

Welcome back to term 4! I don't know about you, but day one of term 4 always feels like hopping on a crazy roller-coaster that you ride flat-out until the end of term. One of our awesome Cornerstone Mums, Pip McCracken, just loves Christmas and would take great delight in telling me that there are only 70 days, 14 hours, 12 minutes and 11 seconds (as I write this) until Christmas – agghhh! I always have to deliberately remind myself, this time of year, of the true reason for this season: the deep mystery of Christmas, that began with the startling humility of a God who allowed Himself to become helpless, speechless, and powerless—laid in a feed trough amid straw and animal excrement. Christmas is a mystery that can and never will be fathomed, as we worship the God who has forever been made flesh.

As you may have figured out, our principal Dr Ferrar is away from school this week taking some much-needed R&R in the fair island of Tonga. Peter, who is a mad keen fisherman, has a dream to catch a Giant Trevally and a Black Marlin. I'm not sure what the fish in the photo is, but the smile says it all! So, in Peter's absence I am 'acting up' both literally and figuratively!



This term, the school value that we are focussing on is the value of Kindness or as we define it here at school, 'showing care for others. In the book of Colossians, chapter 3 and verses 12 through 14, the Apostle Paul tells us something quite strange: we are commended to

*"dress in the wardrobe God [has] picked out for [us]: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it."*

Sometimes in the morning I recognise that I deliberately need to put on, or dress myself in kindness as I don't always feel like being kind. Like-wise this term we want to encourage students to act with kindness and care towards each other. One recent student-led initiative that I love is our 'kindness bench' (see photo). This bench was the idea of our junior school council (in particular Annabelle McDonald, Shanti Batchelor and Jada-Rose Vilivili) who wanted a place for students to sit who were feeling sad or were feeling like they didn't have anyone to play with. It is our hope that when our Cornerstone students see someone sitting on this bench, they actively go and show kindness toward the student(s) sitting there.



We have quite a number of events coming up this term: Friday of week three is the last day for students in years 11-13 as they leave school to go on exam leave prior to their NCEA 1,2 and 3 exams. We will celebrate that Friday (1<sup>st</sup> November) by

holding our annual Cultures Day – a day of colour, fun and food as we celebrate the diversity of cultures we have represented at school. On that note we really need some dance, music or other cultural items. Parents, can you please really try to encourage your children to put an item together – or get involved yourself! If you have an item that you want to put on during cultures day, please talk to the coordinator, Mrs Katrina Bannister, or email her on [katrina@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:katrina@cornerstone.ac.nz). We will also be holding a school-wide lunch that day and ask that all students bring a plate of food that represents their family's culture. Again, we are going to need a lot of help with this lunch so if you can help, please let me know. I would love it if we could find a way to put down a hangi, umu or lovo this year. Is there anyone out there who could help out with this?

Blessings! Chris Mitchell, DP Primary, Email: [chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz) , Ph 027 7654 931

## Calendar

Fri 25 Oct	Sports Prize Giving
Fri 1 Nov	Last day for Y11-13
Fri 1 Nov	Cultures day
Thu 7 Nov	NCEA Exams begin
Thu 14 Nov	Y 7-8 Info evening
Thu 18 Nov	Y 10 Examinations
Thu 20 Nov	Y 1-6 Athletics

## Class Awards

### Week 1

A1	Rosy Chun
A2	Aiden Subeesh
A3	Mieke-Marie Spies
A4	Charlotte Brookes
A5	Cecilia Matakaiongo
D1	Nicholas Ferrar
D2	Meeval Thomas
D3	Benjamin Mulder
D5	Ngaire Baxter

## School Notices

### Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) – Regional finalist 2019

The level 2 and 3 Business studies students participate in the Young Enterprise Competition each year which is run from February until September. The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is an opportunity for students to unleash their inner entrepreneur and experience the start-up world first-hand. It is an experiential programme where students set up and run a real business. Each YES company creates their own product or service and brings this to market. They compete in five challenges over the course of the year namely product validation, business pitch, marketing and promotion, sales and an annual review. We are very proud to announce that Cornerstone Christian School has three teams that have been invited to pitch at the Regional Finals Top 8 on Thursday 24th October for the top prize of Regional Winner for 2019.

### GALA 2020 – We Need Your Help!!!

We are in need of some urgent help to make Gala 2020 a real success. Our primary need at this stage is for some people to help with organising sponsorship. There are also other areas so please come along to our meeting next Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 7:30 in the staff room at school to hear more or you can call Josh Couperus on 0272672925 if you are willing to get involved.



Issac Forrester, Sophie Fifield & Luana Woodfield (CEO)



Amy Collenette & Sarah-Jane Collenette



Phoebe McGregor & Caleb Simpson

Amy Pinkney (CEO)



## School Notices

### Desktop Computers for Sale

The school now has a surplus of good quality Desktop computers, as we move more towards laptops in classrooms. As a result, we are now able to sell these Desktops to families for home use. The cost will be \$150 which will include everything you need (PC with monitor, keyboard and mouse). They are a good brand – 'HP' and will have a clean installation of Windows 10 for the new owner. Please email Paul Jorgensen [paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) for more details.

## Sports Notices

Congratulations to Jasmin Tattle and Petra Brookie who competed in the Blades & Fencing Central Open Fencing Tournament, held at



Havelock North on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Jasmin Tattle came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's Sabre Competition and Petra Brookie came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Sabre Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Teams

competition which included both Jasmin & Petra and two other fencers.

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### Badminton

Congratulations to Caleb Murdoch and Samuel Codd (Overall winners), Elizabeth de Vries (Best Attitude) and Shaleah Batten (Most Improved) for taking out the majority of the Y4-6 Manawatu Badminton competition prizes last term.

We will be starting the **CCS Badminton Club** on Wednesday mornings from 8am - 8.50am for any interested Cornerstone students from week 2, as we build on our recent successes.

Primary students may wear their uniform, but Y7 students and up must be in their PE gear or other suitable attire. All players must wear

court shoes. The school has badminton rackets, but you are welcome to bring your own. There is no cost, but this is a good chance to get a little training and a lot of games on a regular basis.

For more information, please email [craig@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:craig@cornerstone.ac.nz)



Caleb Murdoch & Samuel Codd



Elizabeth de Vries



Shaleah Batten

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### Weetbix Triathlon

Entries are open for the **Palmerston North Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon** on **18 March 2020** at **Ongley Park**. Our school has created a School group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for **Cornerstone** when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some cool prizes. To enter the TRYathlon visit [tryathlon.co.nz](http://tryathlon.co.nz) If you have any school or group related questions please contact **Craig McDonald** on [craig@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:craig@cornerstone.ac.nz). Otherwise, contact the Weet-Bix TRYathlon team directly, email [tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz](mailto:tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz) or phone 0800 WEETBIX



# Cornerstone Christian School Celebrating Cultures Day

Term 4—Week 3

Friday 1st November

A day to celebrate all the wonderful cultures we have in our school.

**Dances Singing Sharing food**

**Reminder:** We need group and individuals items to make this a real celebration of the wonderful variety of cultures that we have in our school.

Please email or contact Katrina Bannister to register your item.

We will once again be having a shared lunch where we can taste food from all around the world. As we are unable to reheat large quantities of food at school, food that needs to be hot will have to be brought to school close to lunch time.

Also this is a great opportunity to **dress up in costume** of another culture, your own or one you are very interested in.



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**CORNERSTONE  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**2019 SPORTS AWARDS**

*Celebrating our winter extra-curricular sports teams*

**PARENTS WELCOME . ARRIVE EARLY.**

**1.40pm – Whole School seated in Gym**

**1.50pm - Prizegiving**

**2.50pm – Students return to class**

