

## 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 many of you know, this week is book week. It has been such a blessing to spend time in classes this week reading books to our younger Cornerstone students and see the enjoyment that reading a good story can bring.

Thanks so much to all of the teachers, parents and grandparents who have taken time this week to come and read to our students! A big thank you also has to go to our awesome Cornerstone Librarian, Mrs Katharine Bracey, our Teacher in Charge of Library, Mrs Raeleen Simpson, Mrs Tracey Knowlton and our other fabulous parent helpers for all of their hard work setting up book displays and turning our school library into a jungle!

For so many years we were without a library here at Cornerstone, as we sought to balance a growing school roll with the need for more classroom space. It has been a blessing to have our 'School Lounge' back again this year and to see students once again enjoying books in this space.



## Enrolment Scheme Ballot Results

Last week our prospective school families (and some existing school families) received letters informing them of the results of our first school ballot completed under the new Cornerstone Christian School enrolment scheme.

As Cornerstone Christian School has now reached its maximum roll cap of 580, and the Ministry of Education has chosen not to extend this roll, this has meant that a number of students have been placed onto an enrolment waiting list. As is required by the Ministry of Education, this waiting list is a public document and is available for viewing on request at the school reception.

We are aware that for some families, our enrolment scheme; having our maximum roll increase application declined by the Ministry; the ballot

process and subsequent waiting list, have caused some angst due to some child(ren) being declined enrolment in 2021.

I have had a number of parents approach me asking if they should lobby their local MP, the Ministry of Education, or the media to request a review of the maximum roll decision.

I have prayerfully considered these requests and feel at present to let the decision sit.

Once again I felt like God brought me back to a verse in the book of Zechariah that I read at the beginning of the year, *“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts. ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the cornerstone with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” (Zechariah 4:6-8).*

I believe that we need to wait for God’s timing in this matter and to trust Him to work a miracle by his Holy Spirit. I recognise however that this ‘waiting’ doesn’t help parents and families who are desperate to get their children into our school for the start of 2021.

To provide a forum for parents to discuss their concerns, I would like to call a school meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the school staffroom at 7.00pm. It will be good to clarify a number of questions and issues I am hearing around the enrolment scheme and subsequent maximum roll increase being declined.

### **Final Whole School Assembly next Friday**

It seems like we have only just started Term 4, and so it came as a bit of a shock to look at the school calendar and see that next Friday (6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm) is our final whole school assembly for the year (please note that this is *not* the end of year Prize-giving Celebrations. These are on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December). We will take the opportunity at this final whole school assembly to pray for our Year 11-13’s as they head off on study leave to prepare for their upcoming NCEA examinations. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

God’s richest blessings,

Chris Mitchell  
*Principal*





## School Notices

### Planning for 2021

We are planning 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.

### 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.

### Teacher Aide Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a teacher-aide to work term time only or approximately 15 hours per week (fixed term from Week 7 until the end of term, likely to continue in 2021). The role will involve working with a student in the middle school. The position is tagged to the ongoing enrolment of the student. A willingness and ability to support and uphold the Special Character of the school is a condition of employment. To learn more and/or apply, please visit the school website: <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Applications close at 9am on Friday 6th November.

### Book Stall

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.

### 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 [janis@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janis@cornerstone.ac.nz) Thank you!



Mrs Sutherland took these photos of this amazing group of budding engineers working together during lunchtime.

## School Notices Cont'd

### School Blazers – Year 11-13's

Blazers mark the transition from Middle School (Year 7-10) to Senior School (Year 11-13). Students are classed as senior students when they enter Year 11. Rather than waiting until Year 13 to purchase school blazers, we suggest that parents purchase these for use in Years 11-13. By purchasing a blazer in Year 11, students get three years wear out of it, before it is on-sold at the end of Year 13. Order forms will be available at the Student Administration Office desk and fittings will start in Week 4, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November afterschool in the Student Administration Office.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$120 must be made with each blazer order. Please include the deposit with the order form. The balance of \$110 will go on your student's school account and must be paid at the time the blazer is collected in Term 1, 2021.**

Some assistance funding is available for families in need. If you wish to apply for this funding, please email the Deputy Principal [james@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:james@cornerstone.ac.nz). **All orders need to be made by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November (Week 6).**

### Nits

We have had reports of live adult nits in some of our Year 4-6 students. Please can you check your child's hair/head and treat if you see any signs of these pests. Live nits like to hide out at the back of the neck or in the hair behind the ears. Please also look out for eggs. Small white spots which can often be found closer to the scalp. Nit treatments can be found at the supermarket or at your local Pharmacy. For more info, please go to <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/head-lice>

### Spring Writing by D2 Students

*Spring is a wonderful time of the year. The sun is shining over the plants. The daffodils look like mini suns. Lots of crickets are making a noise. New-born babies are on every farm. Each colour on the flowers brightens up the dark corners of the earth. The blossoms look like exploding popcorn. It feels sometimes cold and sometimes warm.*

**By Olivia Tait**

*Spring is a wonderful time of the year. The beautiful blossoms look like plump popcorn. Blue flowers look like a river flowing through an enchanted forest. Flower tops look like sprinkles on a cupcake. I can hear crickets singing a lullaby when I go to bed. I can smell beautiful flowers.*

**By Emily Couperus**

*Spring is magical. Fresh air overwhelms. Some blossoms look like cupcake toppings or popcorn kernels. Crickets chirp and baby animals rise. Spring is a bright time of year. It sounds like birds tweeting happily. I love Spring.*

**By Benjamin Bosman**





## Awards

### Aroha & Manahau Class Awards – Week 2

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award.

- A1 Jordan Measey
- A2 Tyler Leauanae & Catherine Irvine
- A3 Matthew Shin & Greyce Toa
- A4 Bethany Parsons & Levi Taylor
- A5 Rosy Chan & Amelia Harvey
- D1 Mieke-Mari Spies & Noah Rowland
- D2 Lydia Burnnand & Ivan Hao
- D3 Jonathan Thomas, Judah Reid & Antonio Budd
- D5 Joshua Randall, Tarani Clissold & Trey Dore-Wright
- D6 Silia Muli & Matthew Clements



### SILVER & BRONZE Award Presentations 2020

Acknowledging the incredible achievements of our Duke of Edinburgh participants. Representing for each participant over 50 hours of time to the SERVICE, SKILLS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION AREAS and Adventurous Journeys of this award.



Congratulations to Devon Snedden, who received a SILVER Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Congratulations Anya Simpson and Caragh Aspden who also received BRONZE Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Presented 12 June 2020.



Congratulations also to James Beere who received a BRONZE Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Andrea Mascarenhas was awarded the BRONZE Duke of Edinburgh Award at assembly on 16 Oct 2020. Congratulations!

## Sports Notices

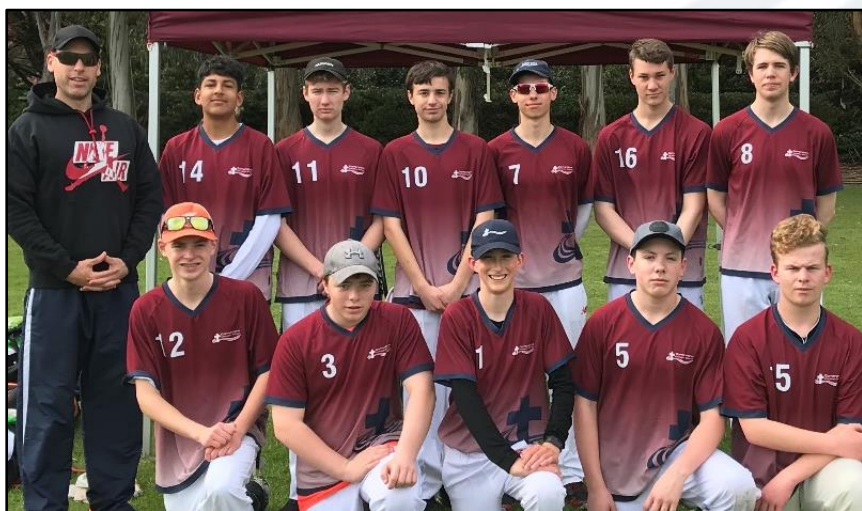
### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jerome Robinson (10HS) who has been selected for the Manawatu Under 15 Representative Cricket Team for 2020/2021. Jerome is a highly talented cricketer, who trains up to 4 sessions each week and currently plays in the Premier Men's Division 2 on Saturday afternoons. Well done Jerome, your hard work has paid off and this selection is totally well deserved!

Jerome recently also achieved his maiden century in Cricket. This was celebrated on the Manawatu Cricket Association Facebook page. Well done Jerome! You work very hard at your game.

### Outstanding Performance

Last week Cherie Southall kindly organised for two of our students Oliver Southall and Jerome Robinson, to combine with a St Peter's College student, to participate in the Inter-Collegiate Golf Championships held in Marton. The boys all had a brilliant day and represented Cornerstone with diligence. Their overall results had them place 3rd in the team net and 4th in the gross competition. This is a phenomenal result and we are all incredibly proud to have such awesome Cornerstone students displaying their values and skills out in the community.



### Cornerstone 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Team

Congratulations to the Cornerstone 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Team (pictured left) who managed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the recent Manawatu Cricket Association Leavers Cup competition.

### Golden Gloves 2020

Congratulations William Minchin (7SE) who came first in his boxing match at the Golden Gloves in Taupo last weekend. He has been training hard and his hard work paid off on the day.

You can watch this on YouTube Golden Gloves NZ Session 3. William is fight number 7.





## 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](mailto:kelvinkidsaftercare@gmail.co.nz).

**Limited spaces available!!**

### 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)

### Teachers Only Day Special

Friday 27 November

\$8 entry regardless of age.

**Just for Cornerstone students.**

Bring your own grip socks

No requirement to book online.



### Give it a Go Day

In conjunction with Sport Manawatu

See Her, Be Her festival, Central Football are excited to offer a "Give It A Go Day" for girls ages 7-9. This is an hour-long event, where girls will be able to participate in fun small-sided games and activities.

**When:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.30pm-4.30pm

**Where:** Milverton Park, Palmerston North.

For further information or to book please email:

[Kate@centralfootball.co.nz](mailto:Kate@centralfootball.co.nz) or go to:

<https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/seeherbeher-festival/>

### Book Launch

RELOVUTIONARY *Philosophy for True Human Flourishing.*

This is a celebration of a book newly published by one of our school parents Jonny King. Come and hear Nevin Beukes and Daniel Schwamm speak to and from this incredible, life changing book. To read more go to [facebook.com/RELOVUTIONARY](https://facebook.com/RELOVUTIONARY)

**When:** Friday 6 November at 7pm

**Where:** Christ Sanctuary, Queen St, PN

**RSVP:** Shannon: 027 276 5780

### Key Dates:

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

*Book Character Parade 9.00am*

*In the Gym (Book Week)*

*Book Stall (8.30am-9.00am)*

*(in the Library)*

*Cornerstone Awards Presented in Secondary Assembly (Y7-13)*

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

*Book Stall (2.30pm-3.30pm)*

*(in the Library)*

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

*Lockdown Drill 10.50am*

*Parent Helper Meeting for Year 8*

*MiCamp (5.00pm)*

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

*Parent Meeting re: Enrolment Scheme/Waiting List Concerns 7pm*

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

*Year 7 & 8 Immunisations*

*Last Whole School Assembly*

*(Farewell Year 11-13's)*

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

*Wholegrain Organics EOY Dinner (6.30pm)*

*NCEA Exams Begin*

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

*Last Day for Year 11-13's*

*Year 7-10 Optional Parent/Subject Teacher Conferences (Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Nov & Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov)*

#### Term Dates for 2020/2021

*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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## Subway delivers to Cornerstone Christian School

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