

## Principal's Message

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

I have been thinking a lot about HOPE this week. I don't know about you, but my heart sank when I heard about the two new cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand a couple of days ago. Not again, I thought. The idea of our school being forced to go back to level 4 was too much to consider.

Amidst despair, our faith in God can stand as a powerful beacon of hope; hope that things will get better; hope that God *does* hold all of our days in the palm of His hand. One of my favourite verses in the Bible is undoubtedly Hebrews 6:19 which talks about Hope being an anchor for our soul. If you love sea-fishing like me, you know full well that you don't need an anchor when it's calm. Anchors come into their own when things get stormy!

*"We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God." Hebrew 6:19 (MSG).*

This week at school is week 10. Normally we would be on school holidays next week, and yes some of our students (and OK, maybe some of our teachers too) are getting scratchy and in need of a break. When life is difficult, one of the best ways I have found to counter this is to look outwards: Find someone to bless, find someone to pray for; do something kind; make someone's day! Every time I choose to do this, somehow my focus lifts off me and becomes re-focused on the one who is the Anchor for my Soul. God!

I love our school values: Respect, Diligence, Integrity, Kindness and Humility before God and how these values make all of us here at Cornerstone focus our attention outwards. This week my daughter Zoe, sent me a quote that resonated with me: 'Humility is not thinking less of yourself; humility is thinking of yourself less'. I love it when I see our students thinking of themselves *less* and deliberately serving and helping others in our school. This is what our school culture here at Cornerstone Christian School is all about.



A5 Students participating in "Repeat the Beat" which is aimed at developing memory, gross motor skills and physical movement.

## Vacancies at Cornerstone

We have several staff vacancies at Cornerstone Christian School at present. Don't panic, none of our teachers are leaving – it's just that we need more staff in place to cope with our growing roll!

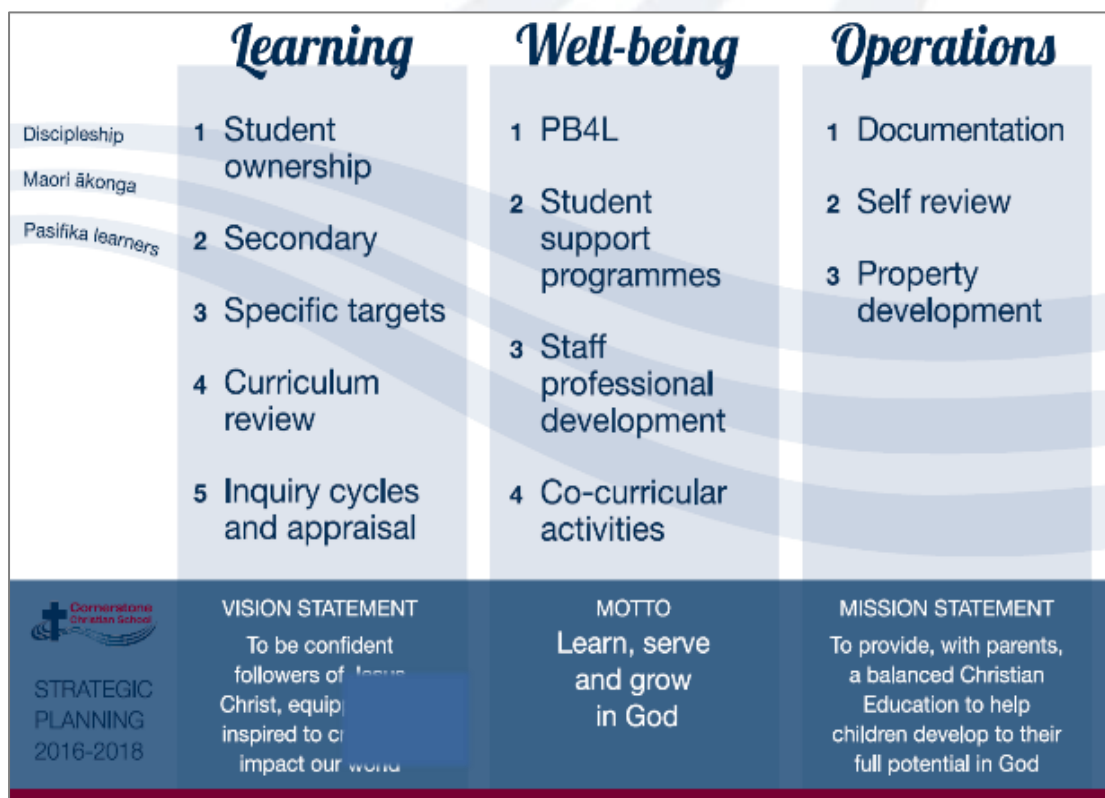
1. We are looking for a NZ registered teacher to teach two ORS funded, very high needs students who will start school in Term 3 and Term 4. The position will be 0.2 FTTE (approx 1 day) in Term 3 increasing to 0.4 FTTE (approx. 2 days) in Term 4 and is tagged to the ongoing enrolment of the students at the school. Please note that this position closes midday today - 19<sup>th</sup> June.
2. We are looking to employ a NZ registered teacher to assist in our year 7/8 area to ensure that we have 4 homeroom teachers at all times for our core Life-Lab, Humanities and Mathematics classes. This is a part-time position for Terms 3-4, 2020. The position will be a little more than 0.6 FTTE (approx. 3 days in total).
3. We also have a relief teacher shortage at Cornerstone and would love to hear from any registered teachers in our wider school community who could join our relief teacher pool.

For further information on these positions, please see our school website [www.cornerstone.ac.nz](http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz) under 'vacancies'. Please note that all staff employed at Cornerstone are required to support and uphold the special character of the school.

## Strategic Planning

Ok I know – the term 'strategic planning' conjures up the same level of excitement in most people's minds as watching paint dry or giving yourself a paper cut! As the new principal of Cornerstone Christian School however, I am really excited about how our school can develop over the next few years and I do want to signal to our parent community that we will be looking to work towards a new strategic direction in term 3 of this year.

The strategic objectives in the diagram below were developed by the Cornerstone Board of Trustees (BOT) back in 2016 after significant community consultation. This plan targeted:



Early in term 3 the Board of Trustees and School Leadership Team will be getting together to seek God for, and to discuss, our strategic direction for 2021 - 2023. The Board will then consult widely about these plans with our Cornerstone staff and parent community before consolidating our strategic plan in term 4.

Have a fantastic weekend and God bless.

Chris Mitchell  
Principal  
[chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz)



## School Notices

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - L Block Driveway

Parents **PLEASE DO NOT** drive down the L Block driveway to drop off/pick up your child/ren before or after school. Instead please drop them off from the curb side. This is a **STAFF ONLY** entrance.

### NZ Covid Tracer

Posters displaying Cornerstone Christian School's **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** have been placed at the school entrances. Parents coming on-site should use either the **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** or the **School App** or sign in on the VizTab at reception when coming onto school grounds. Learn more about [NZ Covid Tracer](#).

### EPIC Music Lessons

Music Lessons are available at our school through EPIC. If you would like to register your child to learn an instrument at school, please check out their Facebook page [fb.com/epicmusic.pn](https://fb.com/epicmusic.pn), website [www.epicma.nz](http://www.epicma.nz) or email [schools@epicma.nz](mailto:schools@epicma.nz). Lessons are \$14.00 per week and spaces are limited.



### Mufti Day

Thank you for supporting our Mufti Day. We raised \$723.00 for the people in Malawi, who are being reached this year by World Vision NZ. They are facing a double crisis; weather disasters which are destroying their crops, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic.



### WINTER SALE - Secondary Blouses/Shirts

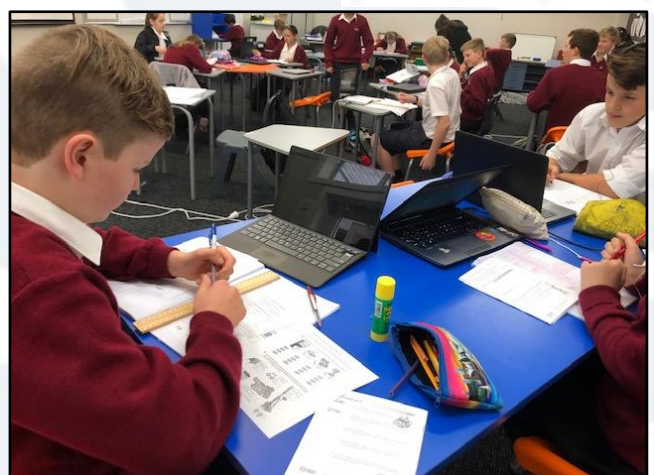
It is getting colder as winter is here. So we are having a winter sale.

Girls L/S Blouses were \$43.00 now only \$38.70  
Boys L/S Shirts were \$43.00 now only \$38.70

Please note we now have Junior Long Sleeve Polos from Size 4-12 in stock again. Apologies for the delay.

### PE Uniform

Our new school PE uniforms have arrived and they look fabulous! If you have ordered a new PE uniform, please collect this from Jannell in the school gym. Thank you.



## Student Notices Cont'd

### Rain Jackets

If you would like to place an order for a Cornerstone School monogrammed rain jacket, please contact Ilona at [ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz) or 06 356 7326. The cost is \$46.00 each. We have some samples in the office if you would like to have a look at these or check for sizing. Please place your order/s ASAP. **(Please note that we require a minimum order of x10 jackets in order to place the order with our supplier).**



### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club have a huge brochure of books available for the rest of this term! Orders can be placed online only between 2 June and 11 July free delivery to school. View the brochure on the Scholastic website: <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/toolkit/>. For further information, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janes@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janes@cornerstone.ac.nz).

### Star of the Week Certificates - Term 2:

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Week certificate:

#### Week 8

A3: Dominic Ng, Logan Marx & Brooklyn Murcott-Dowers

#### Week 9

A2: Lucy White & Greyce Toa

A3: Ethel Chiu & Liam Seagar



## Sports Notices

### Term 3 Badminton for Years 4, 5 & 6 Students

Duration: Competition runs for 7-8 Weeks (TBC)

Day: Tuesdays at Arena Manawatu from 28 July – 15 September

Time: Between 4.00pm-5.30pm

Cost: \$55 per player (2 player teams. Please find your playing partner then register interest to [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz)). Teams can be either boys, girls, or mixed teams.



Contact: [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz) | 06 356 7326 | [cornerstone.ac.nz](http://cornerstone.ac.nz)

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## Community Notices

### Blood/Plasma Needed

NZ Blood need Blood/Plasma donors now more than ever. The demand for these products never goes away. Please help us to help others. Call 06 350 0963 to make an appointment.

**keep donating blood.  
it's essential.**

NZBLOOD

### Wanted: 10-11-Year-Old Boys to Play Rugby

If you are a 10 or 11-year-old boy and you want to play rugby, Kiatoa are short 2 players and would love you to come and play for them this year. First game 4th of July. Please phone Sean Hook 021 113 3503 (Coach) or Anna Hook 022 505 5669.

### Highland Home Christian Camp

Highland Home Christian Camp is running a Junior Kids Camp for 6-8-year olds these holidays.

Registrations are open now, and places are limited. We are running a "Through the Decades" camp for two days and one night from the 6th to the 7th of July. We are a faith-based organisation promoting Christian character and would love your 6-8-year-old to spend part of their holidays with us. Click on the link to register: <https://www.highlandhome.co.nz/junior-kids-camp-6-to-8-years/> or feel free to contact us on [kidscamph@gmail.com](mailto:kidscamph@gmail.com).



### Aplus School Holiday Program

APlus has awesome, age specific activities and affordable care for 5-14 years, 7:15am to 6pm from 6th to 17th July. Head to [www.aplus.kiwi.nz](http://www.aplus.kiwi.nz) for all the details and to book. Printed copies of their programme are available from the school office.



### House to Rent: Kelvin Grove

Small 3-bedroom home, quiet cul de sac, handy to park, schools, shops and near bus route. Log fire, with HTS to children's rooms; insulated and Tenancy compliant. Recently decorated. Fibre installed. The last tenant left on good terms after 8 years. Secure back yard, carport, woodshed, and bike shed. Lawns mowed. Suitable for small family or couple, no pets please. References required. Available from end of June. Please contact Howard at [kelvingroverental@gmail.com](mailto:kelvingroverental@gmail.com) for viewing and interview.



### Key Dates:

**Friday 19 June**

*Trade Fair*

**Thursday 25 June**

*Elite Sports Meeting*

**Friday 3 July**

*Last Day of Term 2*

**Term Dates for 2020**

*Term 2: 15 April-3 July*

*Term 3: 20 July-25 September*

*Term 4: 12 October-11 December*

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## Cornerstone Christian School - Alert Level 1 Guidelines

There are no restrictions on personal movement, so all students, children and staff continue to be safe to attend Cornerstone Christian School. All enrolled students must now attend school unless they are sick.

While Cornerstone is no longer required to keep a contact tracing register, **parents and visitors must continue to check-in and check-out using the SchoolApp or sign in at the School Office using the VisTab** (tablet) provided at the reception desk.

Physical distancing is not a requirement but is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.

There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices, and events. We will look to get assemblies and sporting competitions back up and running as soon as possible.

There are key public health measures for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools like Cornerstone, this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze, or cough into elbow.
- Soap, water, and the ability to dry hands will be provided in all school bathrooms.
- The school will continue to regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days.

Thanks again for all of your support throughout the COVID-19 Alert Levels.

