

Aroha Team News



We, the Aroha team, would like to extend a warm **welcome** to all the new students joining us in A1. We pray you settle quickly and thoroughly enjoy

learning and growing in God here at Cornerstone Christian School.

We trust everyone else returning has had a restful break and is ready for new and exciting learning adventures in the term ahead.

This term we welcome Mrs Clare Long, Mrs Marelize Bester and Miss Rachel Girling-Butcher to our Aroha teaching team.

Our **teaching team** will look as follows:

- A1: Clare Long (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)
Catherine Forrest (Wednesday)
- A2: Nicole Koolhoven
- A3: Emily Gennills (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)
Rachel Girling-Butcher (Wednesday)
- A4: Kathleen Christensen (Monday)
Karen Burrows (Tuesday to Friday)
- A5: Penelope Smith (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Julia Cameron (Thursday and Friday)
(from week 5)
- D1: Whaea Nicola Waitoa



Our learning this term:

- **Christian Living** – This term we will be looking at developing our own personal faith. We will cover topics such as Prayer, the Fruits of the Spirit, the Armour of God, the Holy Spirit and Worship
- **School Value** – Kindness
- **Topic** – Our focus this term will be on people who help us. If you, or someone in your whānau, is a community worker (work in the police or fire departments, nurse, dentist, optometrist, in the army etc.), we would love to have you share what you do. Please contact your child's teacher to organise a time to share with the class or at one of our assemblies
- **Maths** – Number and Measurement with the focus on linear measurement
- **PE** – Skipping. If students would like, they are welcome to bring their own named skipping ropes for use during morning tea and lunch, but these need to be kept in their school bags and only used for skipping purposes.

It's cool to be
kind.



Upcoming Events

Teacher Only Day is on Tuesday, **3rd August**, in Week 2.

Parent teacher Interviews – Wednesday and Thursday, 4th and 5th August, in **Week 2**

School **Photographs** will be taken on Thursday, **12th August**, Week 3

Team Notes

- We have children at our school with severe nut allergies. Please help us keep them safe by not including any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox.
- Children are allowed to wear either their summer or winter uniform but not a mixture of both. Shoes need to be worn whilst children are outside. Shoes must be leather or have a leather-look – NO canvas ones. As the temperatures become cooler, students are welcome to wear school regulation black jackets.
- Assemblies are at 2.20pm on a Friday afternoon in A3. Space is limited but you are welcome to join us.
- Wednesday is small wheels day. Helmets and safety gear must be worn.
- Children must be collected from their classroom after school by a parent/caregiver or older sibling (Yr 5+).
- Please notify the school office if your child is absent or late. Text 027 315 7764



At Cornerstone, we encourage positive behaviour through our school values of Respect, Kindness, Diligence, Integrity and Humility before God. To reinforce positive behaviour students receive a tuakiri (token), sticker or dojo points. Once the agreed amount has been achieved, students are rewarded either individually with a trip to the prize box or with a class reward, which may vary from a movie with popcorn to a dress up day.



At times, students may demonstrate less desirable behaviour here at school. These are generally dealt with by the class teacher. There may be times when a student requires additional time for reflection, and this is then done at something we call 'lunch work'. This is a time where students have an opportunity to catch up on work they did not complete or to discuss the choices they have made and how they manage these next time. Our desire is not to punish but rather to teach them a better way to manage things next time.



As always, please read the school newsletter each week or check the website to get the latest details. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

We appreciate your support.

Aroha Team Teachers