

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

A New Venture for Providing Cheap Laptops for Parents

At this week's Board meeting, we considered a new venture to assist our community and I would like to announce it today.

Mr Paul Jorgensen is our IT Manager and he is very thorough with his organisation of our network. As a side line, Paul has become very proficient at obtaining high quality second-hand laptops for our school at a fraction of their original cost. These machines are now throughout the school and tend to have a lifetime of about 4-5 years (at which time laptops are out of date and need replacing anyway).

There are a plethora of low cost new laptops available from suppliers these days, however, they are not of the "Enterprise" quality to make them useful as student machines. I visited another Christian school the other week and found they were asking their parents to spend \$1600-2600 for their compulsory laptops.

We can do this much cheaper and hence we came up with a cunning idea.

We regularly source these laptops for our students as and when they come up (on Trade Me) – Paul has systems set up to purchase them when they become available if they are of the right type.

We would like to offer these to parents for \$400. This is an incredibly low cost solution for parents. We will make somewhere around \$100/unit profit at this price and we would like to put this income to our hardship budget so that we can continue to bless families who find it difficult to pay for school related costs eg laptops, uniform etc (we are not able to make contributions to proprietor attendance dues).

So this initiative will achieve two things:

1. Provide low cost laptops to parents (we will be able to attach them to our network etc and will be responsible to ensure they work properly).
2. Provide funds for those in our community who are in financial hardship.

If you're interested, please contact paul@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Many blessings,

Peter Ferrar

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

26-30 Aug	Year 11-13 Examinations
Thur 29 Aug	Maori Parent Consultation
Fri 30 Aug	CFG Quiz Night (Staff Room)
Sun 1 Sep	Secondary Tournament
Mon 2 Sep	Tongan Language Week
9-13 Sep	AIMS Games
Sat 14 Sep	Senior School Ball (Tickets \$70)

Class Awards

Week 5

A1	James Anderson & Isabella Delport
A5	Lucy Smith & Olivia Tait

Week 6

D1	Trey Dore-Wright & Rhys Woodmass
D2	Hawaiki Bentson & Seth Ruihi-Lewis
D3	Alexis Pienaar & Jeremiah Jeff
D5	Elijah Raumati, Ryleigh-Jean Siegel & Levi Poulton

School Notices

Maori Parent Consultation

There will be a Maori parent consultation at the school on Thursday the 29th of August at 3.30pm in G2.

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 school 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:

06 356 7326 Ext: 6102 or Email:

sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz.

School Newsletter via Email

If you would like to receive the school newsletter via email, please email Jean at the school office office@cornerstone.ac.nz to request your email address be added to our newsletter emailing distribution list.

School Notices

Cornerstone CrossFit Games Fundraising

This week students will be bringing home sponsorship forms and a parent letter. The Cross Fit Games will be held on **Friday 27 September** and we'd love as many people on the day to cheer the kids on as possible! Sponsorship Forms are being sent home this week. Please email **Mr McDonald** with any questions.

No NCEA Fees

In May this year the Minister of Education announced that families of secondary school students will no longer have to pay fees for NCEA accreditation.

Newsletter 2020

Next year we are moving to having our newsletter supplied in digital format (i.e. by email). This will start in Term 1 2020. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please email the office. We will also have some paper copies available at reception.

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.

If your child is absent from school, please phone 06 356 7326 Ext: 6101 or txt 027 315 7764 or email absent@cornerstone.ac.nz.

OfficeMax Back to School Stationery

We will be doing our Back to School Stationery Packs for each class through OfficeMax again this year. Although the Palmerston North Store has closed you will still be able to order your child's class stationery for next year online via credit card or internet banking payment or you can call OfficeMax direct with your credit card/debit card details and they can take your order over the phone. Choosing OfficeMax to purchase your child's stationery gives our school reward points, which last year came to a total of \$2,500 back to the school towards children's learning.

Further information will be available at the end of Term 3, beginning of Term 4.

Sports Notices

Term 4 Sports Registration

If you would like to register your child to play a summer sport, please see the school sports website or the gate noticeboards for more information. Further queries please contact: Jannell via email: jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz

Team of the Week – Week 6

This week our team of the week is a group of our youngest sporting Cornerstone pupils who have played winter hockey for terms 2 and 3. The Midgets hockey team are some of our year 1 and 2 students who have braved the cold winter mornings to run, hit and score in the wet, muddy grass each Saturday. Their awesome coaches, Riaan and Shani Delport, have been a blessing looking after these youngsters. They were prepared to take on the role of coaches and support the players even when they had little hockey knowledge. This picture shows the three players who have been the most consistent throughout the season: Isabella Delport, Matthias Ko and Aeren Ikurior.



Winter Sports Uniforms

ALL winter sports uniforms need to be washed and returned to the box in the gym foyer as soon as your child has finished their winter season sport. I appreciate your promptness with this so we can re-issue these for our summer sports.

Sports Notices

CCS Senior B Netball Team

Last Saturday the CCS Senior B Netball team had their final netball game of the season, competing against Feilding High School for first place in their division. It was a close game, but the girls fired up in the last quarter, winning the game by 2 points with the final score being 26-24. Thank you to all the valued supporters on the day. The spectators had so much pride for our school at that moment, and for the achievements of the girls. Special mention to their amazing Coach Kate McDonald and fantastic Manager Adele Giddens. The girls have also highly valued the input from Terri Bissell. Well done team! Bring on the tournament next Sunday!



Lost Kindle - Grey

Lienke Murray from C4 lost her kindle on Friday. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this, please contact the school office.



Eco bricks to help reduce waste in D6

Community Notices

CFG - Quiz Night

On Friday the 30th of August the Cornerstone Fundraising Group will be holding a Quiz Night in the school staffroom to fundraise for the AIMS Games in September. Doors open at 6.30pm and the Quiz will start at 7.00pm. 4-10 people per table. For further information, please contact Stephanie Meyer Ph: 021 026 86214 or email: drstephaniemeyer@hotmail.com.

Book at: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CGY>

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT!

WHEN

Friday 30th August
7pm start
(doors open 6:30pm)

WHERE

Cornerstone School
Mihaere Drive, Kelvin Grove (staff room OR gym)

Book now at <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/CGY>

Cornerstone Gala

Dear Cornerstone Community,

Each year we run a Gala on the first Saturday of March. This is an amazing opportunity for us to show Christ's love to our community first and foremost. In the Gala we are serving our community and witnessing to them! What a blessing! The other blessing of the gala is that it is now the primary way that we raise funds to support learning in the school. Our focus last year was to raise funds for a new playground, and we were able to donate \$18,000 towards this. Gala raised over \$20,000 leaving some money left over to support other things. This year our focus is the same and we are again seeking to raise funds for the new playground which will benefit all our children and Lord willing, our children's children. In order to do this, we need your help. We urgently need volunteers to help us with organising and preparing for gala. The workload is not high, and you will get lots of support. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer for the gala and contact:

Josh Couperus: Phone: 027 267 2925 or email: couperusjosh@gmail.com if you are interested.

Josh Couperus CFG Chairman
