

## Principal's Message

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

We had an awesome morning last Saturday here at school! The day started off with a parent working bee that was attended by a small, dedicated and highly skilled bunch of parents and students. We managed to make a fairly decent dent in our planned Garden to Plate Fence project. As you can see in the photo, we have the gazebo and a few last palings to fit and then it will be all complete.



dancing, hanging out at the ball venue (the Life Church auditorium) and celebrating in spite of all of the challenges that COVID has thrust upon our senior students this year.



A huge thank you to everyone who attended with special mention to our awesome grounds man, Stu Te Mataki for organizing materials, Anne-Marie Mitchell and Roanne Thatcher who kept us all fed and Phil Lyne who kept the team in line!

On Saturday evening we held the senior (Year 12 and 13) ball. Wow, our students scrubbed up well! It was so good to see our students dressed in their best, having good clean fun



A huge thank you must go to our key organisers, Year 13 student Rachel McCracken, Lynne and Livinia Prior who did all of the catering, the decorations team and of course our intrepid teacher in charge, Mrs Natasha Casey.

## Staff Updates

We have recently appointed some new staff members here at Cornerstone Christian School:



In Term 4, Mrs Nicole Koolhoven will be joining our staff team. Nicole has recently been teaching at St Joseph's school in Te Aroha and has moved to Palmerston North with her husband and daughter. Nicole will replace our lovely Mrs Katrina Bannister in our new entrant class (Room A2) from Term 4, 2020 onwards. Welcome to Cornerstone Nicole!

At the end of this year, Mrs Francelle Aiken (Room A3 Teacher) will be retiring. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Nicola Waitoa will be joining our Aroha Team at the start of 2021. Nicola is currently teaching at Cloverlea School. Welcome to Cornerstone Nicola!

We have also recently appointed three new Assistant Principal roles here at Cornerstone Christian School. These are:

- Assistant Principal (Primary) - Year 1-6: Mrs Raeleen Simpson
- Assistant Principal (Middle) - Year 7-10: Mr Ian Groube
- Assistant Principal (Senior) - Year 11-13: Mrs Natasha Casey

Congratulations to all these outstanding leaders within our school. These positions will be effective from Term 4, 2020 onwards. We will also be looking to appoint further leadership positions around Pastoral Care and Sports/School Culture.

We will also be farewelling our incredible Executive Officer, Mrs Angela Richards at the end of this term. Angela has had a huge input into our school over the last 6 years around property and finance and will be sorely missed as she moves on to a new venture. We pray God's richest and best for your future!



We are currently looking for a new Executive Officer for our school (see advertisement later in this newsletter). If this job sounds like you, please get in touch with me [chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz) or Sarndra Rauzi [sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:sarndra@cornerstone.ac.nz).

## 2021 Classes

At this time of year, we often receive a lot of emails and contact from parents requesting specific teachers and classes for their child(ren). While we cannot promise to meet all of these requests, we do pay close attention to what parents' request. If you would like to make a request on behalf of your child(ren), please email your child(ren)'s classroom teacher or LifeLab Coach by the end of week 2, Term 4 (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October). Requests will not be considered after this cutoff date. This year we will release the 2021 class lists prior to the end of term 4 so that students and parents know what class they will be in before school ends.



## Hats and Uniform

In term 4, it is our expectation that all school students in year 1 to 10 should own and wear a school hat when outside at break times and during sports events. In years 1 to 6 this hat is a regulation blue bucket hat (right).



In years 7-10 the required hat is the blue Cornerstone cap (left). Please note that we also allow year 6's to purchase and wear the blue Cornerstone cap in term 4 as they anticipate moving to the secondary school in the following year.

If your child(ren) do not have a hat, please see Mrs Ilona Shewell at the Student Administration Office to purchase one of these.

We would also like to remind parents that black jackets are not to be worn in secondary in place of the school cardigan or jersey. Black jackets must be removed in class. Sports hoodies are not school uniform and may only be worn during PE.

Recently we had a number of secondary students petition to increase the number of earring studs worn. After careful consideration we have decided to change the policy to read:

*'Jewellery shall be limited to one watch and a maximum of three stud type earrings whilst at school. No other visible body piercings.'*



We are hoping and praying that next week will bring a lowering of COVID Alert Levels here in Manawatu so we can get back to having assemblies and parents in attendance at school sports and cultural events.

Please continue to pray for our school. We are hoping to hear from the Ministry of Education around our application for a Maximum Roll Increase before the close of term. Please pray for God's favour as this application is considered by the Senior Managers in the Ministry.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell  
Principal

We held a "Rockabilly" high tea farewell for Mrs Katrina Bannister last Thursday, where we thanked and celebrated the special lady, teacher, and friend she is to the students and staff of Cornerstone Christian School. Noho ara Mai Katrina!



## 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.

### Book Week – Help Needed

As part of Book Week next term, we will be holding a Book Fair where books will be available for purchase from stalls supplied by Manna Christian Store and Scholastic Books. We are needing the following parent help for this to happen:

- Set up on Wednesday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Pack down anytime on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Assistance with book sales Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (approx. 3pm-4pm).

If you are able to help please email [raeleen@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:raeleen@cornerstone.ac.nz)

### Staff Vacancy - Executive Officer

Our Executive Officer Mrs Angela Richards has been awarded an exciting new position as a Business Manager. As a consequence, we require a highly competent Executive Officer to undertake financial, property and payroll functions. The role includes working closely alongside the Principal and other senior management as a critical link in the smooth-running of the school.

Key areas of responsibility include:

- Financial management of accounts through to year end
- Payroll management for all teaching and non-teaching staff
- Other property and administrative functions dependent on the skill set of the appointee

This role is term-time only, plus three weeks, for up to 35 hours per week. Remuneration commensurate with qualifications and experience. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the special character of the school shall be a condition of employment. For further details and an application pack please refer to the school website: <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/>  
Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### Swings and Climbing Net - Afterschool

Students will only be allowed to play on the swings and climbing net after school if they are supervised by their own parents. Without parental supervision the swings and net will be out of bounds to students, due to safety and reoccurring problems.

### 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.

### Damage to Staff Car in Cornerstone Car Park

A vehicle belonging to one of our staff members was damaged after school last Tuesday in the Mihaere Drive carpark. It seems that a car door has opened on it and left a large dent in one of the doors. It has been an exceptionally windy week and could easily happen to anyone. It would have been the back-left car door that would have opened and possibly been caught by the wind and flung open and hit our staff member's vehicle. The car that was hit was silver, so there may be some silver paint left behind on the door. If anyone knows anything regarding this mishap, can you please contact the school office. Thank you.

## School Notices Cont'd

### Lost Property

These are lunchboxes and drink bottles in our lost property.

Do they belong to you??

Please come and have a look.

If they aren't claimed they will be donated to the Salvation Army.



### 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@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz) and she will email you an invoice to pay online or upon collection of uniform.

### 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.**

## Awards

### Cornerstone Awards - August

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Cornerstone Awards at last week's assembly:

#### Whakapono

7MX Madeline Burn  
7MX Ruth Quitiquit  
7SE Matthew Meyer  
7SE Samuel Codd

#### Secondary

9CH Merli George  
10AN Samuel Thompson  
10AN Lily Webb



### Student of the Week Certificate

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

#### Aroha Team

A3 Ruth Litty & Zion Cas





## Sports Notices

Hockey Manawatu are offering a fantastic opportunity for hockey players who are in Year 7 & 8 this 2020 season to play in the Under 13 REP development program. It runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December. For more information and registration details, please email [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz).



D3 Visited Te Manawa Museum last week.



**REMEMBER** our KickStart Breakfast club is open Tuesday and Thursday in G1 from 8.00am and everyone is welcome to come in for a bowl of Weet-Bix & milk!

## Community Notices

### Highland Home Holiday Programmes

Highland Home are running two camps these holidays. Their first camp is for 6-8 year olds from the 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of September and our second camp is for 9-12 year olds from the 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of October! Registrations are open now, and places are limited!! The link to register is <https://www.highlandhome.co.nz/>. We would love to have you join us! Please feel free to contact us on [kidscamph@gmail.com](mailto:kidscamph@gmail.com) or via 'Highland Home Christian Camp' on Facebook if you have any questions or would like some more information.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> Sep to 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. Go to [www.aplus.kiwi.nz](http://www.aplus.kiwi.nz) for all the details and to book. Pamphlets available from the school reception.



### Saturday Music - Enrolments Open

Basic music and instrument classes. Enquire now for 2021 at [www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz) or [contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto:contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz)

### Face Masks for Sale

All sizes available from 2 years and up, 4 sizes to choose from. \$10 each. These are made by one of our students' Grandmother - Gaylene Mason-Hollier. These can be purchased from George Street Collective, 42 George Street, City Centre, Palmerston North.

### Central Football Holiday Programme

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> Sept-1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Time: 9-3pm. Venue: St Peters College. Age: 7-12 year olds. Cost: \$85. Register via your child's MYCOMET account.

### Key Dates:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 12-13 Cross Country 1.30pm  
**Tongan Whanau Consultation**  
6.00pm-7.30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Rolling Stones

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 1-11 Cross Country

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)  
Last Day of Term 3

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
First Day of Term 4

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
NZ Shakeout (Earthquake) Drill

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 12 & 13 Tough Guy & Gal  
Challenge

### Term Dates for 2020

Term 3: 20 July-25 September  
Term 4: 12 October-11 December  
(School finishes at 12pm on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)



# BACKPACK OUTREACH

Ipu Mo Te Hauora

PLEASE  
HELP



We are collecting filled backpacks for kids at risk who need to leave their home.



**BACKPACKS**



**SOFT TOYS**



**LUNCH BOXES  
& DRINK BOTTLES**



**BOOKS**



**COLOURING**



**TOOTH BRUSH  
AND PASTE**

If you can help supply any of these items new please:



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

Absences: [absent@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:absent@cornerstone.ac.nz) | Text: 027 315 7764

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## CCS CROSS COUNTRY THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

We will be running our annual Cross-Country next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, September (*This Thursday for Y12/13's*).

Parents will only be able to watch from the footpath if we are still in Level 2. Otherwise you are welcome to come and watch as per the timetable below (please sign in with the TracerAPP)

Y1-6 students will wear their tribe colours to school to run in, so make sure they have something warm to wear for the day when not running. (If raining, still come in tribe colours as we will do an event in the gym)

Y7-11 students will wear their tribe colours to school to run in and may bring a white T-shirt to put on over their tribe colours if they are participating in the colour run. (see below) (If raining, still come in tribe colours as we will do an event in the gym)

### COLOUR-RUN (Y7-13 only)

- The Y7-13's are able to opt into the Colour Run where they will be sprayed with powdered Colour (Corn Starch and Food Dye) They can also avoid getting coloured by running a slightly different track
- If they are intending to do the colour run, it is recommended that you purchase a white T-shirt for your Year 7-13 child to put over the top of their Tribe shirt, and have a change of shorts & socks for after the event. (so that colour doesn't get tramped into the classrooms)
- Colour can be made permanent on the white shirt using water/vinegar/salt solution if you google it.
- Only students with a change of clothes may go through colour stations
- Only adults will throw colour on body and below (i.e. not head)
- Students must bring a plastic bag to put dyed clothes in, and an old towel to clean themselves up with.
- A Marquee will be available for them to change into if they are too messy.

Event	Time	Year Group	Distance
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2:30pm	Snr (Y12/13)/ Colour-run & WORDRUN	3 laps – 2.4km
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15-10	Tumanako	3 laps – 2.4km
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10-11	Whakapono Colour-run	3 laps – 2.4km
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	11.30-1	Secondary Colour-run & WORDRUN	3 laps – 2.4km
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1.40-2.10	Aroha	1 lap – 800m
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.20-2.50	Manahau	2 laps – 1.6km



Remember to go to [www.schoolfundraising.co.nz](http://www.schoolfundraising.co.nz) to earn rewards and raise money for Cornerstone Extra-curricular sport.



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