

## Principal's Message

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

Thanks for the awesome turnout last Friday for the Primary (Year 1-6) athletics day. A huge thank you goes to the indomitable Mr McDonald who once again organised a fantastic day for our students. Thankfully too the weather was perfect, and we managed to keep most sunburn at bay. Here are a few photos from the day:



## Year 7 & 8 Cohort 2021

Yesterday we farewelled the Year 8's as they headed off on their annual camp to MiCamp in Taupo. It was great to see so many students (and parent-helpers for that matter) looking excited about a few days away together. Yes, this camp was supposed to happen back in March this year. COVID lockdown caused us to delay it until now. Next year's year 8 group will head away on the same camp mid-term 1 in 2021.

It is no secret that this year has been challenging for our year 7 and 8 cohort, and one of the key things students, teachers and parents have struggled with was the separation that has occurred through having the 7's and 8's down the field in L Block.

While this separation has been great for my pedometer, at times it has just felt too far! The Senior Leadership Team have decided that in 2021, we will relocate the Whakapono Team to G-block, to ensure better integration with the rest of the school.

Subject studies like Art (Room G6) will be relocated down to L-block and we envisage this area of the school becoming more of an Arts and Technology space for high school students. We are looking forward to having a much more settled year in year 7 and 8 in 2021.

Year 6 and 8 school parents, please remember that there is a parent meeting in the staffroom next Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> November) to discuss transitions to year 7 and year 9 in 2021. See you there.

## The New Year (2021) Start Up

The 2021 School year will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.00am. This first day will start with a whole school assembly and Powhiri to welcome our new students to our Cornerstone Whanau. Parents are welcome to attend this event.

From Wednesday to Thursday of week 1, (3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February) our year 13's will be away on Leadership Camp at Whakamaru. The Monday of week 2 (8<sup>th</sup> February) is Waitangi Day and therefore a Public Holiday. We would also like to let parents know now, that Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February will be a Teachers Only Day here at Cornerstone. You may want to plan a last gasp summer holiday!

## Attendance Dues

I have had a number of families approach me recently to let me know that they are struggling to pay their Cornerstone Christian School attendance dues, due to job-loss or difficult personal circumstance related to this crazy COVID year. Can I please explain that the process of charging and reconciling attendance dues is completely separate to the school administration. Attendance dues are paid to the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust (CCET), more commonly called our 'Board of Proprietors.' This board has ownership and oversight of the land, buildings, and special character of Cornerstone Christian School. If you have any questions regarding your Attendance Dues, please contact Brian Gray (Proprietor) at [accounts@ccet.ac.nz](mailto:accounts@ccet.ac.nz).

If your family is in a position to assist other Cornerstone families who may be struggling with these fees, can you please let me know? (email: [principal@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:principal@cornerstone.ac.nz)). Over the years we have had a number of faithful and generous Cornerstone families who enabled other Cornerstone families in this regard.

## Prayer

We would sincerely appreciate it if our Cornerstone families could continue to uphold our school in their prayers. It has certainly been a year and we acknowledge that we have a few tired students (and teachers). We would like to finish the year well. This is one of our school values – Diligence, which we define as 'start fast, work hard, finish well'.

Blessings on you all,

Chris Mitchell  
*Principal*



## 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.

### Last Day of School – Early Finish

School finishes at the earlier time of 12pm on the last day of school (Term 4) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 earlier finishing time, for health and safety purposes, please email Mrs Jean Wilkins in the school office at [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz) before 4pm on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. A list will be created and these students will be cared for at school until 3pm.



### 2021 School Calendar

School dates (including term dates, public holidays and teacher only days) are listed on the '[Important Dates](#)' page of our website. Parents who are keen to plan weekend getaways may want to consider two teacher only days which dovetail into public holidays: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February (after Waitangi Day Monday) and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (before Good Friday). <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/important-dates/>



### Internet Safety Parent Information Evening

You are all warmly invited to an Internet Safety Parent Information Evening to be held on Thursday 26 November at 7pm in the school staffroom (please note change of venue). 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). Please email [paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) if you have any queries. We encourage you to bring your student/s to this meeting, as it will be suitable for them also. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Desktop PC's for Sale

The school still has a significant number of Desktop Computers (no longer needed in classrooms) for sale. These are available for \$100. This will come with everything you need; Monitor/Keyboard/Mouse/Cables, Windows 10 Pro. They are suitable for most day to day computer tasks. They are 'HP' brand (really reliable). Please email [paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) to order them. Payments can be made to the office or online (instalments, if needed. You can collect the computer once full payment has been received).

### Preferred Payment Method

Our preferred method for payment is EFTPOS or online payment if at all possible, **NOT CASH PLEASE**. We have a very small float, and often don't have the capacity to give change. It is also getting increasingly difficult to get petty cash from the bank. Our account details are: **Cornerstone Christian School Account: 02 0727 0154852 00.** (PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS ACCOUNT FOR ATTENDANCE DUES)



### Scholastic Book Club Orders

The last Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#8) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. Orders for free delivery to the school close at the end of week 7 (27 November). View the brochure on the Scholastic website or a paper copy can be collected from the student side of the school office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janis@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janis@cornerstone.ac.nz) Thank you!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:james@cornerstone.ac.nz). **All orders need to be made by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Week 6).**

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Reuben McCracken for his incredible achievement in completing the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Leadership Award**. He has given over 50 hours of his time to the SERVICE, SKILLS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION AREAS of this award which was presented on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## Primary Class Awards

### Aroha & Manahau Star of the Week Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award:

#### Week 4

A5 Anna Probert & Abigail Yates

#### Week 5

- A1 Deacon Young
- A2 Catherin Sherin & Aquila Reid
- A3 Logan Marx & Oscar de Vries
- A4 Leighton Stephenson & Jason Tokode
- A5 Noah Mata Ross-Murphy & Elis Mangalathu
- D1 Gabriella Varghese Bose & Johan Correa Ceron
- D2 Sian Sanal & Caylee Correa Ceron
- D3 Samuel Siegel, Sofia Anderson & Adriel Raghwan
- D5 Victor Bay, Liam Southall & Eun-Hae Kano
- D6 Caleb Henderson, Maximus Thomson & Harry Lu



## Primary Class Awards Cont'd

### Aroha & Manahau Star of the Week Certificate

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award this week:

#### Week 6

- A1 Ezra Wilkes
- A2 Luca McGregor & Melody Burns
- A3 Jairus Jeff & Brooklyn Murcott-Dowers
- A4 Emily Higgs & Jasmine Nolan
- A5 Mikayla Meyer & Edrei Bekker
- D1 Lakita Lowe & Luke Meyer
- D2 Cody Measey, Ayleen Tiong & Benjamin Bosman
- D3 Charlotte Brookes, Matthew Grapentin & Elijah Phoa
- D5 Nathan Thomas, Rhys Woodmass & Nicky Ferrar
- D6 Setaita Motuliki, Kaea Pereka & Hawaiki Bentson



## Kingdom Kid/Cornerstone Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded their classroom Kingdom Kid Award for Term 4. These special awards are given to students that display the school values of Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Humility and Kindness throughout the Term:

#### Aroha Team

- A1 Keziah Anderson & Deacon Young
- A2 Jackson Batlajeri & Catherine Irvine
- A3 Ethel Chiu & Eden Taite
- A4 Kaydee Lowe & Jason Tokode
- A5 Amelia Harvey & Anna Probert
- D1 Emily Sisson & Amelia Mulder

#### Manahau Team

- D2 Amelia Harvey & Anna Probert
- D3 Scarlett Woods & Christopher Poulton
- D5 Austin Anish & Kate McIntyre
- D6 Ziah Sanders & Phoebe Kim

#### Tumanako Team

- C1 Natalia Couperus & Cooper Weatherall
- C2 Levi Poulton & Caleb Chiu
- C4 Zane de Vries & Gordon Smart
- C6 Josiah Clark & Breanna Tongs

#### Secondary School

- 10AN Anya Simpson
- 10CD Olivia Knowlton
- 10HS Luke Dore-Wright
- 11BE Diane Kaufusi
- 11WU Asher Jorgensen
- 12DO Amy Pinkney
- 12SI Hanna Fail
- 13HE Chloe Grapentin
- 13JA Shanese Sproull

#### Lost

Petra Brookie has lost her cap. It has the initials PHB inside. If found, please return to the school Office. Thank you.



## Community Notices

### 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](mailto:kelvinkidsaftercare@gmail.co.nz).

**Limited spaces available!!**

### 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)

### 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.



### Give it a Go Day

In conjunction with Sport Manawatu See Her, Be Her festival, Central Football are excited to offer a "Give It A Go Day" for girls ages 7-9. This is an hour-long event, where girls will be able to participate in fun small-sided games and activities.

**When:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm-4.30pm

**Where:** Milverton Park, Palmerston North.

For further information or to book please email:

[Kate@centralfootball.co.nz](mailto:Kate@centralfootball.co.nz) or go to:

<https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/seeherbeher-festival/>



### Key Dates:

**Wed 18 Nov-Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
*Year 8 Mi-Camp*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Year 7 Day Trip*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Itinerant Music Recital*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
*2021 Year 7 & 9 Parent Info Evening – 6pm*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Primary Interschool Athletics (Yr6)*  
*Parent Helpers Morning Tea - 11.05am*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Year 9 Activities Week & Noho Marae Trip*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
*Year 10 Camp*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm**  
*Year 13 Graduation Supper*

**11<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm**  
*Last Day of School*

### **Term Dates for 2020/2021**

*Term 4: 12 October-11 December*

*Term 1 2021: 1 February- 16 April*

*Term 2 2021: 3 May-9 July*

*Term 3 2021: 26 July-1 October*

*Term 4 2021: 18 Oct-15 Dec (TBC)*

**REMEMBER** our KickStart Breakfast club is open Tuesday and Thursday in G1 from 8.00am and everyone is welcome to come in for a bowl of Weet-Bix & milk!

**Contact:** [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz) | 06 356 7326 | [www.cornerstone.ac.nz](http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz)

**Absences:** [absent@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:absent@cornerstone.ac.nz) | Text: 027 315 7764

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## Subway delivers to Cornerstone Christian School

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

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- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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