

Principal's Message

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

As I watch the TV news and read online the daily COVID updates, it is very hard at the moment, not to be caught up in a crazy tide of negativity, fear, and depression. I was thankful this week that God in His great grace led me to a Bible verse that shook me out of this mindset. Romans 12:21 tells us, "Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good." God does not want us to live in a state of being overcome by what is happening around us. God calls us to take action as Christians to do something completely different - to move in the "opposite spirit" to the world around us. It doesn't mean that we should be like ostriches and bury our heads in the sand – but we do not need to accept as OUR truth the daily dose of disaster and doom fed to us by the media.

By moving in the opposite spirit, we choose to walk in faith, not fear; we choose to walk in victory, not defeat; in generosity not greed; in peace, not anxiety; in love, not anger; in integrity, not dishonesty; in joy, not in depression. We serve instead of wanting to lead, and we give instead of wanting to receive. We bring light into darkness, and righteousness into places where there is none.

A few years ago, a worldwide movement started called, Random Acts of Kindness day (see rak.co.nz). This year Random Acts of Kindness Day here in New Zealand is September 1st, 2020, and you can be sure that we will be getting on board with this as a school (see: www.rak.co.nz).

Here are some of the ideas we will be encouraging our students to participate in. Equally, these may be things that our Cornerstone families could participate in to 'walk in the opposite spirit':

- Ask your teacher if you can clean up around the school, ask another class to join your efforts.
- Eat lunch with someone who is new or sitting alone or invite him or her to your table.
- Talk to a student you've never talked to before.
- Organise your whole class to bring flowers or chocolates to school to surprise your teacher!
- Bake a cake or biscuits for another class/take home to parents/office staff.
- Make cards or notes for people you appreciate around your school, i.e. caretaker/teachers/teacher aides/office staff/friends.
- Give some flowers or make some origami flowers to give to someone.
- Make soup or hot drinks and a stall and give them out before school/morning tea or lunch.
- Go to a retirement home and sing to the elderly.
- Organise a shared lunch with another class or group of friends.

This sounds like a whole lot of fun and I am looking forward to September 1st here at school!

Thank you

I often receive comments from visitors to our school that our school looks so neat and tidy. I would like to take a moment this week to say a huge thank you to a very unsung bunch of people in our school who work flat out to keep it that way: Our incredible property staff: Kevin Randall, our awesome caretaker and 'Mister Fix it', Stewart Te Mataki our hardworking groundsman, Phil Lyne our past school Grandad and our voluntary lawn mower man, and of course our awesome Executive Officer, Angela Richards. We value everything that you do at our school to make it an awesome place for our children. Thank you!



Blessings on you,

Chris Mitchell
Principal
chris@cornerstone.ac.nz

School Notices

Maori Consultation

We will be holding our annual Maori consultation **tonight at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All Maori parents and whanau are invited.

Mufti Day Tomorrow

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

BOT By-Election – Voting Closes Friday 21st August 12 noon.

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 no 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 Notices Cont'd

Absences

Please don't forget to notify the office if your child is absent from school. Phone: 356 7326 Extn: 6101 or Text: 027 315 7764 or Email:

absent@cornerstone.ac.nz. 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.

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.

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.

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.

After School Minecraft Coding Club for Year 9-13

Thursday 27th August to Thursday 17th September from 3:20pm to 4:40pm. Free. If you're interested in programming some bots to construct some cool buildings in Minecraft, come check it out. Get your permission forms from Mr Bell or Mr Nolan.



7SE In Action

We have recently started a Math unit on polygons and added on an extra inquiry using polygons with woodwork. During this process, they discover that shapes are everywhere and are learning to identify the various aspects and terminology through doing.



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.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of Head lice in the school recently. Please can you check your child's hair for these pests and in the event that your child has Head lice please treat them before coming to school. Thank you! Treatment is free on a prescription from your GP.



Year 10 Food Tech Students
Making Sushi

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

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School Notices Cont'd

School Cross Country/Fun Run

We're holding the *School Cross Country* as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on **the last Week of Term 3**. This is a sponsorship-based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise **\$3000** to supplement **School Sport**.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which were sent home last week with your child. If you don't have a form, jump online at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz and create a student profile page. (We prefer no cash this year, just online fundraising). Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise, the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The *School Cross Country Fun Run* is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll all get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy, all while helping the school raise funds.

All students participate and we're organising a great day for our Tribes with lots of colour they wear and powdered colours for the older students. We'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. More info on dates and times closer to the event.

If you have any questions about the fundraising, please contact the School Fun-Run Office on 0800 377 170. Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!



Thank You!

A big thank you to Amba Sanders for covering our Library Ottomans. They look awesome and our students are really enjoying them! (C1 Pictured on our newly covered Ottomans)

Uniform Shop Hours

Can we please remind families that the Uniform Shop is open from 1.45pm-3.20pm. Uniform can be ordered outside these hours by emailing Ilona at ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz and she will email you an invoice to pay online or upon collection of uniform

Preferred Payment Method

Our preferred payment methods are online or EFTPOS. We would prefer these two options over cash please. With Covid-19 back in NZ, we want to minimize cash handling as much as possible. We also only have a very small float, so often cannot provide change.

Cornerstone Christian School Account: 02 0727 0154852 00

(PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS ACCOUNT FOR ATTENDANCE DUES)

Sports Notices – School App

If you haven't done so already, please consider putting the School App on your cell phone. This is the first point of contact we use for all sports cancellations, changes, and information. In this current environment we are using the School App much more frequently to get notices to our community.

To get the Cornerstone School App on your phone, search 'School Apps NZ' on your phone's App store (both Apple App Store and Android's Google Play Store) and download the App to your device. Once downloaded, search for Cornerstone Christian School and follow the setup instructions on your phone's screen.

The School App allows parents to have instant access to important school information like the school calendar, student absences, sports information, school newsletter and so on.

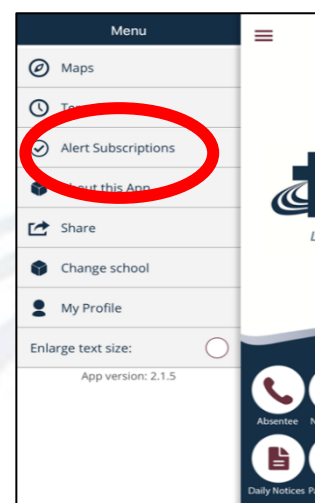
The App also provides instant alerts for parents e.g. the delayed arrival time of a school trip or sports practise cancellations.



Can we please remind parents that it is important that they ensure they have phone notifications for the School App turned on and that they are subscribed to the correct Alert Groups.

To set up the correct Alerts for 2020, please click on the ☰ symbol at the top left of the phone screen and then click Alert Subscriptions (see right).

You can then subscribe to Alert Groups like your child's 2020 classroom or your child's sports teams and so on.



Choosing specific alert groups will ensure that you only receive alerts that are important to you and your family.

Student of the Week Certificates

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

Week 4 - Aroha Team

- A2 Catherin Sherin & Melody Burns
- A3 Oscar de Vries & Brooklyn Murcott-Dowers
- A5 Charlie Wrenn & Bradley Seymour



Community Notices



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 20 August

Maori Whanau Consultation
6.30pm-8pm

Friday 21 August

Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)

Thursday 3 September

9.30am *Te Manawa Trip – D5*
12.00pm *Te Manawa Trip – D6*

Mon 7th Sept – Fri 8th September

Tongan Language Week

Thursday 17 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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Rebecca Mark surveying the horizon as a Police Maritime Unit officer explains the operational capabilities of the Lady Elizabeth IV, based in Wellington harbour.

The vessel patrols an area stretching from Kaikoura to Napier to Whanganui and, despite its bulky appearance, can outrun almost anything.

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