

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 Tuesday evening this week the Prime Minister advised that as of midday Wednesday 12 August, the Auckland region (Auckland Council area) will move to Alert Level 3 for 3 days until midnight on Friday 14 August. The rest of New Zealand will move to Alert Level 2.

Obviously, this decision was the last thing we all want to hear and has had a big impact on us all here at Cornerstone Christian School. First of all, let me emphasise that it is safe for our school to remain open. People do not need to return to bubbles at Alert Level 2 and can meet with friends and family. But people need to play it safe and continue to take sensible health and safety precautions. The only exceptions regarding attendance at school are students who are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms or are in isolation waiting the results of a test. Safe and sensible practices for hygiene and contact tracing will be the norm.

We have a number of school families who visited Auckland last weekend. The advice from the Ministry of Education is that unless any family members are exhibiting COVID-like symptoms, these students may attend school. If any family members are showing COVID symptoms please self-isolate and ring Healthline on 0800 611 116 to arrange a COVID test.

Parents may come on site at Cornerstone during level 2 to drop off and pick up their child(ren), however they must sign in using the COVID-19 App (scanned Q-code) at the school gates. We will be asking parents to not linger and to exercise sensible physical distancing measures. All other school visitors must sign in at the school office using our VisTab system and the COVID-19 tracing App.

We do recognise that physical distancing is challenging in schools. To counter this, we will be ensuring:

- Children, young people and staff are maintaining enough distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.
- Separate seating arrangements in class as much as is feasible.
- No hugs, handshakes, high fives etc.
- Good hygiene practices amongst staff and students, including coughing into your elbow, regular handwashing and drying, and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces with appropriate cleaning products.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be set up in every room in the school and we will go back to cleaning high contact surfaces such as desks, daily.
- We will also require students to maintain the same separate school zones that were required last time the school was at Alert Level 2.



Andrew sharing his homework with his class (D3).

We will be continuing with our plan to have School photos today. Yes this contravenes physical distancing measures, but the practicality of rebooking this event at a later date is difficult.

Under Alert Level 2, can we please emphasise that students and staff must stay at home if they are sick. We will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

Important Detail:

- Teachers will be gearing up for distance learning if required.
- Playground, sports equipment use, and sports, including contact sports, can continue. Basketball and Netball competitions have been cancelled until further notice as the gathering size is 100+.
- The Feilding and Ashhurst Buses will remain running.
- Kelvin Kids After School Care will remain running.
- If our school has a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, we are required to close for 72 hours, to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.



Let me end with an awesome Bible verse that has been going through my head this morning on repeat:

Philippians 4:6-8: 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. 8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing, fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell
Principal

chris@cornerstone.ac.nz

School Notices

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

Eligible voters for the BOT By-Election will be sent a voting form by Friday 14 August 2020. This is a postal election and the voting paper is valid only if returned in the addressed envelope provided.

1. If posting your voting paper, you must use the envelope provided and post to:

Returning Officer
Cornerstone Christian School
119 Mihaere Drive
Palmerston North 4414

Your vote will not be counted unless the envelope is postmarked before the day of the election, **21 August 2020** and received by the returning officer not later than 5 days after the date of the election. **(Ensure that you post it as soon as possible, because New Zealand Post has reduced its mail delivery service).**

2. If delivering your voting paper, please ensure that it is delivered **before noon on Friday 21 August 2020 in the enclosed envelope to:**

The Returning Officer, Cornerstone Christian School, 119 Mihaere Drive, Palmerston North, 4414. Ensure there is only one voting paper per envelope.

Voting closes at 12 noon on Friday 21st August. Results will be announced Thursday 27th August.

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.

School Open Afternoon - Years 6 & 8

Our Year 6 and 8 open afternoon will be held on Tuesday 18th August from 1.30pm-4.00pm. Please meet in the gym at 1.30pm. 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.

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.

School Notices Cont'd

Enrolment Scheme

Cornerstone Christian School's enrolment scheme has been approved by the Secretary for Education. This has important consequences for the way in which applications for enrolment are processed and places offered. It also increases transparency around our enrolment processes and our waiting list.

The enrolment scheme contains key information around the new procedures and may be downloaded from our website <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/enrolment-scheme/> or picked up from reception. From mid/late October, a copy of the waiting list will be held at reception.

Each year the enrolment scheme requires the Board of Trustees to advertise the likely number of places available at the school for the following year, and to have a cut-off date by which applications must be received.

The cut-off date for 2021 enrolment applications is likely to be Monday 12th October (this will be confirmed once the Ministry of Education has informed us of the outcome of our maximum roll increase application in September).

After the cut-off date, the applicants for places at each year level will be ranked in order (in line with the zones and priorities in the enrolment scheme) and parents/caregivers will be informed:

EITHER:

- That their child has been offered a place at Cornerstone in 2021. Parents/caregivers will need to accept or reject the place in writing within 14 days. If they reject the place or fail to respond, the place will be offered to the first child on the waiting list for that year level.

OR

- Of their child's place on the waiting list for that year level.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your child's enrolment application, please contact Sandra on extension 6102 or enrol@cornerstone.ac.nz.

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.



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 janes@cornerstone.ac.nz. Issue 5 closes on 12 September. Thank you.

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 or have Covid 19 symptoms, 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.**

School Notices Cont'd

Mufti Day

On Friday 21st August we will be having a Mufti Day. Please bring a gold coin donation to support our World Vision sponsored children. Thank you.

Maori Consultation

We will be holding our annual Maori consultation next Thursday 20th August at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All Maori parents and whanau are invited.

Mobility Parking

A reminder to please 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.



World Vision 40 Hour Famine – Congratulations!

Chloe Grapentin our Deputy Head girl together with a group of Cornerstone Secondary Students, (with support from Mr Groube) took on the responsibility of encouraging other Cornerstone students to participate in this year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine which was focused on helping the people in Malawi. We are thrilled to announce that we had the highest number of students to participate in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine in our area and were awarded with a framed certificate from World Vision. We also raised \$1,698, which includes money raised from our Mufti Day and also from students participating in the 40 Hour Famine which were sponsored for "going without." Thank you to all of our students and families for their generosity!

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Griffin Auer and Joshua McIntyre on being selected into the Central Football Under 13 Rep team. You're both exceptional players who have a big sporting future! Well done and enjoy your games!



Photos from our Year 9-11 Social.
Thank you to Mrs Casey and the Social Committee for organising this fun night!

Student of the Week Certificate

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

Week 2

Tumanako Team

- C1 Ebenezer Muli & Cooper Weatherall
- C2 Max Gunning & Caleb Chiu
- C4 Amelia Nolan & Boaz Reid
- C6 Amber Grey & Dontay Pickering O'Hara

Week 3

Aroha Team

- A2
- A3 Anthony Marley & Greyce Toa
- A4 Janine Tiong & Joshua Kaufusi
- A5 Sarai Metuariki & Ryder Scott
- D1 Gabriel Pinlac & Hanno Engelbrecht

Week 3

Manahau Team

- D2 Emily Couperus & Lucy Smith
- D3 Christopher Poulton & Rozlyn Wucherpfennig
- D5 Lucy-Mae Marshall & Austin Anish
- D6 Kaea Pereka & Setaita Motuliki

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Tumanako Team

- C1 Ebenezer Muli & Cooper Weatherall
- C2 Max Gunning & Caleb Chiu
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Week 4

Manahau Team

- D2 – Sera Litty and Amelia Marley
- D3 – Jisu Shin and Jentezen Kitching
- D5 – Kate McIntyre
- D6 – Avah Vivian and Jerushael Mohan

Week 3

Tumanako Team

- C1 Eric Diao & Nicholas Ng
- C2 Noah Kerr & Alexis Pienaar
- C4 Leo Lu & Ruben Reid
- C6 Sophia Pedley & Toby Van der Werff



Congratulations to these secondary students who were awarded certificates at a recent Secondary Assembly.

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.



Red Cross Book Sale

www.redcross.org.nz/book-sale

Every year there is a huge range of books available at the Red Cross Book Sale. Most adult books start at \$3 and children's books only \$2.

When? Friday 4 Sept, Saturday 5 Sept and Sunday 6 Sept. Put these dates in your diary now.

Where? Barber Hall in Waldegrave St

This is a marvelous opportunity to purchase books for all the family without ruining your budget. Some really well-organized people come and do their Christmas shopping!

Key Dates:

Week 3:

Thursday 13 August
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 14 August
TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 18 August
Year 6 & 8 Open Afternoon

Thursday 20 August
Maori Whanau Consultation
6.30pm-8pm

Friday 21 August
Mufti Day

Thursday 10 September
Tongan Whanau Consultation
6.30pm-8.00pm

Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: 20 July-25 September

Term 4: 12 October-11 December



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