students, due to safety and reoccurring problems.**

### School Drop off and Pick Up

May we remind parents please do not stop behind parked cars in the Roberts Line or Mihaere Drive carparks, as this can cause traffic congestion, sometimes as far back as the roundabout on Roberts Line. We have had a number of concerned citizens complain to the Police regarding students getting out of vehicles on the roundabout, which is very dangerous. Please also take care in our carparks, for children, and also staff cars as we have had some damaged recently.

## School Notices Cont'd

### Student of the Week Certificate

Congratulations to the following students who received the student of the week certificate:

#### Aroha Team

A3 Liam Seagar & Anthony Marley



### Kingdom Kid/Cornerstone Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 1-6 students who received the Kingdom Kid/Cornerstone Award for Term 3 at last week's Primary School Assembly:

A2	Arlo Sutherland	D3	Tahlia Taylor
A2	Luca McGregor	D5	Veisia Kaufononga
A3	Jairus Jeff	D5	Nicky Ferrar
A3	Ruth Litty	D6	Meeval Thomas
A4	Victoria Kaufusi	D6	Ellaye Metuariki
A4	Madelie Murray	C1	Christian Meyer
A5	Gareth Prabakar	C1	Samantha Havill
A5	Aeren Ikurior	C2	Max Gunning
D1	Shekinah Bay	C2	Elijah Batlajeri
D1	Amiah Jain	C4	Amelia Nolan
D2	Sera Litty	C4	Boaz Reid
D2	Emily Couperus	C6	Johnny Tait
D3	Andrew Irvine	C6	Azaria Stephenson



### Book Week – Term 4, Week 3

The Scholastic Book Club and Manna Christian Store book stalls will be open for book purchases in the library during Book Week on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30-3.30pm, and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 8.30-9.15am. If you are available to assist with the bookstall, or help to set up (Wednesday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct) or pack down (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) please email [raeleen@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:raeleen@cornerstone.ac.nz). A whole School Book Character Parade will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am. Come dressed as your favourite book character and win prizes.

### Book Week Competition

It's Book Week competition time for our primary school students! If you would like to enter, please make a jungle animal OR a jungle scene out of recycled materials at home during the school holidays! Bring it back to your classroom Teacher in Week 1, next term and your class will vote for the best jungle animal and the best jungle scene. These winning classroom artworks will then go to the library and we will choose 2 supreme winners from each team. These people will get a book from our special Book Week shop. These winning artworks will be displayed in the library during Book Week. So... get creating!

### Lost

Manny Tautau in 8TR has misplaced her yellow/orange oversized sweatshirt. It has 2 pockets in the front and is unnamed. It was lost during the Rolling Stones competition last Friday. If you find it, please return it to L2 or the school office. Thank you.

### BOT Student Trustee Elections

Congratulations to Conrad De Groot, who was elected to the role of Board of Trustees' student trustee this month. Conrad joins the BOT for one year, September 2020 - September 2021.

## Sports Notices

### Hockey Manawatu

Hockey Manawatu are offering a fantastic opportunity for hockey players who are in Year 7 & 8 this 2020 season to play in the Under 13 REP development program. It runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December. For more information and registration details, please email [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz).

### Secondary School Golf Champs

Are you interested in playing GOLF in the secondary school champs on October 15?

You must have an official handicap to be eligible.

I need to hear from you BEFORE the end of the term - please see Jannell or email on [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) ASAP.

### Sports Uniforms

Can all sports uniforms and equipment please be returned to the gym foyer uniform box on Friday.

### U17 Cornerstone Christian School/St Peters Football 2nd XI

U17 Cornerstone Christian School/St Peters Football 2nd XI would like to thank Coach, Ed Dore-Wright for a full filled football season. We are grateful for his commitment and the endless hours he has spent with us teaching leadership, teamwork, discipline, and football skills. It was a stellar finish with a win against U17 Boys High School, 3-1 last weekend. We are looking forward to next year already! Thanks again Ed!!



### Weetbix Tryathlon 2021

If you would like to join the Cornerstone Christian School Weetbix Tryathlon group for next year, please go to [www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40602&G=119757](http://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40602&G=119757). 2021 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Palmerston North is on at Ongley Park and the Lido Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

### School Fun Run Fundraising

It's not too late to sign up and raise money for extra-curricular school sport as well as earning prizes for your child. The school has currently raised an amazing \$3,789, which is over halfway towards our target. [www.schoolfundraising.co.nz](http://www.schoolfundraising.co.nz). An email will be sent to all participants in the holidays explaining how you can order your prizes after our fun run event this week at school.

## Rolling Stones

### Zebulun's Blessing Win at Tribe Singing

In a fun afternoon of Waiata to God, Zebulun Tribe emerged victorious in the annual Tribe singing competition. As a finish to Maori Language Week, it was fitting that each tribe sang a song in Te Reo Maori. There were adorable junior singing solos, dance groups, a brass section, and some amazing vocals. Cornerstone's student tech team did an amazing job, with cameras streaming it live to the rest of the school. The school's new lighting rig got a good workout also.

Principal Mr Mitchell celebrated the various talents and skills students displayed. Zebulun Tribe managed the victory after singing The Blessing, with solos from a number of singers, including tribe leaders Evangeline and Abigail. With a total score of 85/100, they were only just ahead of Issachar Tribe on 83, who picked up second place. (By Mr Gareth Bell)



## Community Notices

### Highland Home Holiday Programmes

Highland Home are running two camps these holidays. Their first camp is for 6-8 year olds from the 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of September and our second camp is for 9-12 year olds from the 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of October! Registrations are open now, and places are limited!! The link to register is <https://www.highlandhome.co.nz/>. We would love to have you join us! Please feel free to contact us on [kidscamphh@gmail.com](mailto:kidscamphh@gmail.com) or via 'Highland Home Christian Camp' on Facebook if you have any questions or would like some more information.

### aPlus School Holiday Programme

aPlus has your school holidays sorted! Age specific activities and quality, affordable care for 5-14 years, 7:15am to 6pm from 28th Sep to 9th Oct. Go to [www.aplus.kiwi.nz](http://www.aplus.kiwi.nz) for all the details and to book. Pamphlets available from the school reception.



### Saturday Music - Enrolments Open

Basic music and instrument classes. Enquire now for 2021 at [www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz) or [contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto:contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz)

### Face Masks for Sale

All sizes available from 2 years and up, 4 sizes to choose from. \$10 each. These are made by one of our students' Grandmother - Gaylene Mason-Hollier. These can be purchased from George Street Collective, 42 George Street, City Centre, Palmerston North.

### Central Football Holiday Programme

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> Sept-1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Time: 9-3pm. Venue: St Peters College. Age: 7-12 year olds. Cost: \$85. Register via your child's MYCOMET account.

### Feilding Craft Market

The Feilding Craft Market is Manawatu's iconic market, held at Manfeild Stadium in Feilding on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It will hold over 250 artisans from around NZ. There will be something for everyone! Come and support small and local business this year, by doing your Christmas shopping with us. For further information check out their website: [www.feildingcraftmarket.co.nz](http://www.feildingcraftmarket.co.nz) or email: [feildingcraftmarket@gmail.com](mailto:feildingcraftmarket@gmail.com).

### Key Dates:

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)  
Last Day of Term 3

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

First Day of Term 4

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup>- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October

Life Education Trust Visit Y7-8

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

NZ Shakeout (Earthquake) Drill

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Year 12 & 13 Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

#### Tues 20<sup>th</sup>-Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October

Year 11-13 Optional Parent Subject Teacher Conferences

#### Tues 27<sup>th</sup>- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October

Book Week

#### Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: 20 July-25 September

Term 4: 12 October-11 December  
(School finishes at 12pm on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)



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