

Principal's Message

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

Well, this week has certainly been a doozy – being asked to move back into Alert Level 2 was about as palatable to most of us as tripe and brussel-sprout salad!

Let me start by saying a huge thank you for your willingness to step-up use of the tracer app at the school gate; remind your children about good hygiene practises and keep things as calm as possible with your own children. Thank you again! Yes, these are challenging times, but hopefully challenging times bring out the best in us.

As you know, I have four adult daughters (I know, I'm the most blessed Dad in all the world) and I once remember telling a story to one of my daughters when she was struggling with difficult circumstances in life. In this story (not my own), the Dad who was also a chef, took his daughter to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on the stove. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, grumped yet waited impatiently, wondering what on earth the old coot was up to now. After twenty minutes, he turned off the stove. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in another bowl. He then tipped the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to the daughter he asked her. "What do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee, duh!" she replied. "Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a glimmer of a smile to her face. "Ok, so what? What's all this for? You know I can't stand eggs!" she said testily. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs, and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity – the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. "So..." And the Dad paused here for a moment. "Which one are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato head, an utter egg, or a coffee bean?"

Yup, I love coffee and while I don't want to use this story to justify my coffee addiction, this story did make me think when I first heard it, which one am I? How do I respond when adversity comes my way? Galatians 6:9 tells us "to not grow weary in doing good." In this COVID season of life, when it's so easy to get stressed and upset by circumstances out of our control, the one thing we *can* control is our response: kindness; doing good to others; helping others in need. Verse 10 tells us that it is important that whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to those in the family of faith.

God bless,

Chris Mitchell
Principal



Learning Conferences – Next Week

Term 1, Year 1-13 Learning Conference Booking System Now OPEN

The booking system is now open for parents to book a Learning Conference with their child's teacher.

- For Y1-6, this will be with their classroom teacher. (Teacher and Parent Only)
- For Y7-13, this will be with their Life Lab Teacher. (Teacher, Parent & Student)

Learning Conferences run for:

- 10 minutes in Y1-6
- 20 minutes in Y7-13

To do this, please follow the instructions below:

How to Book a Learning Conference:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Click "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code: **r38za**
- Follow the onscreen instructions to book a Learning Conference:
 - Repeat for each child you have in Year 1-13
 - One conference per child

If you need any assistance with booking, please contact Mrs Wilkins in the school office.

COVID-19 Awareness: If you or your child are unwell on the day, please stay home. Email the teacher directly if you need to cancel a booking.

Don't forget to sign in using your COVID-19 Tracer App. QR codes are on the entrance points to the school grounds.

We look forward to seeing you at the Learning Conferences.

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.



Lost

2x Girls Senior Cardigan's – both named: Huntah Christensen and Siabella Ellwood. Please check your daughter's cardigan in case the wrong one has gone home. Thank you.

Also new black pearl leather sandals were taken from the Secondary School girls' toilets during fitness. Please return to the school office if you find these items.



Next Teacher Only Day

Please put our next **Teacher Only Day** on your calendar: **Thursday 1st April** (before Good Friday).



School Notices Cont'd

IMPORTANT!! Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Consent Forms

All Year 7 and 8 students have been given Immunisation Consent Forms. Please can parents/caregivers complete these forms and return to the school before **MONDAY 22nd February**.

Student Drop off / Pick up

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.

Desktop PC's for Sale

The school has a 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.



Caps (Year 7-13 Students only)

Our school caps are now back in stock and can be purchased from the school office from 1.45pm-3.15pm.



Level 2 Police Studies students constructing the first activity in their fitness circuit, based on a Police-grade obstacle course, and designed by Mr Gareth Bell. The circuit should be available for student use later in the term. The circuit will eventually contain eleven different activities that circumvent the outskirts of the field between C-Block and G-Block and will be built primarily by students from the Level 2 Police Studies and Level 2 Trades and Logistics classes.

School Notices Cont'd

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 (Friday 19th February). 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.



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.

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 or grab an enrolment form from the school office.



Student Absences/Lateness

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact Ilona Shewell at the Student Office 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 class. Year 7-13 students please collect a late slip from Mrs Shewell before going to your first class. Thank you.

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.**



Year 13 Peer Mentoring Programme with Mrs Crowther.

School Notices Cont'd

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.

Lunch Online to Kindo School 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.

Student of the Week – Week 6

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Certificate:

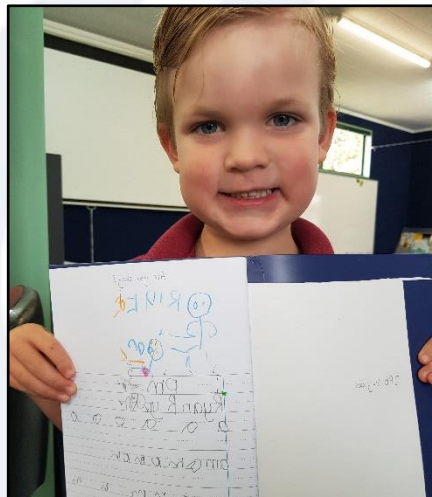
- A2 All of A2
- A3 Judah Pelman & Samuel Rai
- A4 Naomi Belworthy & Masyn Lowe
- D1 Liam Seagar & Jasmine Nolan
- D2 Briele Harman & Isabelle Dore-Wright
- D3 Madison Tasker & Amiah Jain
- D5 Avei Randall & Hosea Kerr
- D6 Lucy-Mae Marshall & Andrew Irvine
- C1 Benjamin Quitiquit & Klarabelle Spies
- C2 Michael Ozdemir & Trey Dore-Wright
- C4 Kaylee Waller & Christian Meyer
- C6 Josh Pati & Connor Nagy



D3 and 7SN buddy reading



Olivia - As part of our 'I am unique' learning, A2 students created beautiful unique happy faces.



Ryan - Year 1 students are like sponges. Everything is a new experience for them. Students learn how to be independent writers. Year 1 students initially focus on surface features such as where to start on the page and finger spaces. They are also building their sound knowledge and high frequency words. Today, Ryan wrote – I am 5. And practised writing his name.



Mrs Gennills sharing some puppy love with students.



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:

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

Community Notices

Special Olympics Manawatu Awareness Day Sunday 28 February 1-4pm

Come along, join in, and have a go. Where: Skoglund Park/Freyberg Community Pool, Thames Street, Roslyn, Palmerston North.

Contact: Carla on 021 295 4562 if you have any queries.



Traffic Guidelines for School Carparks

Please see below for a reminder of the school traffic management guidelines:

Traffic Management

Guidelines for the Roberts Line car park

Please abide by the following guidelines when coming to school between 8:30am and 9:00am, and when leaving between 3:00pm and 3:30pm.

Please collect your children from the classroom or the school gate.

Please do not turn right directly into or out of the Roberts Line car park

Countdown has given permission for school parents to use their car park.

Guidelines for Mihaere Drive

Do not allow children to cross the car park without an accompanying adult.

We have had reports of traffic being backed up to the roundabout around school start and finish times due to parents driving into the carpark to drop off children and sitting behind parked cars.

Please do not drive into the Roberts Line car park to drop off your child. Countdown have given us permission to use their car park. Please use this instead.

If cycling, please ensure you walk your bike when you are on the footpath or crossing the pedestrian crossing.

Thank you.

Kindo School Shop

Kindo online school shop - register now.

Kindo is an online ordering system, which allows you to book online and pay for School Sport, Bus for Trips and Lunches (Term 2) (with more options to come) 24/7.

[Click here](#) to set up your myKindo account today.

Want to see how the schools online shop works?
Click the link for our short 3-minute tutorial to guide you through.

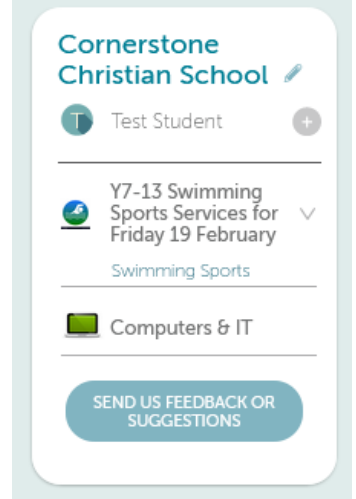
[Online tutorial](#)

Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)

Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

Online support: support.mykindo.co.nz



Topping up your myKindo account

Either choose the top up account option at any time, or top-up at the checkout when you make your next purchase. No minimum top-up amounts.

- POLi - links to internet banking - FEE FREE
Funds are instantly transferred.
- Bank transfer - FEE FREE. Allow two days for processing of funds.
NOTE: Orders will not be placed until the funds have cleared.
- Credit/Debit Card - will incur 2.5% surcharge and a 50c fee.
Funds are instantly transferred.



The Epic Tutors put on a presentation for our students on Wednesday this week.

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

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

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