

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

### **Open days, enrolments, waiting lists, roll caps and new teachers**

Our school has been blessed with significant roll growth over the last few years and this has impacted on many aspects of school life. Looking at the school staff photos over the past few years I counted: In 1996 there were 6 staff, in 2013 there were 25 staff, in 2018 there were 60 staff and in 2019 70 staff. This has had significant impact, but we are only allowed to grow so much under our Ministry of Education imposed roll cap. Some of the ways the demand has impacted have included:

- The school is usually at its full roll cap and so we have waiting lists at most year levels (currently well over 100 on the waiting list). People do leave for other places, so students on the waiting list do get into the school, but, generally not when they originally tried to enrol. It is really tough putting keen families on the waiting list when they are wanting Christian Education for their child (which is what we are here for).
- We have a roll cap of 580 for next year and we are currently asking the Ministry of Education to increase this to 730 to allow us to have 2 classes flowing right through the school (currently we have 2 classes up to Year 9).
- Our new entrant classes are full for the next two years, and we are half full for 2022, so have been advising parents for some time to get the enrolment for their child into the office when they turn two to ensure there is a place for them when they start school.
- We are currently advertising for 3 new teachers in the Y7-9 area to account for some of the growth coming through.
- We had an open day on Wednesday, but, we actually ran it for information for our Year 6's and Year 8's as opposed to advertising for new enrolments since there is limited space in each year level.

Many blessings,

Peter Ferrar



Secondary School assembly led by the Vanuatu team.

**Mission: "To provide, with parents, a balanced Christian education to help children develop to their full potential in God."**

**Vision: "To be confident followers of Jesus Christ, equipped and inspired to creatively impact our world."**

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## Calendar

Fri 9 Aug	Mathex
Wed 14 Aug	Kind Hearts Movement Day
Thu 15 Aug	Massey Business Lectures
15-18 Aug	Manawatu Science Fair
<b>Fri 16 Aug</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
Thu 22 Aug	Stu Duval Show (Year 1-6) \$5
26-30 Aug	Year 11-13 Examinations
Fri 30 Aug	Quiz Night (Staff Room)
9-13 Sep	AIMS Games
Sat 14 Sep	Senior School Ball

## Cornerstone Awards

### Tumanako Team

F1	Johnny Tait
PF1	Sunny Randall
D6	Jhenereashun Grace Le'afa
C1	Samantha Poulton

### Whakapono Team

C2	Joshua Thatcher
C4	Bailey Hamilton
C6	Hannah Thompson

### Secondary School

9AL	Sophie Brock
9AN	Grace Brown
9RO	Grace Seumanu
10BE	Irin Lipson
10WU	Nikhitha Skaria
11DO	Mark McIlwaine
11SI	Samuel Hunt
12HE	Nikita Martin
12JA	Rachel McCracken
13CA	Phoebe McGregor
13GR	Isaac Forrester

## School Notices

### Kick Start Breakfast Club

Our Kick Start Breakfast Club is held every Tuesday and Thursday Morning from 8am for anyone that would like to come in and have some Weet-Bix and milk. We would appreciate any donations of food, eg cans of fruit and would warmly welcome any parent or student volunteers.



**REMEMBER** our KickStart Breakfast club is open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8am and everyone is welcome to come in for a bowl of Weet-Bix & milk!

## School Notices

### School Photos

Each student should have received a Scott Photographers order envelope.

If you would like to order class/individual photos, you can do this by either:

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 and a phone number on the back of the cheque please. Return the envelope **BEFORE** photo day.

2. **Ordering Online:** (If paying online **DO NOT** return envelope). Go to [www.lcscott.co.nz](http://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.

On photo day, students will be issued with an internet access key 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 Photos/Sibling Photographs

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

### New Entrant Enrolments

We are experiencing significant pressure on our roll and have waiting lists at most year levels. Enrolling your pre-schooler **before they turn 2** will help to ensure there is a space for them when they are ready to start school, and will avoid the sad situation some parents have experienced whereby their child is not able to be enrolled due to the year level being full. Enrolment forms may be picked up at reception or downloaded from the website:

<http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/enrolment/forms>.

If you do not have a letter from the school offering your pre-schooler a place, please enquire whether they are pre-enrolled by contacting Sarndra either by phone 356 7326 Ext 6102 or email [sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz).

## School Notices

### OfficeMax Palmerston North Store

Unfortunately our local OfficeMax store has closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Whilst the retail store has closed, you are still able to purchase items online.

### Bags for School Uniform

Supermarkets and some retail shops are going bagless to try to minimise plastic bags in our landfills. We would like to adopt this also. If you are wanting to purchase a number of school uniform items for your child/children, please would you bring your own bag with you. Thank you.

### Hearing & Vision Screening

Unfortunately the Hearing and Vision Technician was unable to visit our school last Tuesday. This has now been rescheduled for Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

She will be screening New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check, selected Year 7 and 8 students – retests/follow-ups/absentees or those that have not been screened as a Year 7 and children that have no previous screening record.

**Any parent/guardian that does not wish their child to be checked, could they please inform the school office. Thank you.**

### Sickness

Unfortunately there is still quite a bit of sickness around. There is a vomiting bug, a bad cold/flu which displays itself as a sore throat, headache, lethargy, runny/blocked nose and chesty cough. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school to eliminate the spreading of these bugs. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, please keep them home for at least 48 hours.

### Stu Duval Show (Year 1-6) \$5 each

Stu Duval will be coming to Cornerstone to perform a show for our year 1-6 students on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. He is a Christian author, cartoonist and a storyteller and a wonderful model of using the talents God has given you. The cost to attend this show is \$5 per student. This can be paid to the school bank account directly: 02 0727 0154852 00 or to the blue box in the student administration office. We would love all children to be able to attend, but will provide an alternative activity if needed for those who are unable to attend. For further queries, please speak with your child's teacher.

## School Notices

### Absences

When notifying the office of your child/s absence due to illness, please can you stipulate the type of illness/symptoms your child is having eg flu, cough, vomiting. This information would be helpful to keep abreast of any viruses that may be going around. Please email [absence@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:absence@cornerstone.ac.nz) or txt 027 315 7764.

### Tim & Harold – Life Education

We are so excited to be back at Cornerstone Christian School! It is wonderful to be shown so much love and kindness as always and be amongst all our friends and feel really privileged to be sharing in the students' learning around recycling and looking after ourselves with the Year 3-4s, and how our choices online affect ourselves and others with the Year 5-6s. Life Education is a Charitable Trust that receives no government funding, so if you would like to support our worthy cause, we have the following items for



sale until Monday:

Harold flag pens: \$1  
Soft toy Harold: \$7  
Harold drink bottles: \$10

These can be purchased from me at any time (cash only please). I would love to hear of the learning being shared at home - take care everyone, have a great Friday and a super weekend! *Love from Tim and Harold!*



We warmly welcome Tim and Harold who are visiting us again at Cornerstone Christian School!

## School Notices

### Business Challenge Shield

The business challenge is between three Palmerston North High Schools: Palmerston North Girls High School, Palmerston North Boys High School and Cornerstone Christian School. These three schools each complete a business challenge and present this to a panel of judges (similar to the Dragon's Den). Cornerstone Christian School has won this Award (pictured) for the last 3 years. Our students will look forward to competing for this award again in November.



### Quiz Night - Save the Date

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August the Cornerstone Fundraising Group will be holding a Quiz Night in the staffroom. Watch this space for further information.

## Sports Notices

### Manawatu Hockey Under 11's

These young boys represented Manawatu Hockey in the under 11 7 aside Development team, playing Kapiti last weekend. They have another tournament coming up in September. Keep up the great work boys, and congratulations on representing Manawatu.



### Congratulations Amy!

Congratulations to Amy Pinkney for attaining her Netball Centre umpire badge. This is a great reward for her hard work and dedication.



## Sports Notices

### Thank you AIMS Games Supporters!

Thank you to Central Districts Surveys Limited for their very generous donation in supporting our students who are attending the AIMS Games in September this year.

### Team of the Week – Week 3

The team of the week this week is our CCS intermediate A netball team. One of our parents and a former teacher at CCS, Melissa Seumanu, coaches this team, despite being extremely busy with a new-born baby and a large family. We appreciate the expertise Melissa is handing on to this lovely bunch of young ladies, who always listen, try hard and display our CCS values in abundance. These girls have had some really big wins and are developing well as a group. Their team spirit is obvious for all to see with the fun they have while playing. Keep up the great work representing our school girls and



Paula Tuimana speaking at the School Open Afternoon on Wednesday.



Abigail Yates enjoying some play time before school.

