

## Principal's Message

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

Last week our year 8 students had an awesome time at MiCamp in Mission Bay, Taupo. A big thank you to all of the parents and teachers who attended this camp. In particular, thank you to our Whakapono (Year 7/8) Team Leader Tarryn Rose for all of her efforts to organise this camp and make it run so well, especially after it was postponed due to COVID earlier this year.



## Teachers Only Day

Please remember that **tomorrow Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** is a Teacher's only day, and school will be closed for instruction. I did hear a parent make a comment the other day around what on earth is Chris doing calling a teacher only day this close to the end of the year? Can I please clarify that this Teacher Only day is one that is set by the PPTA and NZEI (union) and we do not get any say in when these occur. Apologies in advance if this day has upset Cornerstone family plans.

## Week 9

Next week is year 10 camp and year 9 Activity week. We will also be carrying out our intended shift, swapping the year 7/8 classes to G block and the Art room from G block down to L2.

## Week 10

In week 10 we have a number of events happening: Our Top Tribe schoolwide fun day will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All students need to come dressed in their tribe colours ready to compete in some fun activities. Then on Thursday we have our two end of year celebrations:

- The Year 1 to 6 End of Year Celebration/Prizegiving is being held in the Gymnasium, starting at 1.00pm.
- The Year 7 to 13 End of Year Celebration/Prizegiving is at Crossroads Church, starting at 6.30pm.

I am looking forward to celebrating with all Cornerstone families and extended family the successes of our Cornerstone students in 2020.

Blessings on you all,

Chris Mitchell  
*Principal*



The advertisement features a teal background with a circular inset image of a woman looking at her smartphone. The text is white and yellow. The OfficeMax logo is in the top left. The main headline asks 'Got five minutes?' and provides information about the back-to-school class list being ready to shop at myschool.co.nz or by phone from 8.30am to 5pm. The bottom section has a green background with the website, phone number, and a 'Get school ready faster' logo.

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# Got five minutes?

Your child's back to school class list is ready to shop now at [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) or call us Mon to Fri, 8.30am – 5pm.

[myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) 0800 724 440

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*(Please see the back of this newsletter for information regarding ordering 2021 Stationery Packs through MySchool OfficeMax).*

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

**Absences:** absent@cornerstone.ac.nz | Text: 027 315 7764

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## School Notices

### Not Returning to CCS in 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.

### Last Day of School – Early Finish

School finishes at the earlier time of 12pm on the last day of school (Term 4) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that the Ashhurst and Feilding buses will leave school at the earlier time of 12.15pm. If you aren't able to pick up your child/ren at this earlier finishing time, for health and safety purposes, please email Mrs Jean Wilkins in the school office at [office@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:office@cornerstone.ac.nz) before 4pm on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. A list will be created and these students will be cared for at school until 3pm.



### 2021 School Calendar

School dates (including term dates, public holidays and teacher only days) are listed on the '[Important Dates](#)' page of our website. Parents who are keen to plan weekend getaways may want to consider two teacher only days which dovetail into public holidays: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February (after Waitangi Day Monday) and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (before Good Friday). <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/important-dates/>



### Internet Safety Parent Information Evening

You are all warmly invited to an Internet Safety Parent Information Evening to be held on Thursday 26 November at 7pm in the school staffroom (please note change of venue). It is really important that a representative from your family, comes along to this evening. You will learn about some of the risks and dangers that our young people face on the internet. Practical strategies will be demonstrated, to assist you as you support your child/ren, to use their devices, safely. The evening will be hosted by Paul Jorgensen (IT Lead Teacher). Please email [paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) if you have any queries. We encourage you to bring your student/s to this meeting, as it will be suitable for them also. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Desktop PC's for Sale

The school still has a significant number of Desktop Computers (no longer needed in classrooms) for sale. These are available for \$100. This will come with everything you need; Monitor/Keyboard/Mouse/Cables, Windows 10 Pro. They are suitable for most day to day computer tasks. They are 'HP' brand (really reliable). Please email [paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) to order them. Payments can be made to the office or online (instalments, if needed. You can collect the computer once full payment has been received).

### Preferred Payment Method

Our preferred method for payment is EFTPOS or online payment if at all possible, **NOT CASH PLEASE**. We have a very small float, and often don't have the capacity to give change. It is also getting increasingly difficult to get petty cash from the bank. Our account details are: **Cornerstone Christian School Account: 02 0727 0154852 00.** (PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS ACCOUNT FOR ATTENDANCE DUES)



### Scholastic Book Club Orders

The last Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#8) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. Orders for free delivery to the school close at the end of week 7 (27 November). 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 questions, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janis@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janis@cornerstone.ac.nz) Thank you!

## School Notices Cont'd

### Uniform Bookings for 2021

It is time to buy uniforms for 2021. The uniform shop (situated at the student reception) is open Mon-Fri 1.45pm-3.15pm.

The uniform shop is also open before school starts next year from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (**by appointment only**). Please note that Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday.

To book your appointment to purchase your child's uniform please go to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code **f5tqs** and follow the prompts.

Alternatively, you can go to our school website: [www.cornerstone.ac.nz](http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz) and click on the link "Uniform Bookings" under the announcements tab. (**Please note that we may not be able to assist you if you do not have an appointment**).

## Primary Class Awards

### Aroha & Manahau Star of the Week Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received the Class Award this week:

#### Week 7

- A1 Masyn Lowe & Karli Mik
- A2 Abigail Whitwam & Jack Gray
- A3 Kenzie Gray & Matthew Shin
- A4 Zavier Pienaar & Elijah Gibin
- A5 Matthais Ko & Elijah Laughlin
- D2 Hosea Kerr, Jaden Sunchuri & Logan Wucherpfennig
- D3 Gida Venter, Ethan Nolan & Elijah Meyer
- D6 Miriya Nybin, Mason de Vries & Silia Muli



## Kingdom Kid/Cornerstone Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded their classroom Kingdom Kid Award for Term 4. These special awards are given to students that display the school values of Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Humility and Kindness throughout the Term:

### Whakapono Team

- L2 Bethany Alderdice
- L3 Darryl Yang
- L4 Samantha Poulton
- L5 William Minchin

### Secondary School

- 9CA Lily McDonald
- 9CH Kiarna Lowe
- 9GR Matthew Tuisaua
- 9AN Anya Simpson
- 10CD Olivia Knowlton
- 10HS Luke Dore-Wright



## School Notices Cont'd

### Sickness

There is currently a tummy bug going around the school (mostly C Block). Please encourage your children to practice good hygiene and wash and dry their hands after going to the toilet. Please keep your children home if they are unwell and remember that if they have vomited or had diarrhoea they need to stay home until they have been clear for 48 hours.

### Lunches Online

Due to the Teacher Only Day tomorrow, there will be no Lunches Online (Subway) lunches tomorrow. It will resume as per normal next Friday.

## 2021 Class Lists

The class lists for 2021 will go live on our website next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. [www.cornerstone.ac.nz](http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz)

## 2021 Stationery

We are proud to be partnering again with OfficeMax for our school stationery supplies for 2021. It's easy to shop online with MySchool (OfficeMax). Once you know what classroom your child/ren will be in next year (see above) you can then go to [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz). Just search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the easy-to-use website. If you prefer you can call the OfficeMax MySchool team on 0800 724 440 Monday to Friday, 8.30am - 5pm.

Secondary students (Years 7-13) can order their stationery from 1<sup>st</sup> December. (Year 9-13 as long as you know your subjects for 2021).

This year OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy\*, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away.

By ordering in December, you'll be able to choose to receive your order straight away or after you get home from holiday in January. In addition, all orders placed online in December will receive a FREE A4 Magnetic Family Organiser\* - ideal for keeping activities and events on track throughout the year.

### OfficeMax makes it easy to get back to school ready with:

- **Free delivery** on orders over \$46\*
- **Pay now or in easy instalments** - internet banking, credit cards, debit cards or pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments with Laybuy\*
- **School Rewards** - when you shop on [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) we earn rewards\* that can be used to purchase extra resources for school.
- **Price match promise** - shop with confidence, if you find a lower price OfficeMax will match it\*
- **Save valuable holiday time** - avoid queues and busy shopping malls by shopping online from the safety and comfort of your home.

### Key Dates:

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
TEACHER ONLY DAY

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Year 9 Activities Week & Noho Marae Trip*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
*Year 10 Camp*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
*Tumanako Flip City Trip (Yr6's)*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
*Tumanako Flip City Trip (Yr5's)*

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 7pm**  
*Year 13 Graduation Supper*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
*D5 & D6 Flip City Trip*

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm**  
*Last Day of School*

**Term Dates for 2020/2021**  
*Term 4: 12 Oct-11 December*  
*Term 1 2021: 1 Feb-16 April*  
*Term 2 2021: 3 May-9 July*  
*Term 3 2021: 26 July-1 October*  
*Term 4 2021: 18 Oct-15 Dec*