

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 the 2021 school year. It was so good to meet so many Cornerstone families this week in the playground or at the school gate and see students fizzing to be back at school. We are looking forward to a great year here at Cornerstone Christian School and our staff are excited to get back into the rhythm of teaching and learning. Hopefully across a year with far less interruptions compared to 2020!

I would like to take moment to welcome three new staff members to Cornerstone Christian School. (From left below). Mrs Nicola Waitoa (Whaea Nicola) is our new teacher in room D1 (year 2). Mrs Casey Rossouw is our new Tumanako Teacher, teaching mainly in room C4 (year 6). Miss Aneta Reuter is teaching in the high school, teaching a school-based component of our food technology program to year 9 and 10 students. Welcome to each of you. So glad you could join our staff team!



This year our staff will be working with a Professional Development provider (CORE-Ed) to upskill in the area of cultural competency. We want to broaden our understanding of Tikanga Māori and Te Reo Māori and what it means to honour the Treaty of Waitangi from a Godly, Christian perspective. We have a growing proportion of students at Cornerstone Christian School who are Māori, and it is our desire for these students to succeed as Māori – understanding the beauty of God's nature and character that He has invested in our rich Maori culture.



On Monday we held a formal pōwhiri to welcome our new staff, students, and their whanau. This was a special moment and I want to say a huge thank you to all our whanau that supported this event. A big thank you too, to our mana whenua, Wiremu and Trieste Te Aweawe from Rangimarie marae who came and assisted us with understanding the correct 'kawa' (protocol) for this event. A special thank you also, to school Mum, Helen Potaka who assisted us with our karanga on behalf of the manuhiri.

This year we have a desire to restart kapahaka here at Cornerstone Christian School. If this is something you can help with, please email me: email: chris@cornerstone.ac.nz.

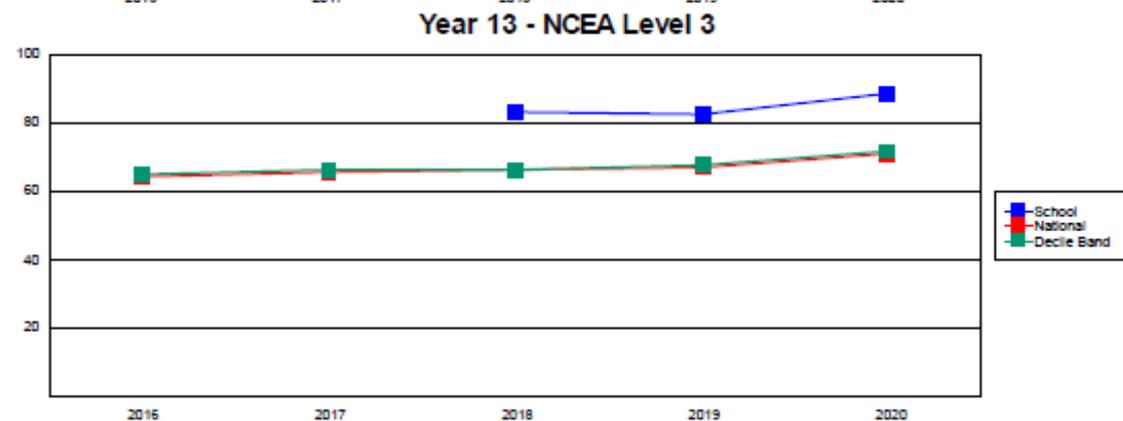
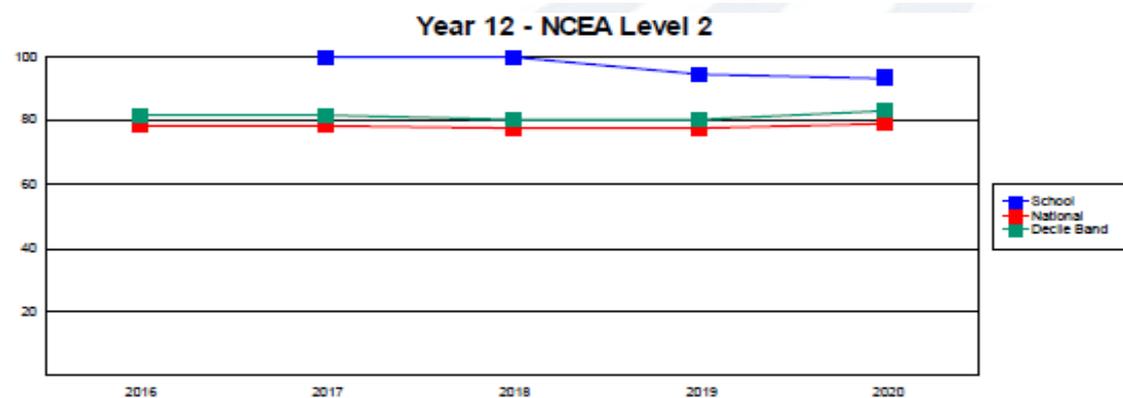
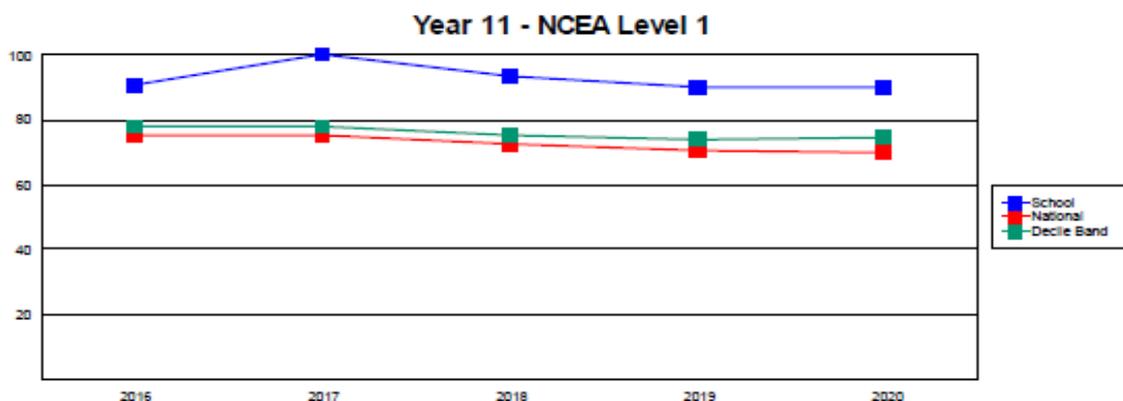
School Calendar and Upcoming Teachers' Only Day

Please familiarize yourself with the school calendar on our website (www.cornerstone.ac.nz) or on our SchoolApp (see page 4 of this newsletter for instructions on how to download). We have a number of exciting events coming up, including the year 5 to 13 swimming sports, senior athletics, the year 6 and year 8 camps, to name but a few!

Can I please draw your attention to our Teacher's Only day next Tuesday 9th February? We are running a staff development day on this day and there will be no classes here at school. I know a lot of families will relish the chance to squeeze in one last extra-long weekend trip away before we really get our heads down and back into the school year.

NCEA Results

Our 2020 year 11's, 12's and 13's recently received notification of their NCEA results, and I must confess that I had some trepidation around our schoolwide results, given all of the interruptions around COVID last year. We were pleasantly surprised however by our overall results and are pleased to say that our school again achieved a top set of results in NCEA 1, 2 and 3. On the graphs below, Cornerstone Christian School is represented by the blue line; national NZ results the red line and schools with a similar decile to Cornerstone (decile 7), the green line:



NCEA Results Cont'd

Congratulations to all of our year 11,12 and 13 Cornerstone students on these results! This achievement also represents a huge amount of effort and perseverance on behalf of our teaching staff. Thank you!!

COVID-19

The Ministry of Education has indicated to all schools that we can expect some “hiccups” over the year with the COVID-19 virus and to ensure that we remain in a state of preparedness, should we have to go back into lockdown where distance learning again becomes necessary. I will ensure that I contact all families immediately should this need occur. **Accordingly, can I please ask that all families ensure their contacts details - particularly physical addresses, email addresses and phone numbers are all up to date on our school management system here at school. Please email office@cornerstone.ac.nz if any of this information has recently changed and needs updating.**

Mihaere Drive Footpath Construction

For a number of years now, we have been asking the Palmerston North City Council to construct a footpath along the Eastern side of Mihaere Drive and a further Kea Crossing across Mihaere Drive to ensure that our students reach school safely. We are pleased to let our school community know that these works will begin next week (see red line in photo below) and while we may have some short-term disruptions to traffic flow around our school over this construction period, we are looking forward to these works being complete.



That's all for this week. God's richest blessings on you all as we begin 2021!

Chris Mitchell
Principal
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Cornerstone Christian School App

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.

At the start of 2021, 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.

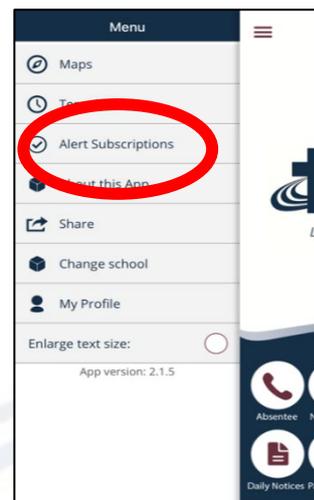
To set up the correct Alerts, please click on the ☰ symbol at the top left of the phone screen and then click Alert Subscriptions (see right).



You can then subscribe to Alert Groups like your child's 2021 classroom or team, 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.

If you haven't done so already, 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.



School Notices

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 9th February (after Waitangi Day Monday) and Thursday 1st April (before Good Friday).

<http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/important-dates/>



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 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).



School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is delivered in digital format via email weekly, usually on Thursday afternoon. We send this to the email address/es supplied to us on your child/ren's enrolment form. If your email address has changed, please email this to office@cornerstone.ac.nz. The school newsletter is also available on our website www.cornerstone.ac.nz and via the School App. If you do not have an email address, you are welcome to collect a hard copy from reception.

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Student Notices Cont'd

Office Hours

Cornerstone Christian School office hours are from 8.30am-3.30pm. If you need to make contact outside these hours please phone and leave a message on 356 7326 or email office@cornerstone.ac.nz. Thank you.

Uniform Shop Hours

Please note that the Uniform Shop hours are from **1.45pm-3.15pm**. The office is not open before school to purchase uniform. Uniform can also be ordered via email: ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz and paid for and collected the following afternoon.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact Ilona Shewell our Student Office Administrator before 10.30am by either **telephone 356 7326 or txt 027 315 7764, or email absent@cornerstone.ac.nz and please state your child's full name and classroom.** Thank you.

Student Drop off / Pick up Times

Students can be dropped off at school from 8.30am in the morning, not before thanks. All students need to be collected from school before 3.15pm. The school office is closed at 3.30pm and often teachers are in meetings after school. Please notify the school office before 3.15pm if you are running late.

Attendance Dues

Cornerstone Christian School does not charge a School Donation, but parents are required to pay attendance dues, which covers the use of the land and the buildings. This is to be paid to the Cornerstone Proprietors direct (owners of the land and buildings). Brian Gray will be sending out invoices during Term 1 for this. If you have any queries regarding attendance dues, please email him direct at accounts@ccet.ac.nz. Please note, this is not to be paid to the School.

Preferred Payment Method

Our preferred method for payment is EFTPOS or online payment, 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)**



Head Students

Following on last year's Prizegiving, we would like to congratulate Mollie Auer, Kate McDonald, Conrad De Groot, and Daniel Murray on being selected as Head Students for 2021.

School Based Immunisation Programme - Year 7 & 8

The Ministry of Health School Based Immunisation Programmes will again be offered to our Year 7 and 8 students by Public Health. Consent forms have been given to all of our Year 7 and 8 students this week and **need to be returned to their Life Lab Teacher before Friday 12th February**. On Monday 15th March, Year 7's with consent will be given the dTap Vaccination and the Year 8's with consent will be given Dose 1 of the HPV Vaccination. On 20th of September the Year 8's with consent will be given Dose 2 of the HPV Vaccination. **Please don't forget to return the consent forms ASAP!**

Student Notices Cont'd

Vision & Hearing Screening – New Entrants/Year 7's

The Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting the school on Wednesday 17th February at 11.30am to do routine hearing and vision screening of our New Entrant and Year 7 students. If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked, could they please inform the school office office@cornerstone.ac.nz.

PE Uniform

If your student is in Year 7-10 or Year 11-13 and take PE as a subject and you have not yet ordered a PE Uniform for them, please bring them to the Uniform Shop from 3pm to be sized up for this before Friday 19th February. If you ordered a new PE uniform at the end of last Term, please collect this from the school office. Thank you.



School Blazers

Starting Wednesday 10th February Mrs Shewell in the Uniform Shop will be available to size up Secondary students from Year's 11-13 for a school blazer. Students may come to the Uniform Shop (Student Reception) at Morning Tea (11am) (next week only) or after school to be sized for these.

Scholastic Book Club

The first Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#1) 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 shortly. Any questions? See Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you!



Missing!

We are missing a leg off our uniform rack. Please if you have seen it or taken it from our uniform rack when it was outside the staffroom after school this week, please return it to the school office. It does not function properly without it.



NZ Covid Tracer

Posters displaying Cornerstone Christian School's **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** have been placed at the school entrances. Parents coming on-site should use either the **NZ Covid Tracer QR Code** or the **School App** or sign in on the VizTab at reception when coming onto school grounds. Learn more about [NZ Covid Tracer](#).

Sickness – When to keep your Child/ren Home from School.

If your child has a persistent cough, constant runny nose, sore throat, has vomited or had diarrhoea within 48 hours or are generally feeling unwell, 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.**



Community Notices

Teachers Only Day at FlipCity

\$8 per person

12pm-4pm

Come in for the last time with your school friends as we are closing on 28 February.



Year 2-4 Cricketers

United Junior Cricket Club is a family-friendly club where children can learn and have fun playing cricket. Dual pitch cricket is the perfect place to start. Teams play on a Tuesday afternoon from 5-6pm. We have a few spaces left for the 2021 season and we'd love you to join us! Go in the **draw to win** a cricket bat signed by former BlackCaps stars or a coaching session with former BlackCaps legend, Jacob Oram! Registrations close Friday 5th February, so enquire now.

Email: unitedjcc.pn@gmail.com [Facebook United Junior Cricket Club](#)



EPIC Music Lessons – Term 1 Enrolments are Open NOW!

'EPIC Music Lessons are available in your school! If you would like to register your child to learn an instrument at school check out our Facebook page (fb.com/epicmusic.pn), website (www.epicma.nz). Music lessons are \$15 per lesson with an extra cost of \$15 for a new tuition book which they will receive at their first lesson. Lessons are taught in small groups of between 2-4 students and are 30 minutes. Spaces are limited.'



Thank you to all those that have enrolled. We are looking forward to seeing your child/ren in lessons in a few weeks (if your child/ren were learning with us last year, then they are automatically re-enrolled for this year).

All of our lessons are taught at school, during school times, which makes it super easy for parents. Students are collated for their lessons and all instruments are provided; however, guitar students are more than welcome to bring their own guitar and drum students can bring their drumsticks. We teach Drums and Keyboard – Year 3 and up; Guitar – 8-Year-olds and up; Music Foundations – Year 1 and 2 students

Key Dates:

Monday 8th February

Waitangi Day Holiday

Tuesday 9th February

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Wednesday 17th February

Hearing & Vision Testing (N/E & Year 7's) 11.30am

Friday 19th February

Swimming Sports (Y7-13)

Tuesday 23rd February

*Learning Conferences (3.30pm-6.30pm)
(More info to come)*

Wednesday 24th February

*Learning Conferences (3.30pm-6.30pm)
(More info to come)*

Thursday 4th March

Y7-13 Athletics Day

Tuesday 9th - Fri 12th March

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 10th March

Secondary Student ID Photos (Y7-13)

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1: 1st Feb – 16th April

Term 2: 3rd May – 9th July

Term 3: 26th July- 1st October

Term 4: 18th Oct – 15th Dec

Transition from Lunch online to Kindo School Shop Lunches

We will be changing from Lunch Online to Kindo's School Shop Lunches in Term 2. This will give you a chance to use up any possible credit you have with Lunch Online, so not to receive an admin fee (see below). If you request your Lunch Online account to be closed or request to receive a refund of any money on your account, there is a \$5 account admin fee which will be deducted.

We suggest you keep your account with Lunch Online at this stage and use any available credit on your account.

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Online Kindo School Shop

Say goodbye to paper forms and having to find cash, and hello to online purchases and payments!

We are very excited to introduce our new online Kindo school shop, where you can register for sports, support fundraisers, order lunches for our food days, and much more!

Click on the following link [Kindo \(tgcl.co.nz\)](http://Kindo (tgcl.co.nz)) to go to the registration/login page of our Kindo school shop and create your myKindo family account.

The myKindo app is also available to download for both android and iPhone.

Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 54 636) - Online support: support.myKindo.co.nz

Email: hello@myKindo.co.nz

School payments online

Introducing our Kindo School Shop!!

You can make lots of your school payments using Kindo – sports registrations are available now!

It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and is available on our school website.

Setting up an account

Creating an account is easy!

[Click here](#) for the login and registration page for our Kindo school shop, OR visit www.mykindo.co.nz.

New users can click on [Kindo \(tgcl.co.nz\)](http://Kindo (tgcl.co.nz)) and complete the online form with your contact details and your child/ren's names.

Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' icon.

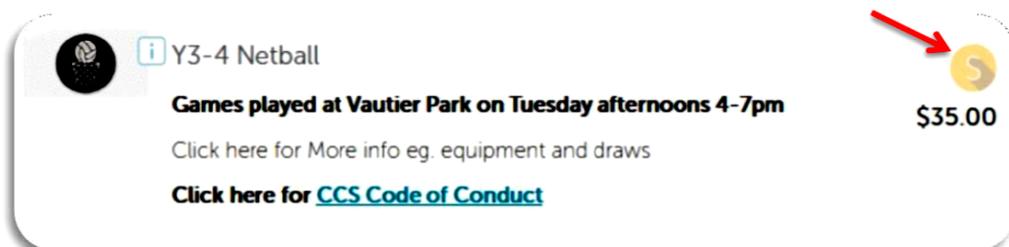


POLi: No fees. Instant transfer. ****RECOMMENDED**** Credit/Debit Card 50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer. Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.

Bank Transfer: No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.

Shopping

Items can be added to your shopping cart, by clicking on your child's initial next to an item.



Once you have made all your purchases click on the **Checkout** option to complete your transaction. If you have sufficient funds, then simply click **Place Order** at the checkout and you're done!

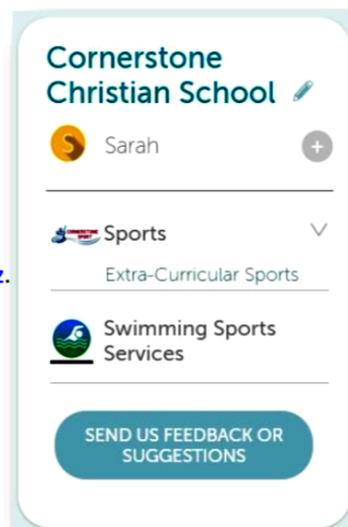
Your order will automatically go through to the School, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your top-up and/or purchase!

myKindo App

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