

## Message from our Director of Teaching & Learning - Primary

Kia Ora Cornerstone Whanau,

We are currently living in interesting times, particularly with COVID-19 changing plans and direction for many. I would have to agree with the thinking of some and put up the Christmas tree and be done with 2020!

But amazingly, in the midst of a challenging year I have to say for myself it has been a year of blessings. New knees, a new position abroad and a time of renewal in general. I love it how God does amazing things in times of difficulty! Where there is darkness, He brings light. Where there is despair, He brings hope! I want to encourage you when things look down-right impossible, God will find a way, and not just any way but an incredible breakthrough. He just requires that we step out and trust him, even if it doesn't always make sense. I am inspired by people like famous surfer Bethany Hamilton who lost her arm in a shark attack whilst out surfing. I loved that she trusted God, stepped out, got back on the board against all odds and is now back on the International Surfing circuit being an incredible Christian role model for many young women.

The next steps in my own family chapter feels a bit like swimming upstream, but I know one thing for sure, that God can make it happen and has made it happen. He has a bigger plan for all of us, that what we can see. So I want to encourage all of you today, God is bigger and He has got your back! His ways are not our ways! If you are in a place where you can't see a way out, or things just don't make sense particularly at this time, put your trust in him and take that leap of faith – He won't fail you! It's a promise! 😊

Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)

<sup>5-6</sup> Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart;

don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

he's the one who will keep you on track.

Blessings,

*Katrina Bannister*  
Director of Teaching Learning Primary



## School Notices

### 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.

### Community Consultation – Strategic Plan

Parents/students interested in having input into the strategic direction of Cornerstone Christian School are invited to a consultation meeting, to be held in the staffroom at **7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. The BOT is putting together the strategic plan for the next three years and is eager for the community's voice to be reflected in the plan.

### Absences

Please ensure you 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](mailto: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

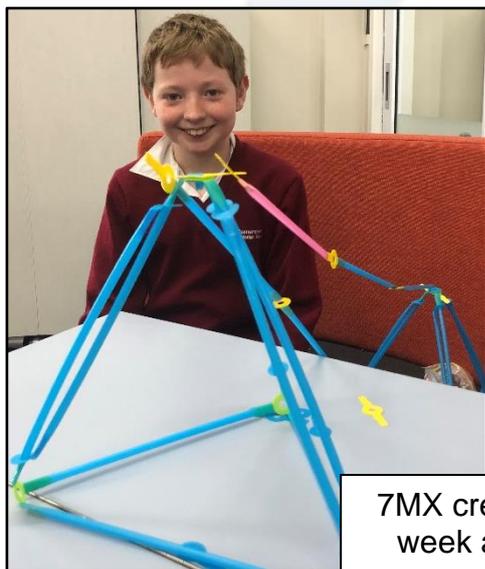
If your child has a persistent cough, constant runny nose, sore throat or are generally feeling unwell or have Covid 19 symptoms, please keep them home from school. (If you have any concerns, please phone Healthline or make an appointment with your GP). Students must be symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. **Healthline: Ph: 0800 358 5453.**

### Scholastic Book Club

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure (#6) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. Orders for free delivery to school close at the end of week 8. View the brochure on the Scholastic website or a paper copy can be collected from the student side of the school office shortly. Any questions, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janes@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janes@cornerstone.ac.nz) Thank you!

### School Gateways

Like all gateways onto the school grounds, the L Block [Year 7&8] entrance gate is restricted to service vehicles and staff vehicles only. Please do not use the gateway to drive in and drop off or collect children. Thank you.



7MX created rollercoasters from straws this week as part of their Technology project.

## School Notices Cont'd

### 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)**

### 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.

### Road Rules

A reminder to please adhere to the signs and road rules around our school. Please note there is a bus stop parallel to the school office on Mihaere Drive. Please do not park here (see sign opposite). Please also do not park in our Mobility Parks (pictured right) unless you have a Mobility Parking Permit. We have students with Mobility issues and we need to keep these parking spaces available for their parents and drivers. Please also remember to slow down when dropping off your children or picking them up after school. Thank you.



### After School Minecraft Coding Club for Year 9-13

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Uniform Shop Hours

Can we please remind families that the Uniform Shop is open from 1.45pm-3.30pm. Uniform can be ordered outside these hours by emailing Ilona at [ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz) and she will email you an invoice to pay online or upon collection of uniform.



C6 in the school garden



C6 students making bread

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## 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.

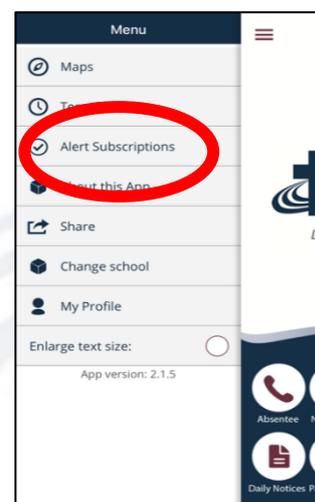
The App also provides instant alerts for parents e.g. the delayed arrival time of a school trip or sports practise cancellations.



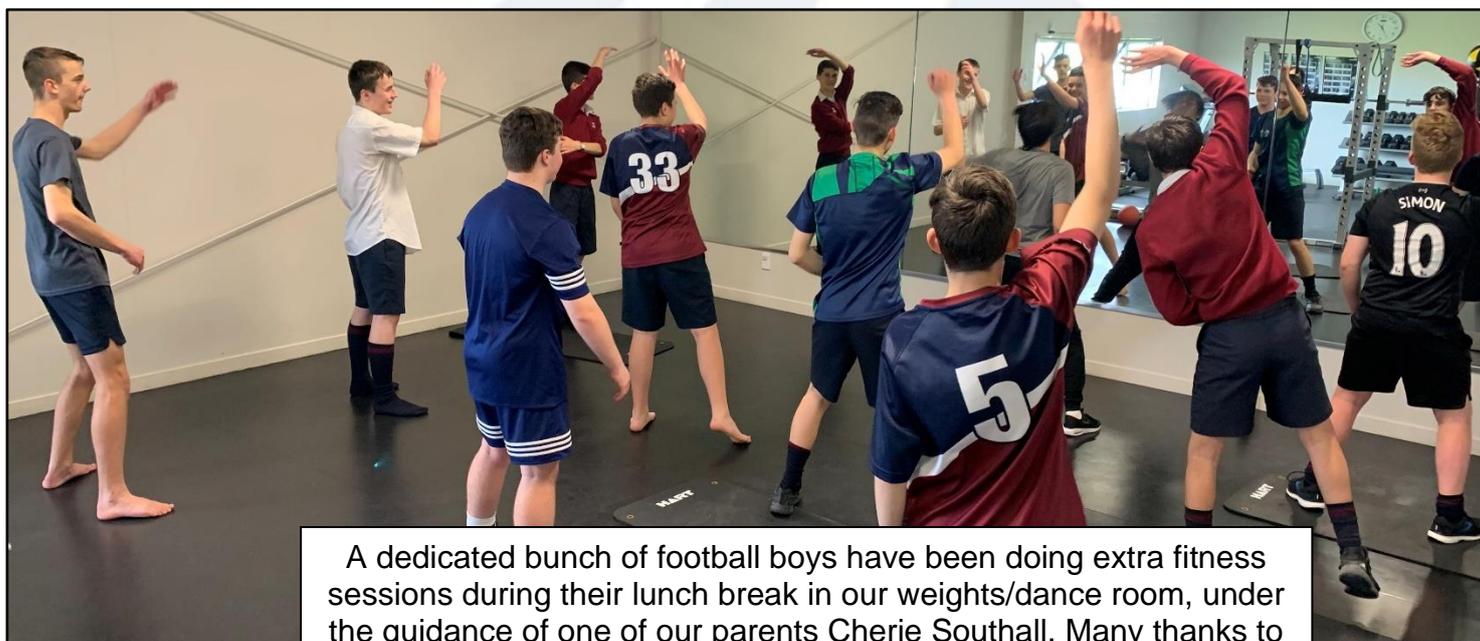
Can we please remind parents that it is important that they ensure they have phone notifications for the School App turned on and that they are subscribed to the correct Alert Groups.

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.



A dedicated bunch of football boys have been doing extra fitness sessions during their lunch break in our weights/dance room, under the guidance of one of our parents Cherie Southall. Many thanks to Cherie for her investment into these football players.

## Student of the Week Certificate/Cornerstone Awards

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

### Aroha Team

A3 Annabelle Sisson & Dominic Ng

### Cornerstone Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 7-13 students who received the Cornerstone Award for August at last week's assembly:

8TR	Neveah Randall	11BE	Joshua Ah-Chan
8TR	Caleb Meyer	11BE	Irin Lipson
8PA	Rachel Grapentin	11WU	Anna Taylor Brock
8PA	Paul Ozdemir	11WU	Yasmin Vicente de Souza
9CA	Stefan Englebrecht	12DO	Kate McDonald
9CA	Michaela Reid	12DO	Jack Sproull
9CH	Kreashyn Leáfa Grace	12SI	Abigail Dore-Wright
9GR	Olivia Stewart	12SI	Matthew Hollier
9GR	Brooklyn Scott	13HE	Dottie Leuanae
10CD	Samual Ngarepa	13HE	Zack Wong
10CD	Lateisha Kalikote	13JA	Trent Burrows
10HS	Luna Kobayashi	13JA	Evangeline Taylor-MacLean
10HS	Sophie Brock		



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## BOT By-Election Results



*Learn, serve and grow in God*

### 2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION RESULTS

#### Declaration Of Parent Election Results

Parent Representatives	Votes
BUDD, Anthony	69
MAY, Vincent	14
TOA, Gena	54
Invalid Votes	18

I hereby declare **Anthony Budd** duly elected:

Signed:

*Jean Wilkins*

Returning Officer

27 August 2020

### Key Dates:

#### Week 3:

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug-Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
Hockey Tournament – Hastings

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
Random Acts of Kindness Day

**Thursday 3 September**  
9.30am Te Manawa Trip – D5  
12.00pm Te Manawa Trip – D6

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
Tongan Language Week

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Manahau Te Manawa Trip – D2

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Community Consultation – 7pm

**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

### Community Notices:

#### Aplus School Holiday Programme

aPlus has your school holidays sorted! Age specific activities and quality, affordable care for 5-14 years, 7:15am to 6pm from 28th Sep to 9th Oct. Go to [www.aplus.kiwi.nz](http://www.aplus.kiwi.nz) for all the details and to book. Pamphlets available from school reception.

#### Walking Stick Found

A carved wooden walking stick has been found in the grass across the road from the school on Mihaere Drive. For further information, please contact the school office.

**WOW**

## Subway delivers to Cornerstone Christian School

Subway delivers every Friday  
First delivery Friday 7th August - Order Now !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
[www.luncheonline.co.nz](http://www.luncheonline.co.nz)  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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