

Principal's Message

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

It's hard to believe that this week is the last full week for our year 11 to 13 students. Next week on Wednesday our year 11 to 13's head away on study leave to prepare for their upcoming NCEA external examinations.

The overall shortening of face-to-face learning time here at school due to COVID lockdown earlier this year has presented some challenges for our senior students around achieving the required credits to gain NCEA 1, 2 or 3. Can I please ask that all Cornerstone families keep our senior students in their prayers, as they prepare for external examinations. A small number of students will be returning to school later in term 4 to complete 'Summer School' – additional classes that allow space for students to gain or finish credits to 'get over the line'. Thank you to our Senior Assistant Principal, Mrs Natasha Casey and Mr Carl McIntyre for making these classes available to our students.



Book Week

Last week was a fun-filled week here at Cornerstone, as the school immersed themselves in the wonders of books and reading for enjoyment. The week culminated with a 'book character parade', and I was so heartened to see most students and teachers get into the spirit of the day. We had everyone from Bilbo Baggins through to the Cat in the Hat – and that was just the teachers! (Thanks, Mr McDonald and Mrs Little).

Over the course of the week, book sales were held in the school library. These were well attended by our school community and we managed to raise just over \$3,000 to spend on more resources to go back into our library space. Again, a huge thank you to our librarian, Mrs Katharine Bracey, teacher in charge of library, Mrs Raeleen Simpson and parent Mrs Tracey Knowlton for all of your efforts across this week.

Careers Expo

On the same day as our book parade, Mr Carl McIntyre organized a fantastic careers expo for all of our secondary students here at school. Walking around the gym and secondary area, I was amazed by the range of professions represented; lawyers, firemen, Midcentral DHB, ER doctors, Police, Insurance specialists, tree arborists, UCOL trades, Fonterra, the Military, Beauticians, to name but a few, were all in attendance! A huge thank you to Mr McIntyre for organizing this event so well and for arranging such a wide and diverse range of career opportunities for our students to consider.



Timetable Changes for 2020

I would like to signal to our school community that we will be making some slight changes to our school timetable in 2021 in order to comply with Employment Relations law and also our Union Collective Agreement. The whole school will start next year at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm. Break times will be very similar to those existing. The core change is that secondary students will have a two week rotation in their timetable rather than the current five day timetable. We will ensure that all secondary students are well informed of their timetables prior to school starting on February 1, 2021.

Camps

We have a number of camps heading out in the next few weeks as follows:

- Year 8 Camp at MiCamp in Taupo (Wednesday 18 November-Friday 20 November 2020)
- Year 9 Marae Noho at Rangiotu Marae (Thursday 3 December 2020)
- Year 10 Camp at Highland Home Christian Camp (Monday 30 November-Friday 4 December)

Camps are a core part of the Cornerstone Christian School learning experience and are often significant moments of 'God encounter' for all of our students. Again, could we please ask that our Cornerstone families keep these camps in their prayers – asking for God's covering and presence over these camps.

A huge thank you also goes out to all of the Mums and Dads who have put up their hand to help with these events.

Behaviour

This week has been a difficult week for our school around behaviour. We had a significant incident in year 7 at the start of the week that placed a number of our students at risk. I am thankful to our incredible staff who teamed together to speedily diffuse this situation.

In these final weeks before the end of the year, can I please ask that all of our Cornerstone family (Students, Parents and Teachers alike) act with kindness – remembering that Jesus asks us to treat others as we would want to be treated, and secondly to exercise patience. This year has been 'extraordinary' in the true sense of that word and many of our students are tired and perhaps anxious.

Recognising this, let us remember to always conduct ourselves in a Godly manner. In the book of Galatians in the Bible, the writer describes the kind of character we each will exhibit as we let God shape and mould us:

Galatians 5:22: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell
Principal
Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz



School Notices

Not Returning to CCS in 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.

Teacher Aide Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a teacher-aide to work term time only or approximately 15 hours per week (fixed term from Week 7 until the end of term, likely to continue in 2021). The role will involve working with a student in the middle school. The position is tagged to the ongoing enrolment of the student. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the Special Character of the school is a condition of employment. To learn more and/or apply, please visit the school website: <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Applications close at 9am on Friday 6th November.

Year 7-10 Optional Parent/Teacher/Subject Interviews

The Y7-10 optional Parent/Teacher subject interviews are now open for booking. Note, these are not the traditional Life Lab teacher conferences, but a chance for you to meet with subject teachers directly. This change is in response to the COVID interrupted school calendar for 2020. These interviews are optional. You may wish to meet with one or two teachers, or all as you feel is necessary. Please book as soon as you can. **Bookings will close 5pm next Monday 9th November (Week 5).**

All teachers will be centrally located in G1/G2. Student attendance is optional. If parents prefer to attend the subject interview on their own, they may do so.

Please note:

- a. 10 minutes per interview. If your student has the same teacher for two subjects eg, Maths/Humanities, you may book two 10-minute slots.
- b. Again, Parents can book to see several subject teachers, as you require.
- c. Interviews to be held after school between **3:30pm-6:30pm on Tuesday 10 November and Wednesday 11 November.**
- d. School WILL NOT finish early on these days.

How to book:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Click "Make a Booking"
3. Enter the event code: **cnx85**
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to book a subject interview for each subject as needed
5. Repeat for each child you have at school

Contact Jean in the office if you need further assistance.

Awards

Aroha & Manahau Class Awards – Week 3

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award.

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| A1 | Cara Grapentin |
| A2 | Mufaro Nhari & James Brookes |
| A3 | Vikram Pandey & Anthony Marley |
| A4 | Kaydee Lowe & Rohi Shumba |



School Notices Cont'd

School Blazers – Year 11-13's

Blazers mark the transition from Middle School (Year 7-10) to Senior School (Year 11-13). Students are classed as senior students when they enter Year 11. Rather than waiting until Year 13 to purchase school blazers, we suggest that parents purchase these for use in Years 11-13. By purchasing a blazer in Year 11, students get three years' wear out of it, before it is on-sold at the end of Year 13. Order forms will be available at the Student Administration Office desk and fittings will start in Week 4, Monday 2nd November afterschool in the Student Administration Office.

A non-refundable deposit of \$120 must be made with each blazer order. Please include the deposit with the order form. The balance of \$110 will go on your student's school account and must be paid at the time the blazer is collected in Term 1, 2021.

Some assistance funding is available for families in need. If you wish to apply for this funding, please email the Deputy Principal james@cornerstone.ac.nz. **All orders need to be made by Friday 20th November (Week 6).**

PE Uniform Orders

PE Uniform can be ordered at the office from the 2nd November, to be delivered early next year. Please note that it is compulsory for all Year 7-10 students to have a full PE Uniform. If your child does not have a new PE uniform please ensure that you place an order. **All orders need to be made by 14th November 2020.**

Delivery of Private Food Orders to School

Parents are asked not to permit their children to order food from Fast food companies for delivery to school. We cannot be liable for payment in these circumstances and will not be delivering the food to the student. This does not include the school endorsed Subway order scheme which does have logistical resourcing in place to support the delivery programme.

Library Books

If you have any school library books at home, please can you return these to the library ASAP please. Thank you.

Internet Safety Parent Information Evening

You are all warmly invited to an Internet Safety Parent Information Evening on Thursday 26 November, in the school Gymnasium. It is really important that a representative from your family, comes along to this evening. You will learn about some of the risks and dangers that our young people face on the internet. Practical strategies will be demonstrated, to assist you as you support your child/ren, to use their devices, safely. The evening will be hosted by Paul Jorgensen (IT Lead Teacher) and Josh Couperus (School Parent). Please email paul@cornerstone.ac.nz if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you there.

Last Day of School – Early Finish

School finishes at the earlier time of 12pm on the last day of school (Term 4) Friday 11 December. Please note that the Ashhurst and Feilding buses will leave school at the earlier time of 12.15pm. If you aren't able to pick up your child/ren at this early finishing time, please email Mrs Jean Wilkins in the school office at office@cornerstone.ac.nz. A list will be created and these students will be cared for at school until 3pm.

Lost

Size 10 polar fleece jacket. Named with Ryleigh-Jean Siegel's name in it (C2). Please check your child's polar fleece jacket to ensure they haven't picked up the wrong one in error.

Sports Notices – Year 0-6 Athletics

Please Return Team Sports Uniforms

Please return all sports uniforms to the Gym Office (not the School Office) in a bag with your child's name on it ASAP. Thank you.



**Cornerstone
Christian School**

Y0-6 Athletics, 2020

Friday 13 November
9.15am-2.30pm

At the School Grounds

Come and support your athlete.



Students need to wear hats, have plenty of water and wear Tribe Colours to support their tribe.



Drop your child off at school in their Tribe colours ready to race.



We pray for an enjoyable day for all.

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

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

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Community Notices

Teachers Only Day Special

Friday 27 November

\$8 entry regardless of age.

Just for Cornerstone students.

Bring your own grip socks

No requirement to book online.



NEWS FLASH - Kelvin Kids is now OSCAR Approved!

We offer before and after school care as well as run a fantastic holiday programme. We have been operating for 3½ years now and love serving in our community. We offer a range of activities, do homework with the kids, and make sure they are fed. If you would like to know more about this great programme, please email me on

kelvinkidsaftercare@gmail.co.nz.

Limited spaces available!!

Saturday Music – Open Day

Saturday Music is music education for children 4-13 years old. They are having an Open Day on Saturday 14 November 9.00am-11.30am at Palmerston North Intermediate School. We teach cello, choir, clarinet, drums, flute, French horn, guitar, ukulele, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin.

For more information go to: www.saturdaymusic.org.nz or email contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz

Book Launch

RELOVUTIONARY *Philosophy for True Human Flourishing*.

This is a celebration of a book newly published by one of our school parents Jonny King. Come and hear Nevin Beukes and Daniel Schwamm speak to and from this incredible, life changing book. To read more go to

facebook.com/RELOVUTIONARY

When: Friday 6 November at 7pm

Where: Christ Sanctuary, Queen St, PN

RSVP: Shannon: 027 276 5780



Key Dates:

Friday 6th November

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Last Whole School Assembly
(Farewell Year 11-13's)

Mon 9th Nov-Fri 13th Nov

Road Safety Week

Monday 9th November

Wholegrain Organics EOY Dinner
(6.30pm-8.30pm)

Tuesday 10th November

Last Day for Year 11-13's
Last Whole School Assembly
Year 7-10 Optional Parent/Subject
Teacher Conferences (Tues 10th
Nov & Tues 11th Nov)

Thursday 12 November

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Friday 13 November

Primary School Athletics (Y1-13)
9.15am-2.30pm at School

Monday 16 November

NCEA Exams begin

Mon 16 Nov-Wed 18 Nov

Year 11-13 Summer School

Wed 18 Nov-Fri 20th Nov

Year 8 Mi-Camp

Thursday 19 November 2.15pm

Kingdom Kid Awards Assembly

Term Dates for 2020/2021

Term 4: 12 October-11 December
(School finishes at 12pm on 11th Dec)
Term 1 2021: 1 February- 16 April

WOW

Subway delivers to Cornerstone Christian School

Subway delivers every Friday
First delivery Friday 7th August - Order Now !!

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