

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

School Costs and Camps 2020

There has been a bit of discussion in the media recently about the new voluntary donations scheme, and the Ministry of Education have been sending out all sorts of directions to every school in the country around this.

We have decided to adopt this scheme for 2020. Basically, it gives the school an extra \$150 per student if schools don't charge school fees (N.B. proprietor attendance dues are not school fees).

The Ministry of Education has recently published new guidelines, further reducing what schools can charge for, which reflects the Labour party's pre-election promise to make the cost of education free.

A direct result of this is that we will not be charging parents for trips or camps, while part of this scheme, such as to the recycling centre or Te Manawa or the University. Full curriculum trips such as the Year 12 Biology trip, will now be paid for by the school.

Sports events and teams are outside the curriculum and will still be charged for.

Camps are a grey area. Camps are expensive and are not really part of the curriculum, although you could argue they are part of a good education. Schools cannot really afford to fund the costs of camps and have never had to in the past, therefore some schools are considering not offering them anymore. Going forward, we have decided to continue, at the present time, with our camps at the end of primary and end of secondary. We will ask parents for a voluntary donation towards these camps, but students will be able to attend them regardless. If we find that not enough voluntary donations are paid (ie to cover the cost of the camp per student) and therefore the cost to the school is too significant, we may reconsider running these camps in the future. We will be continuing with the already planned camps next year.

Regarding camps in 2020: If you can't afford to pay for your child to attend camp, the school is happy to pay for this. If you can afford to pay for your child to attend camp, please pay the voluntary donation so that we can continue to run them in the future.

For camps coming up:

2019 - Year 10 Camp (December): Does not apply. Parents will need to pay this cost if their child is to attend. (We are not expecting to run this camp in 2020).

2020 Year 7-8 MiCamp (March): We ask for a voluntary donation, but the camp will go ahead regardless. (If we do not receive enough donations, this camp may be reconsidered in the future).

2020 Year 6 Camp to Rangi Woods (March): We ask for a voluntary donation, but the camp will go ahead regardless.

2020 Year 13 Camp (February): We ask for a voluntary donation, but the camp will go ahead regardless.

If you have already paid for one of these camps above, you are entitled to have this money refunded. If you would like to have this money refunded, please contact the school office.

So, although this does throw up a few curly questions, basically it will reduce the overall costs to parents and particularly those who struggle to make ends meet, which is a good thing.

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

Tues 19 Nov	D3 SPCA Visit 11.20am
Wed 20 Nov	Year 0-6 Athletics at Massey Track (9.15am-2.30pm)
Mon 25 Nov	Road Patrol Award Assembly (9.00am)
Tues 26 Nov	Year 7 & 8 Elite Sports Athletics
Thur 28 Nov	Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Mon 2 Dec –	Year 9 Activities Week
Fri 6 Dec	
Sat 7 Dec	Graduation Supper (7pm-10pm)
Thur 12 Dec	Prizegiving (Year 1-6) 1pm-3pm
Thur 12 Dec	Prizegiving (Year 7-13) 6.30pm
Fri 13 Dec	Last Day of School (Year 1-10) (12pm Finish)
Mon 3 Feb	START OF TERM 1 2020 (Y1-13)

Class Awards



Week 5

D1	Kate McIntyre & Nathan Thomas
D2	Setaita Motuliki & Avah Vivian
D3	Ashlee Short & Elijah Batlajeri
D5	Ben Davie & Ethan Thomas
C1	Aikona Halaifonua

Kingdom Kid Awards - November

A1	Talia Kuntharayil Thomas
A2	Finn Bannister
A2+	Kaydee Lowe
A3	Emily Sisson
A4	Sofia Anderson
A5	Sera Litty
D1	Gida Venter
D2	Seth Ruihi-Lewis
D3	Cooper Weatherall
D5	Wynton Oldfield

Cornerstone Awards – November

PF1	James Alderdice
D6	Alfred Lipson
C1	Samuel Tolmie
F1	Alastair Mclvor
C2	Darius Asplin
C4	Michaela Reid
C6	Olivia Stewart
9AL	Joel Titus
9AN	Oliver Southall
9RO	Osaiaisi Tuimana
10BE	Destiny Te Mataki
10WU	Hannah Ashburner

School Notices

Early Finish on Friday 13 December (Last day of School)

Our last school day for 2019 is Friday 13 December. School will finish at the earlier time of 12.00pm. If you require your child/ren to be cared for until 3.00pm this day, please contact Jean in the school office via email jean@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone 06 356 7326 before the end of November. Thank you.

Uniform bookings for 2020

It is time to buy uniforms for 2020. The uniform shop (situated at the student reception) is open Mon-Fri 1.45pm-3.30pm.



The uniform shop is also open the week before school starts next year from Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January 2020 **(by appointment only)**.

To book your appointment to purchase your child's uniform please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code **kyrp2**.

Alternatively, you can go to our school website: www.cornerstone.ac.nz and click on the link "Uniform Bookings" under the announcements tab.

(Please note that we may be unable to assist you if you do not have an appointment)

School Newsletter 2020

Next year we are moving to having our school newsletter supplied in digital format (i.e. by email). We will also be providing this fortnightly instead of weekly. These changes will start from Term 1, 2020.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, we will have some available in the school reception area for parents to collect.



School Notices

Acrylic Jersey/Cardigan - 2020 Orders

We are currently placing our uniform orders for 2020. We are aware that some students cannot wear 100% wool. If you require an **acrylic jersey/cardigan** for next year, please order this from Mrs Ilona Shewell (Student Administration Officer) before **Friday 15 November**.

There is a sample available at the school office if you would like to view one. If you require further information, please email Ilona at ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone 06 356 7326 or come to the student reception between 1.45pm-3.30pm.



Wanted

Our Aroha team has grown and with our new discovery time we are finding that we are using lots of interactive building materials. If you are having a clear out and have any surplus materials to give away, we would love any of the following items:

- Wooden blocks
- Duplo or mega blocks
- Lego pieces
- Large puzzles
- Building materials – eg magnetic blocks, bristle sticks etc.

Please bring to A-block.



Junior Athletics Next

Wednesday

Remember a bus is available for \$3 per family (adults may also go on the bus but please inform the office), which needs to be booked by tomorrow. The bus will be leaving at 8.55am and returning to school by 3pm.

Parking at Massey is only available in the top carpark and will cost up to \$4.50 per vehicle. The bottom carpark is for staff and special circumstances only. You may not park on the side of the road or your vehicle will be towed.

Children need to wear their **tribe colours**, a hat and running shoes. Please bring something warm to wear, a raincoat, a water bottle and lunch. If showers, we will probably still go ahead.

Option Choices for 2020 Year 9 & 10's

Option choice forms for 2020 for Year 9 and 10 students will be issued through the current Year 8 class teachers and Year 9 Life lab teachers. These will be handed out around the middle of this term. Information to assist students with choices will also be provided.

School Notices

Back to School 2020

Stationery Requirements

We are once again teaming up with OfficeMax to make back to school stationery easy.



On the last day of term, the 2020 Class Lists will be posted on our website. Once you know which class your child is in for 2020, you can then go to **myschool.co.nz**. Simply search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

You can also earn School Rewards* for our school if you buy through OfficeMax 'My School'. The school can then use these rewards to purchase extra resources.

Order online at myschool.co.nz or phone 0800 724 440.

Price Match Promise - find a lower price and OfficeMax will match it*.

(*Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details).

Free Delivery - for orders over \$46*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.

Multiple Payment Options - including secure internet banking or credit/debit card payment.

Have your details changed?

If so, please complete this form, cut it out and bring it to the school office.

Student name: _____

Your name: _____

Home phone number: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Phone number: _____

Other details: _____



**Cornerstone
Christian School**

Y0-6 Athletics, 2019

Wednesday 20th November

9.15am-2.30pm



...Bus available leaving school @ 8.55am

and returning by 3pm. \$3 per family

(Book at the office by Friday 15th)



Come and support your athlete.



Students need to wear hats, have plenty of water and wear Colours or Costumes to support their tribe.

Drop your child off at Massey Track



Albany Drive by 9.15am (see website for map and programme). Or book the bus which will leave school at 8.55 am



by 3pm) We pray for an enjoyable day for all.