

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 have had an excellent start to the term so far. Yes, there have been a few little glitches to work out, but there is an awesome sense around school of things humming along and of God's peace resting on us as a school.

Last week I had the privilege of joining our year 13 cohort at MiCamp on Lake Whakamaru for our annual year 13 leadership camp. For me, school camps are always those places where magic memories are made, and this year's leadership camp was no exception.



Unfortunately, I missed the final day's whitewater rafting on the Tongariro River, but I am told it was just incredible!

One tradition that we have made for this camp, is that we ask parents of each of the students to write their child a letter telling them of their love, hopes and dreams for them as they grow into adulthood. These letters are opened at the appropriate moment at camp and it would be fair to say that this is a time when there are very few dry eyes in the house! Thank you to all of our year 13 parents who contributed so thoughtfully to this.

While on the subject of Outdoor Education, most parents will be aware that we can no longer charge parents or ask for donations for students attending camps or going on curriculum related trips. Two years ago, Cornerstone opted into the Ministry of Education 'No Fees' scheme where the Ministry of Education provides a funding top-up for schools who cease asking for school donations or asking parents to pay for Outdoor Education events (please note that this does not include Attendance Dues required by the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust).



Highlights that stick out for me include the four-hour evening tribe running relay; swims in an idyllic Lake Whakamaru and meaningful chats with an incredible, mature, and positive bunch of students we are proud to have in our school.



While this Ministry top-up does not realistically meet the full cost of Outdoor Education at Cornerstone, we have decided to commit long-term to providing a Year 6, Year 8, Year 9 Activity Week and Year 10 and Year 13 camp for Cornerstone Christian School students.

Over the next week (following Leadership camp) we will announce our school prefects and the committees they are responsible for. In the meantime, I would like to introduce our Head boy Conrad De Groot (middle left), Head girl Mollie Auer (middle right), Deputy Head boy Daniel Murray (left) and Deputy Head girl Kate McDonald (right). We are rapt to have such an outstanding student leadership team here at Cornerstone and know that you will have a significant impact on our school in 2021.



This past Tuesday we had a great Staff Only Day together. We achieved a bit of a coup, getting top communicator, Richard Black from Mind Health in Christchurch to speak to our staff (which now numbers close to 80). Richard is a regular keynote speaker at the yearly New Wine Christian Conference down in Kapiti and spent the day with our staff, teaching about looking after our own wellbeing, negotiating difficult conversations, and understanding each other's relational tendencies, so that we can work together well as a staff team.

Well, enough waffle from me. As always, feel free to drop in and have a chat with me if you have any concerns or compliments, or just want to talk! I very much keep an open-door policy and you are always welcome! If I am busy for whatever reason, please get my awesome PA, Mrs Sarndra Rauzi to pencil in an appointment in my calendar.



God's richest blessings on you all.

Chris Mitchell
Principal



Learning Conferences

Planned Parent/Teacher Conference and Report Schedule for the Primary School in 2021

Primary Learning Conferences are for the purpose of the teacher and parents meeting each other and beginning to build a positive partnership between home and school. This may include sharing relevant information to their learning with your child's teacher, setting goals for the year and talking about how they have settled into the new school year. At this early stage in the year, teachers will not have information regarding your child's learning progress.

Planned Parent/Teacher Conference and Report Schedule for the Middle & Senior School in 2021

The purpose of the Term 1, Week 4 conferences is to set broad goals for the year across a number of possible areas. Including:

1. Learning
2. Haoura - Wellbeing
3. Future planning
4. Faith
5. Community

The purpose of the end of Term 2 subject teacher interviews is to give parents direct access to the subject teachers for first-hand feedback and progress.

The purpose of the end of Term 3 Life Lab Teacher Conferences is to review the broader goals set at the Term 1 Learning Conference and work on any amendments to these priorities for Term 4.

We trust you will find this modified parent conferencing structure more useful. We will be in contact with you towards the end of the year to gather some parent feedback for future planning purposes.

Middle and Senior School Schedule:

Term 1:

Week 4	Tuesday 23 rd February	Year 7-13 Life Lab Conferences: Goal Setting 3:30pm-8:10pm 20-minute conferences
Week 4	Wednesday 24 th February	Year 7-13 Life Lab Conferences: Goal Setting 3:30pm-8:10pm 20-minute conferences
Week 11	Thursday 15 th April	Printed Academic Summaries distributed to Year 7-13

Term 2:

Week 8	Monday 21 st June	Printed Academic Summaries distributed to Year 7-13
Week 9	Wednesday 30 th June	Year 7-13 Subject Teacher Interviews 3:30pm-8:10pm 10-minute interviews
Week 9	Thursday 1 st July	Year 7-13 Subject Teacher Interviews 3:30pm-8:10pm 10-minute interviews

Term 3:

Week 9	Monday 20 th September	Year 7-10 Academic Summaries printed for distribution at conferences
Week 9	Wednesday 22 nd September	Year 7-13 Life Lab Conferences 3:30pm – 8:10pm 20-minute conferences
Week 9	Thursday 23 rd September	Year 7-13 Life Lab Conferences 3:30pm – 8:10pm 20-minute conferences

Booking information will be sent out via email before next Wednesday 17th February.

School Notices

Teacher Aide Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Teacher Aide to work with various students within the school. 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: [Staff Vacancies - Cornerstone Christian School](#). Applications close Friday 19th February at 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 <http://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/important-dates/>. Please put our next **Teacher Only Day** on your calendar: **Thursday 1st April** (before Good Friday).

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)



School Based Immunisation Programme - Year 7 & 8

The Ministry of Health School Based Immunisation Programmes are being 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 and **need to be returned to their Life Lab Teacher on MONDAY 15th 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.

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 you do not want your child to be checked, could you please inform the school office office@cornerstone.ac.nz. 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.

School Notices Cont'd

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. These 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 to be made to the office via eftpos, or online (instalments, if needed). You can collect the computer once full payment has been received.



School Blazers

If you have not ordered a school blazer for your student (Year 11-13) yet and wish to, they will need to come to the uniform shop after school to be fitted. The cost is \$230 with a \$120 deposit required upon ordering, with the balance to be paid upon collection. Orders need to be made before Friday 19th February.

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 fitted for this before Friday 19th February. If you have ordered a PE uniform this year, we will contact you once they have arrived - approximately 6-8 weeks.



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. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you.

Student Absences/Lateness

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. If your child is late for school, they will need to sign in at the school office before going to their classroom. Year 7-13 students please collect a late slip from Mrs Shewell before going to your first class. 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.

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.

Breakfast Club

All students are warmly invited to Breakfast Club every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8am in G2. This will be starting in Week 4. If you have any spare bread for toast, canned fruit, or spreads, these will be greatly appreciated. Please drop these off to the school office. Or if you would like to lend a hand, please contact Delwyn. Thank you.

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

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

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School Notices Cont'd

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is delivered in digital format via email weekly, usually on Thursday afternoons. This is sent to the email address/es supplied to us on your child/ren's enrolment form. If your email address has changed, please email your new one 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.

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.**

EPIC Music Lessons

Epic music lessons have kicked off for term 1, 2021. We have lots of exciting things happening this year, including our second online concert, a live concert and even some performances in schools. This is for all the instruments we teach (drums, guitar, and keyboard). For more information or to sign up head along to our website: epicma.nz.



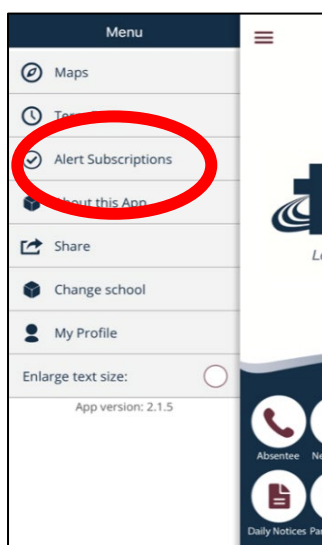
Cornerstone Christian School App

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.



Cornerstone Community Family Event

A fun evening for the whole family!

Date:	Time:	Place:
Friday 5th March	From 5pm till 7pm	At school <small>(Courts and Grass area around the big playground)</small>

What to bring:



Picnic Rug or chairs

Cash for sausage



sizzle, candy floss, lollies, drinks and ice creams!

(You can bring your own picnic meal
instead of the sausage sizzle if you prefer.)

Come and enjoy time together as a school
community.

This event is organised by the Cornerstone Fundraising Group. For more information email: vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz

Key Dates:

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)

Wednesday 24th February
Learning Conferences
(3.30pm-6.30pm)

Tuesday 2nd March
Earthquake Drill – 10.30am

Thursday 4th March
Y7-13 Athletics Day

Friday 5th March
*Cornerstone Community
Family Event*
(Cornerstone Fundraising
Group)

Tuesday 9th - Fri 12th March
Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 10th March
Secondary Student ID Photos
(Y7-13)

Monday 15th March
Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Wed 17th - Fri 19th March
Year 8 Camp

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



Y7-13 Swimming Sports

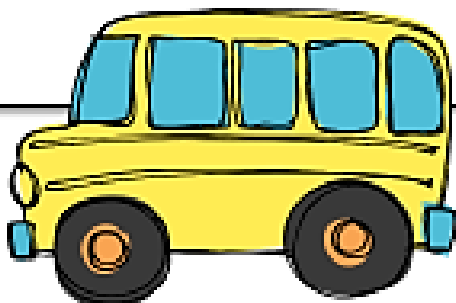
(and invited Year 5/6's)

Makino Aquatic Centre – Feilding

Friday 19 February

9.30am – 2.30pm

For more info...
www.bit.ly/ccssport



Bus Available \$5pp

Leaving School at 9am
and returning by 3pm.

Book on **mykindo**



Swimming Sports
Sausage Sizzle
 and Ice Creams
 Volleyball Fundraiser

Use **mykindo** app to
pre-purchase. (Limited Stock)

Approx. Time	Event	Type	Event Distance and Stroke
9am	1	Indv.	200m/400m Invitation
9.30	2	Team	Dive Comp
10am	3	Relay	4 x 25m Medley Relay
10.10am	4	Indv.	25m Freestyle
10.40am	5	Indv.	50m Freestyle
11am	6	Team	Pass the Pupil
11.10am	7	Indv.	100m Invitation
11.20am	8	Team	Bobble the Bucket
11.40am	9	Indv.	25m Backstroke
12pm	10	Indv.	50m Backstroke
12.20pm	11	Team	Truck and Trailer
12.30pm	12	Indv.	25m Breaststroke
12.50pm	13	Indv.	50m Breaststroke
1.05pm	14	Team	Race that Raft
1.15pm	15	Indv.	25m or 50m Fly
1.35pm	16	Team	Needle the Noodle
1.45pm	17	Relay	4 x 25m Freestyle Relays
1.55pm	18	Non-Comp	FREE SWIM
2.15pm	19		Rubbish and Results!
2.30pm	20		Picked up by Parents or Bus leaves

mykindo Bookings for Bus, Sausages and Ice Cream close next Tuesday.

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

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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. 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.



Cornerstone Christian School

Lunch deliveries Term 1 2021

Subway every Friday

Order cut off time 9am

Jump online now and order in advance

Yummy Healthy & Delicious lunches
delivered to your School

Support Local



Phone 0800 LOL LOL (0800 565 565)

info@lunchonline.co.nz

Healthy and affordable | Easy internet ordering

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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

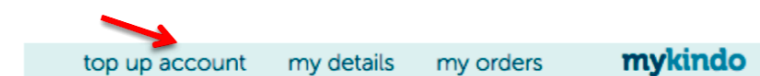
Creating an account is easy!

[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.

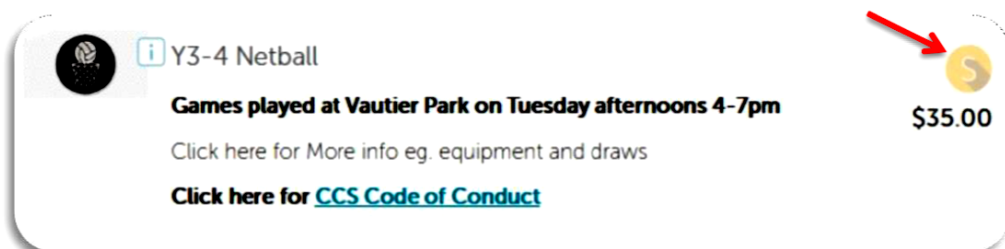


POLi: No fees. Instant transfer. ****RECOMMENDED**** **Credit/Debit Card** 50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer. Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.

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!

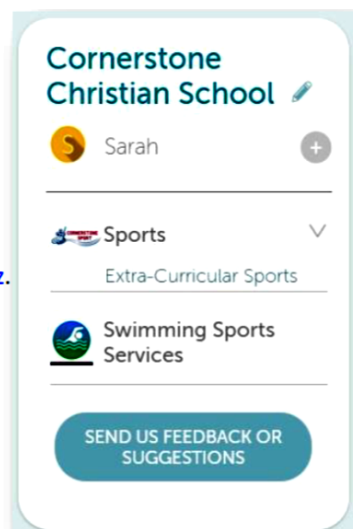
Your order will automatically go through to the School, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your top-up and/or purchase!

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