

Principal's Message

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

On the whiteboard in the staffroom there is a whakatauki or Maori proverb written on the weekly planner. It reads:

'He Tumanako! E hoa ma, ina te ora o te tangata' or in English: 'Hope! My friends, this is the essence of life!'

In the strange and slightly surreal season we find ourselves in, where all the world seems in disarray over COVID, more than ever we need Hope – Hope that things will get better. Hope that God has got this; Hope that has a name - Jesus, who according to scripture is the one who anchors our soul (Hebrews 6:19).

I have Hope or perhaps I should say 'many hopes' for our school. Hope that God will allow the Ministry of Education to grant us a Maximum Roll Increase so that we can grow to have two classes of around 27 right through the school from year 1 through to year 13 (of course this would be different at the junior end of the school). Hope that God will build our school strong and firm, and that our school would be a place of encounter for students in their relationship with God. Hope that God allows us to become the best school we can possibly be in partnership with you all as parents.

I would like to take a moment today to talk about a few staff changes coming up. While sometimes these changes can seem unsettling on the face of things, again I have a Hope that God will bring the best possible staff to our school in this next phase or season:



Our lovely Mrs Katrina Bannister is leaving Cornerstone Christian School at the end of this term to take up a position at an international school in Brunei. Katrina initially was awarded this position at the end of 2019 however as you can imagine her plans had to be put on hold as COVID prevented any non-essential international travel. Katrina is looking forward to experiencing another country and culture with her young family and husband Ross, and we pray God's richest and best for this next season for you Katrina.

The other staff member leaving us is the lovely Mrs Francelle Aiken, who will retire from Cornerstone Christian School at the end of term 4. When I think back on Francelle's long teaching career and the sheer number of students she has taught and positively impacted for Christ, I am humbled. The teaching profession and Cornerstone in particular will lose an incredibly experienced practitioner when you hang up your whiteboard markers at the end of the year Francelle!

We have advertised these two positions in the Education Gazette and will look to appoint new teachers to both of these positions later in the term.

We recognise that we are losing a wealth of experience in the Aroha team with the departure of these two fantastic teachers but look forward to who God will bring along in their places.

We are also looking to restructure our leadership team within the school to ensure that we are positioned as best we possibly can for future growth. With Mr James Rose now as the sole Deputy Principal in school, we are currently looking internally to appoint two Assistant Principals (AP's). One AP will be the new head of Primary and the other AP will be the new head of Secondary. Please stand with us in prayer as we seek to make these two important appointments mid to late term 3.

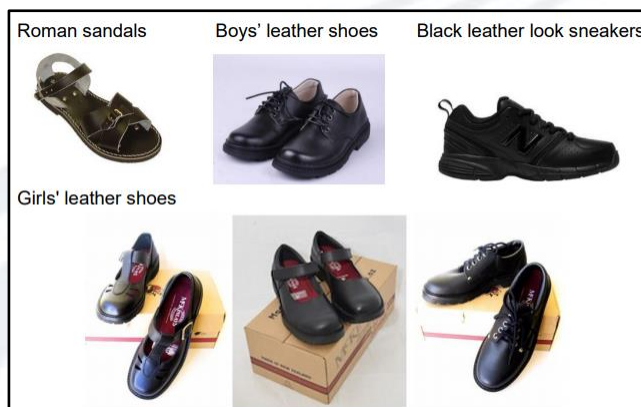
Other Important Information

I am looking forward to catching up with many parents and whanau next Tuesday and Wednesday when we hold Parent Teacher Interviews/Learning Conferences across the school. If you haven't booked in for these already, please remember to do so (see notice later in this newsletter). We'd love to see you!

Just a reminder to all parents that the earliest drop off time for your children at school is 8.30am. We have been having a number of children turn up at school at 8.00am or earlier. Please be aware that often teachers are in meetings at this time or doing their own classroom preparation and therefore children arriving at school prior to 8.30am are unsupervised.

Can I please also remind parents of a few school uniform requirements that I would like to tighten up on:

1. All children are required to enter and leave the school gate in the correct school uniform. This includes shoes on feet.
2. Please remember that there is a requirement for all shoes worn at Cornerstone to be the same or very similar to the list of appropriate Cornerstone shoes shown on the right. Coloured shoes or sport shoes with coloured soles are not appropriate.



3. Students may wear a black raincoat or jacket to school; however, these are NOT to be worn in place of the regulation red school cardigan or jersey and must be removed when inside the classroom.
4. We would like all students in year 7 to 10 to adopt the new sports and PE uniform that was released earlier this year. This is to be worn for all PE sessions, rather than the standard school uniform. Please see Ilona in the school student office to order this.

Please note that if you are experiencing financial hardship at present due to COVID or other circumstances, and are unable to afford the correct school uniform, please drop me an email as we do have available a small fund to assist school families with uniform purchases.

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

Chris Mitchell
Principal

chris@cornerstone.ac.nz



Term 3, Year 1-13 Learning Conferences

Term Three Learning Conferences will be held on **Tuesday the 4th of August and Wednesday the 5th of August.**

- On Tuesday 4th August, **school will finish at the earlier time of 1pm** for all students. Please make arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time. **(The Feilding and Ashhurst buses will be at Cornerstone at the earlier time of 1pm).**
- On Wednesday 5th August, Y1-6 students will finish school at 3pm as normal, **Y7-13 will finish again at 1pm.** Please make arrangements to collect your children at this earlier time. **(The Feilding and Ashhurst buses will be leaving Cornerstone at the usual times today).**

The booking system is now open for parents to book a Learning Conference with their child's teacher.

- For Y1-6, this will be with their classroom teacher. **(This is a Parent/Teacher ONLY conference).**
- For Y7-13, this will be with their Life Lab Teacher. **(Parent/Student & Teacher conference)**

Learning Conferences run for:

- 10 minutes in Year 1-6
- 20 minutes in Year 7-8
- 40 minutes in Year 9-13

To do this, please follow the instructions below.

How to Book a Learning Conference:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Click "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code: **xqrk5**
- Follow the onscreen instructions to book a Learning Conference
 - Repeat for each child you have in Year 1-13
 - One conference per child

All bookings need to be made before 5pm Monday 3rd of August. After this time, the School Interviews booking system will be closed to further bookings.

If you need any assistance with booking, please contact Mrs Wilkins in the school office. COVID-19 Awareness: If you or your child is unwell on the day, please stay home. Email the teacher directly if you need to cancel a booking.

Parents of students who normally catch a bus after school: For days where there is an early finish, please email jean@cornerstone.ac.nz before 3.30pm of the day before to register your child for school supervision through to the bus departure time.

Parents of students who can't be collected until the normal school finish time: For days where there is an early finish, please email jean@cornerstone.ac.nz before 3.30pm of the day before to register your child for school supervision through to the normal school finish time.

We look forward to seeing you at the Learning Conferences.

Blessings,

James Rose
Deputy Principal



We are all exceptionally blessed to have such a selfless and passionate HEAD OF SPORT at CCS. Mr McDonald always has the students at the forefront of his ideas, plans and events. Many thanks for the massive commitment you give to our school CRAIG.

School Notices

Primary Teaching Vacancies

We have vacancies for two NZ registered teachers to join our team. Neither position is suitable for a beginner teacher.



- Teacher, new entrants, beginning Term 4 – 2020
- Teacher, junior school, beginning Term 1 – 2021

All staff employed at Cornerstone are required to support and uphold the special character of the school. To learn more, please visit our [website](#). Applications close at 9am on Thursday 20th August.

Year 9-11 Junior Social (Dance)

A Junior Secondary School (Year 9-11) Social will be held on Saturday 1st August from 7pm-9pm at Youth Space, Corner Coleman Mall and George Street, Palmerston North.

The cost is \$10 per student.

Tickets will be available for students to purchase at Morning Tea (11am) from the booth in the school office until Thursday 30 July or can be purchased online:



Cornerstone Christian School: 02-0727-0154852-00

Particulars: Student Dance

Reference: Students Name

IMPORTANT - Full-School Teachers' Only Day Friday 14 August

Parents are reminded that Friday 14 August is a Full-School Teachers' Only Day. The school will be closed for instruction for all Year 1 to 13 students on this day. Please do not send your child to school on this day. The Primary Teachers are completing a day of Professional Development with provider CORE-Ed around future development of our Primary Curriculum Programme. Secondary Teachers are completing assessment planning and preparation.

BOT By-Election

Rocky Ruihi-Lewis has recently resigned as BOT Parent Representative. We are now calling for nominations for a new BOT Parent Representative. A roll of all eligible nominees is available at the school office. Nomination forms will be posted out to all persons on the school caregiver roll by Friday 7 August. **Nominations close Friday 7 August at 12 noon.**

An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. The number of vacancies is 1.

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll **by Friday 14 August**. Voting closes **21 August at 12 noon**.

School Photos

The whole school will have their class/individual photos taken on **Thursday 13th August**. Your child/ren have received a Scott Photographers order envelope. If you would like to order a class/individual photo, you can do this by:



1. Ordering by Envelope: (one envelope per student) Complete all the student details, enclose cash or cheque payable to L C Scott Ltd + 30 cents cheque fee (if applicable) and a phone number on the back of the cheque. Return the envelope **BEFORE** photo day. **(Please ensure you have the correct cash enclosed. No change will be given).**

School Notices Cont'd

2. Ordering Online: (If paying online **DO NOT** return the envelope). Go to www.lcscott.co.nz, select order online, follow the order instructions and pay using internet banking (POLi) or credit/debit card **BEFORE** Photo Day.

All students present will be included in class photographs and also photographed individually regardless of whether they have returned payment envelopes or not. Students will be issued with an internet access key on photo day, to enable all parents' access to online viewing of the photographs and to allow online ordering after photo day for those that have not pre-ordered.

School Photos/Sibling Photographs

There are sibling photo envelopes available from the school office if you would like your children to have a sibling photograph together. Family photos must be ordered online or via the sibling envelope **BEFORE** photo day to ensure a photo is taken, please return the sibling envelope to the school office.

Mobility Parking

Please ensure you do not park in our Mobility Parks (pictured right) unless you have a Mobility Parking Permit. This permit enables the holder (only) to park conveniently close to their destination, in accessible reserved parking spaces. Please be aware that we have students with Mobility issues and we need to keep these parking spaces available for them and those with Mobility Permits ONLY. Abuse of these car parks can now be reported via an App called Access Aware. We appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.



Planning for 2021

We are starting to plan for 2021! If your child **will not** be returning to Cornerstone in Term 1 2021, please let the office know as soon as you can. Thank you.



Dottie Leauanae appreciating the professionalism required by call centre operators, as she listens in on a 10-5 call at the Kapiti Police Communications Centre, as part of a recent Police Studies field trip.

School Open Afternoon - Years 6 & 8

Our Year 6 and 8 open afternoon will be held on Tuesday 18th August from 1.30pm-4pm. The afternoon is designed to provide our current Year 6 and Year 8 students an introduction to the opportunities in the secondary school for 2021. Parents are encouraged to come along and join the tours. Prospective students and their parents are also invited to join us for this event but should be aware that we will have limited places for new students in 2021.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 is out now! Paper copies are available at the student office desk or online at <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>. All orders must be made online, not through the school office. Any queries, please see Mrs Jane Sutherland in D3 or email jan@scornerstone.ac.nz. Issue 5 closes on 12 September. Thank you.

School Notices Cont'd

Nuts

As we have a number of Primary School students with severe nut allergies, we request that you please do not send any food with nuts in your child's lunchbox if they are in Year 1-6. Students in the Secondary School (Year 7-13) are permitted to have peanuts/peanut butter in their lunches, as students at this age with nut allergies, should be able to manage this themselves.

Sickness – When to keep your Child/ren Home from School

If your child has a persistent cough, constant runny nose, sore throat or are generally feeling unwell, please keep them home from school. (If you have any concerns, please phone Healthline or make an appointment with your GP). Students must be symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. **Healthline: Ph: 0800 358 5453.**

Absences

If your child is absent from school for more than 5 days, please provide a Dr's certificate to the school as per the Ministry of Education requirements. Thank you.

Student of the Week Certificate

Congratulations to the following students who received the student of the week certificate:

Aroha Team

- A2 James Brookes & JT Theron
- A3 Jairus Jeff & Eden Taite
- A4 David Christopher & Atticus Law
- A5 Mila Gunning & Sione Muli
- D1 Talia Kuntharayil Thomas, Amelia Mulder & Joshua Feldon

Manahau Team

- D2 Aadhya Shetty & Sebastian Kalikote
- D3 Corban Tongs & Avei Randall
- D5 Nathaniel Cunningham & Veisinia Kaufononga
- D6 Liam Prabakar & Vienna Carter

Congratulations

Congratulations to Matthew Huxford, who has earned his Forklift Operator's Certificate at the National Driver Training Centre in Feilding recently, as part of the senior Logistics course. Well done Matthew!



Community Notices

Flip City

Teacher Only Day special at Flip City for Cornerstone School students - \$8 entry. Book over the phone or just turn up Friday 14th August. Ph: 06 355 2442.

RESPIRE CARE | Offered for Children with Disabilities and Special Needs

- Ages 0-16yrs
- Specialist 1:1 respite care and support with qualified, experienced professional 30yrs+.
- Phone: Amanda A'Court on 021 266 6615 for further information.



Half time motivational talk for the intermediate basketball boys by coaches Jayden and Jayden! The team had a monstrous win this week and continue to show good sportsmanship and respect for their opposition.

A massive congratulations to our CCS Snr A Boys Basketball Team who had a 'come from behind' win last Friday night in our school gym against FREYBERG SENIOR A. It was a mammoth effort to come back from trailing by 15 points at the end of the first quarter. The boys showed heart and perseverance to clinch the win by one point. Many thanks to all the staff, parent and family supporters who came out to witness a perfect display of sportsmanship and teamwork. Thanks to coach Elia Baker and manager Mrs Anna Fletcher for your input.



Key Dates:

Week 2:

Saturday 1 August – 7pm-9pm

*Junior Social – Year 9-11 Students
At Youth Space, Cnr Coleman Mall,
and George St.*

Week 3:

Mon 3 Aug- Fri 7th Aug

Cook Island Language Week

Tuesday 4 August

*Year 1-13 Learning Conferences
School Finishes 1pm (All Years)*

Wednesday 5 August

*Year 1-13 Learning Conferences
School Finishes 1pm (Year 7-13)
School Finishes 3pm (Year 1-6)*

Week 4:

Tuesday 11 August

Fire Drill – 10.50am

Thursday 13 August

School Photos

Friday 14 August

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Tuesday 18 August

Year 6 & 8 Open Afternoon

Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: 20 July-25 September

Contact: office@cornerstone.ac.nz | 06 356 7326 | cornerstone.ac.nz

Absences: absent@cornerstone.ac.nz | Text: 027 315 7764

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