

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

Outworking our Christian Special Character

At Cornerstone, our special character is the hallmark of our curriculum and the key reason noted by parents (on enrolment forms) for wishing to attend our school. Of the 142 children currently pre-enrolled to start as new entrants, or on our new entrant preference waiting lists, 137 (96%) of the parents/caregivers indicated that special Christian character was the number one reason they wanted to send their child to our school.

That being the case, I thought I'd summarise what that looks like in primary and secondary:

In the primary part of the school, our parents have chosen to send their children to Cornerstone so that they can access an education where the beliefs of the Christian whanau are being upheld by the school. Our "Devotions" programme begins the day in every classroom to point children's education to the God who created them, and includes:

- Children singing praise songs to God.
- Direct teaching of our school values and embedding them in a discussion of growing Christian character.
- Prayer times: Individual, group and whole class.
- Learning Bible stories.
- Doing activities which embed an understanding of the Bible into the lives of the growing children.
- Reading the Bible corporately.
- Discussions and reflective writing on how the lessons learnt from the Bible reading can help the growing child to develop positive behaviours and citizenship.
- Memory verses from the Bible.
- Dancing or movement exercises to Christian music.

The Year 7-13 stage in a young person's life is a key time when they are changing into adults and developing who they are and so we encourage students to begin to think critically about their faith. "Life Lab" is where we do this. In Life Lab, groups of 15-16 students will be partnered with a teacher (their Life Coach) and they will essentially focus on the following concepts during the year:

- Learning Bible truths and from Bible books and how these specifically relate to their lives.
- Incorporation of the school's values into real life contexts (character development focus).
- Career direction.
- Academic mentoring and being on track for educational success.
- Goal setting and monitoring.
- "Who you are and where are you headed?"
- Christian service.
- Discussing, in an informal and low stress manner, the deeper aspects of life ("what is this world and who am I in it?")
- Social issues.
- Study skills.

Life Lab is really about the holistic and Christian character development of the growing young person and asking questions like: "who is God to you" and "where does He fit in your life?"

I hope this short summary encourages you as to the education your child/young person is getting here at Cornerstone.

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

Tue 10 Sep	Earthquake Drill Excel Performance Year 7-13
Wed 11 Sep	Senior History Trip
Thur 12 Sep	Manahau/Aroha Assemblies
Fri 13 Sep	Tumanako Assembly
9-13 Sep	AIMS Games
9-13 Sep	Maori Language Week
Sat 14 Sep	Senior School Ball
Sat 14 Sep	EPIC Music Concert
Tue 17 Sep	NCEA Music Performance

Class Awards

Week 6

A3	Helena Kaufononga & Mieke-Mari Spies
A4	Samuel Siegel & Andrew Irvine
C1	Samantha Poulton & Ruth Quitiquit
C2	Taleigh Cooper & Emmanuel Phoa
D6	Caleb Murdoch & Amal Shijo
PF1	Rayu Chan & Gordon Smart

Week 7

A1	Sarai Metuariki & Talia Kuntharayil
D1	Ryley Bloye & Max Tizard
D2	Meeval Thomas & Steffini Brewster
D3	Violah Leauanae & Joshua Murdoch
D5	Ngaire Baxter, Zoe Faiz & Ebenezer Muli

Praise Awards

9AN	Caragh Aspen
9AN	Grace Brown
10BE	Matthew Smith
12JA	Sarah-Jane Collenette

School Notices

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.

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.

Online Payments

Please can you add your child's name as a reference when paying invoices/payments online. Thank you.

School Notices

Planning for 2020

As a result of the high demand for places that our school is experiencing, it is important that we know whether any students (other than Year 13's) are planning to leave Cornerstone at the end of the year. If you plan to enrol your child elsewhere, please let the Principal's PA know of your plans by Friday 30th August (so that we can advise families on the waiting list whether there is a place available for them during September). Please email sarandra@cornerstone.ac.nz, txt 027 604 0064 or phone 356 7326 ext.: 6102.

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.

Absences

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

Garden to Table

The Tumanako Team are keen to get a supply of wooden pallets or other handy sized bits of wood that could be used in the construction of things for the school vegetable garden. We are also looking for any useful kitchen utensils and woodworking tools that you may have and are not using e.g. hammers/saws. If you can help, please contact David Henderson david@cornerstone.ac.nz



School Notices

Cornerstone CrossFit Games Fundraiser

We're holding the *Cross Fit Games* as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **the last Friday of Term**. This is a sponsorship-based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise **\$3,000** for **School Sport**.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which were sent home last week with your child. Even if you don't have the form, just jump online at schoolfundraising.co.nz and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience Prize!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The *School Fun-Run/Cross Fit Games* is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy, all while helping the school raise funds.

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

If you have any questions about the fundraising, please contact the School Fun-Run Office on 0800 377 170. Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

NZACS Secretary – Situations Vacant

The NZ Association for Christian Schools valued secretary Sarndra Rauzi, has recently resigned so they are looking for a replacement part-time Secretary to complete the required administration duties for the NZACS Executive. This position requires someone who is self-motivated, organised and efficient. The hours are 290 per annum. For an Application Pack or a Job Description please email shaun.brooker@hamiltonchristian.school.nz or send your cover letter and CV to: Shaun Brooker, NZACS Chairperson, 4 North City Road, Rototuna, Hamilton 3210. Applications Close: 20th September. Position Starts: January 2020.



School Notices

CFG - Quiz Night

Thank you to those that came and supported the CFG Quiz Night last Friday. A fun night was had by all who attended. Thank you very much Stephanie Meyer, Craig MacDonald and their amazing team for organising this fundraiser.

EPIC Music Concert

We have our Student Concert coming up in 2 weeks' time. This is a first for us and is a chance to showcase some of the awesome students who learn with us! We would like to invite all parents and staff members to come and check it out!



When: Saturday 14th September. 1pm-2pm

Where: Grace City Church, 12 Morris Street

Who: Anyone who wants to come to watch!

Cost: \$5 per head excluding performing students. Profits to go to charity.

Student Hosted Dinner – Wholegrain Organics

Our Senior Food Tech Students have decided to put on another student hosted dinner. It will be a 3-course health-focussed meal featuring things they have learnt over the course of the year. A great opportunity to serve and share what we have been learning.

Date: Monday 23rd September (Week 10)

Time: 7pm

Location: Wholegrain Organics

Tickets: \$27 for student's family members, \$27 for teachers, \$37 for public.

For further information please email:

naomi@cornerstone.ac.nz



Cornerstone Christian School Ashhurst Bus Service

Starting Monday 16th September 2019

Our 2017 bus survey indicated that the majority of Ashhurst and Feilding parents would prefer a school bus service over having to transport their children to and from Cornerstone Christian School by car. Based on these results, we have been working closely with the Ministry of Education to present a case for Cornerstone Christian School Bus services. We were successful in securing a Feilding bus service in 2018. Last Friday we received a notification that, the Ministry of Education had approved the second bus route to and from Ashhurst and were wanting to get underway with this service as soon as possible.

Given that there are many details to sort out, we have suggested that the bus service does not begin until the start of week 9 this term – Monday 16th September 2019.

According to our school records, there are potentially 48 Cornerstone Christian School students living adjacent to, or beyond the proposed bus route that could make use of this bus service. This high number of potential students has allowed us to secure a FREE 'Cornerstone students only' bus. One downside of having the Ministry of Education provide this bus service, is that all parents with an Ashhurst residential address who currently receive a School Transport (conveyance) allowance will lose this at the start of term 4.

The confirmed route for the Cornerstone Christian School Ashhurst Bus Service is as follows:



The dark line above indicates the new bus route – leaving the school bus pickup area in Guildford Street, Ashhurst at 8.20am, with an ETA at Cornerstone Christian School of 8.35am. Please note that at this time all the other secondary buses (e.g. to Freyberg, Girls or Boys High) will have left the Guildford Street area and the Ashhurst bus will be the only one waiting to pick up passengers. We suggest that students avoid the student congestion in the Guildford Street area around 8.00am.

In the afternoon, the bus will leave Cornerstone Christian School at 3.20pm with an ETA back at Ashhurst Train Station of 3.35pm.

All Ashhurst area parents should receive a letter in the mail this week with more information on this service.
