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# School Newsletter

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT

Week 1 Term 4 16 Oct 2020

# **Principal's Message**

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

Welcome back to term 4, 2020! It was so good to walk around the school grounds on Monday morning this week and catch up with all of our wonderful Cornerstone students! A special welcome to our new entrants in Room A1, who have our fantastic New Entrant Teacher, Mrs Penelope Smith. Welcome also to our new Room A2 Teacher, Mrs Nicole Koolhoven. Great to have you working with us here at Cornerstone Christian School. We are looking forward to an awesome term here at Cornerstone – full of learning and fun events. Here is a quick overview of what we have coming up over the next 9 weeks:

**Week 1:** Today a group of year 12 and 13 students are travelling down to Wellington with Mr Jayasuriya to take part in the NZ Tough Guy/Girl Challenge.

**Week 2:** The optional Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher Subject Conferences will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

**Week 3:** We have our Book Week in the school library. We would love parents to come along and visit our book displays. It's a great opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents (and help us restock our library with new titles). On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we have our Book Character Day where students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

**Week 4:** On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November we have our final whole school assembly for the year, where we will be farewelling and praying for our Year 11 to 13 students who will be finishing school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, so that they can prep for NCEA examinations.

**Week 5:** On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be hosting a Year 7 and 8 Elite Sports Basketball Tournament here at Cornerstone and on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November it is the Year 0-6 Athletics. We also have our optional Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher Subject Conferences on Tues/Wed 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Oct,



Welcome to our New Entrant (A1) Students who started school this week!

3.30pm-6.30pm.

As always, please feel free to come and watch or participate in these events at school.

#### **Maximum Roll Increase News**

Late last Friday afternoon, the school's proprietor was informed that its application to the Ministry of Education to increase the maximum roll of Cornerstone Christian School had been declined. As a result, the school will need to manage all of its new enrolments beneath a maximum roll cap of 580 for the foreseeable future. Please see notes later in this newsletter for clarification around what this means for families.

While this news was definitely not what we were wanting to hear from the Ministry of Education, we are not able to change the outcome at present. If anything, this decision re-emphasizes our desire to become the best Christian Area School with 580 students that we possibly can be.

### Page | 2 Kelvin Kids

We would like to pass on a big congratulations to Chantelle Mulder and her team at Kelvin Kids After School Care who were recently granted OSCAR approval. For those who don't know what OSCAR is, it is a government-based Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) subsidy or payment which helps families with the costs of before and after school care for up to 20 hours a week, and school holiday programs for up to 50 hours a week. Please contact Chantelle Mulder at kelvinkidsaftercare@gmail.com for further information.

#### Hats



A reminder that all students in Years 1-10 are now expected to be wearing hats at break times. In Years 1-6 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.



# Classes for 2020

At this time of year, we often receive a lot of emails from parents requesting specific teachers and classes for their child(ren) for next year. While we cannot promise to meet all of these requests, we do pay close attention to your requests. 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 cut-off date. This year we will release the 2021 class lists on Friday of Week 8 so that students and parents know what class they will be in before school ends.

Here's a scripture I have been meditating on a lot over the last few weeks: Colossians 1:26-27, "This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it's out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: <u>Christ is in you</u>, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message."

Blessings, Chris Mitchell Principal





Tumanako Team held a Refugee Focus Day on Wednesday this week to display their learning.



# School Notices

What our Declined Maximum Roll Increase may mean for Cornerstone Families As indicated in the Principal's message above, the school's proprietor was informed by the Ministry of Education last Friday that its application to increase the maximum roll of Cornerstone Christian School had been declined. As a result, the school will need to manage new enrolments beneath a maximum roll cap of 580 for the foreseeable future. For 2021, this means that:

- 1. There will be a waiting list for Year 0-1 and a waiting list for Year 2-13. These lists will remain current until the end of 2021. \*
- 2. Preference applicants living in Zone 1 We will not be able to offer places immediately to all preference applicants living in Zone 1. Therefore, within each year level, a ballot will be held. Names will be recorded in the order in which they were drawn from the ballot. Places available will be offered to students in the order they were drawn from the ballot until filled, and then the waiting list order will be determined.
- 3. Preference applicants living in Zone 2 We *will not* be able to offer places to preference applicants living in Zone 2. A ballot will be held. Names will be recorded in the order in which they were drawn from the ballot and these students will be placed (behind Zone 1 preference applicants) onto the waiting lists.
- 4. Preference applicants living outside Zone 2 We will not be able to offer places to preference applicants living outside Zone 2. Names will be recorded by order of the distance of their living address from the school, and these students will be placed (behind Zone 1 and 2 preference applicants) on the waiting lists.
- 5. Non-preference applicants We *will not* be able to offer places to non-preference applicants. Names will be recorded by order of the distance of their living address from the school and these students will be placed (behind all preference applicants) on the waiting lists.
- 6. Families planning to move into Zone 1 Because the Zone 1 preference applicants for 2021 will take us up to our 580 student roll cap and we will have Zone 1 applicants on waiting lists, we are unlikely to have places in 2021 for preference applicants who move into Zone 1. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Enrolments for 2022 will be called for in Term 3 - 2021. We will contact the parents/caregivers of students on the waiting list to update their details then. After the applications close, 2022 waiting lists will be determined and these will replace the earlier lists.

# **Executive Officer**

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. 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 more details, or to apply, please refer to the school website. Applications close at 9am on Friday 30th October.

# Planning for 2021

We are planning for 2021. If your child <u>will not</u> be returning to Cornerstone in Term 1 2021, please let the office know as soon as you can. Thank you.

# School Notices Cont'd

#### Teacher, Junior Primary

0.8 FTTE, fixed term (board funded). We require a NZ registered teacher to teach in the junior primary school for Terms 1-4, 2021. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the special character of the school is a condition of appointment. For more details, or to apply, please refer to the school website. Applications close at 9am on Wednesday 4th November.

#### Year 11-13 Optional Parent/Teacher/Subject Interviews

As indicated in an earlier email to Year 11-13 parents/caregivers, the Year 11-13 optional Parent/Teacher Subject Interviews are now open for booking. These will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 3.30pm-6.30pm. Please book as soon as you can. Bookings will close at 5pm on Monday Week 2, next week. All teachers will be centrally located in G1/G2. Student attendance is optional. If parents prefer to attend the subject interview on their own, they may do so.

#### Please note:

- a. 10 minutes per subject interview.
- b. Parents can book to see several subject teachers as they require.
- c. Interviews to be held after school during Week 2 on Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 3:30pm 6:30pm.
- d. No early finish on these days.

#### How to book:

- 1. Go to <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u>
- 2. Click "Make a Booking"
- 3. Enter the event code: 2sgvb
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to book a subject interview for each subject as needed
- 5. Repeat for each child you have at school

If you require assistance, please contact Mrs Jean Wilkins in the school office.

#### **PE Uniform**

We will be making another PE uniform order next week. If you have not already ordered your new PE uniform, please order this at the Student reception or email: <u>ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz</u>.

#### Book Week – Term 4, Week 3

The Scholastic Book Club and Manna Christian Store book stalls will be open for book purchases in the library during Book Week from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm-3.30pm, and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 8.30am-9.00am. If you are available to assist with the bookstall, or help to set up (Wednesday afternoon, 28<sup>th</sup> Oct) or pack down (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) please email <u>raeleen@cornerstone.ac.nz</u>. A whole School Book Character Parade will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am. Come dressed as your favourite book character and win prizes.

#### **Scholastic Book Club**

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure (#7) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. Orders for free delivery to school close at the end of Week 3. View the brochure on the Scholastic website or a paper copy can be collected from the student side of the school office. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you!



**Sports Notices** 

#### **Badminton**

Congratulations to the Term 3 Badminton players who all had a great time and got the following placings:

- Division 1: 6<sup>th</sup>: Cristin Batchelor & Liam Prabakar
- Division 2: 4<sup>th</sup>: Zane de Vries & Harrison Rose 5<sup>th</sup>: Ashton Rose & Annabelle McDonald
  - 6<sup>th</sup>: Jada Rose Vilivili & Nerine Ferriera
  - 8<sup>th</sup>: Tarani Clissold & Jay Clissold

Division 3: 1<sup>st</sup>: Caleb Chiu & Eric Daio 8<sup>th</sup>: Alastair McIvor & Leo Lu Division 4: 8<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Codd & Klarabelle Spies

#### Thank You!

Term 4 sport is already underway! Once again, we have several students who continue to serve us by taking on the responsibility of coaching, refereeing and/or managing teams.

A huge thanks to Kate McDonald for coaching our intermediate/secondary volleyball team, Timote Muli who is continuing to coach a basketball team and to Jono McDonald who is coaching a hockey team.

We also have some super awesome staff who have given their time to support sports this term. Louis Jayasuriya, Tarryn Rose and Hayden Hewitt. Thank you for your commitment. We also thank the following parents for their involvement. We couldn't enter all the teams we have, so we honour the following parents for being willing to support our athletes: Bex Beere, Geoff Snedden, Jane Eagle, Maree Ozdemir, Anna-Louise Maas, Roanne Thatcher, Melissa Stewart, Joseph Correa, Karen Weatherall, Rebecca Zhao and Hayden Robinson. You are all VERY APPRECIATED!!



# Help Needed -Netball Manawatu

Netball Manawatu are looking for expressions of interest for students of Years 8-10 to help with the Cadbury Netball Series as "Ball Patrol".

This is a fun opportunity for any students who are keen to learn and be amongst a national event.

If you are interested, please email <u>jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> for more information BEFORE Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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# **Sports Notices Cont'd**

## Secondary School Congratulations CCS Senior Boys Hockey Team

The CCS Senior Boys Hockey Team have been awarded the VIC TURNER TROPHY for being the BEST ALL ROUND TEAM in the Manawatu. 🟆 This was out of all of the club teams and school teams in our Manawatu competition, and it recognises outstanding sportsmanship, achievement, tournament placing, dress code, behaviour, and gamesmanship. Congratulations to these 15 boys who represented our school and GOD with such diligence, grace, and integrity!!

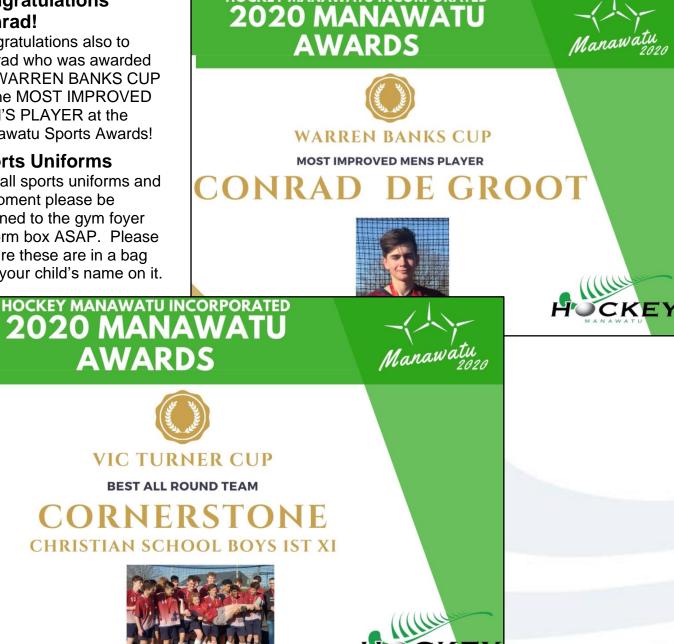
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#### Congratulations Conrad!

Congratulations also to Conrad who was awarded the WARREN BANKS CUP for the MOST IMPROVED MEN'S PLAYER at the Manawatu Sports Awards!

#### Sports Uniforms

Can all sports uniforms and equipment please be returned to the gym foyer uniform box ASAP. Please ensure these are in a bag with your child's name on it.



#### Weetbix Tryathlon 2021

If you would like to join the Cornerstone Christian School Weetbix Tryathlon group for next year, please go to www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40602&G=119757. 2021 Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Palmerston North is on at Ongley Park and the Lido Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 23rd March 2021.

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# Life Education Manawatu

# Thank You From Tim & Harold @ Life Ed Manawatu!

What a stunning way to start Term 4, back at our second home and loving every minute of it! It was wonderful being with the Year 7-8's and sharing in their learning around showing love to their bodies by their decisions around healthy eating choices, and by believing in themselves. We have also been learning about showing love to others and choosing to display integrity and empathy. The message has been to TAKE CHARGE - to cherish and foster the gift of life we have been given. I look forward to seeing how they do this in the years to come!

Thank you again for having us at your wonderful school. Take care and have a brilliant rest of the year!

Love from Tim and Harold!

# **Community Notices**

# NEWS FLASH - Kelvin Kids is now OSCAR Approved!

We offer before and after school care as well as run a fantastic holiday programme. We have been operating for 3½ years now and love serving in our community. We offer a range of activities, do homework with the kids, and make sure they are fed. If you would like to know more about this great programme, please email me on

kelvinkidsaftercare@gmail.co.nz. Limited spaces available!!

#### Saturday Music - Enrolments Open

Basic music and instrument classes. Enquire now for 2021 at <u>www.saturdaymusic.org.nz</u> or contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz

#### Face Masks for Sale

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



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



# Key Dates:

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

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>-Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October** Year 11-13 Optional Parent Subject Teacher Conferences

Tues 27<sup>th</sup>- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October Book Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October LABOUR DAY – HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** Elite Sports – Volleyball at CCS

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October Lockdown Drill (10.50am)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November Last Whole School Assembly (Farewell Year 11-13's)

#### Term Dates for 2020

Term 4: 12 October-11 December (School finishes at 12pm on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec) Term 1 2021: 1 February- 16 April





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