

Principal's Message

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

Thanks for being so accommodating and understanding this week as COVID-19 Alert Level 2 has required us to cancel/postpone a number of school events and fixtures. We will do all that we can to ensure that these events are re-scheduled where possible. We can confirm that provided we return to Alert Level 1 on Sunday morning we will be holding the Year 7 to 13 Athletics on Monday 8th March. Please watch for a SchoolApp notification over the weekend.

If you are anything like me, you are most likely running out of patience and 'will' around lockdowns, however, the only way we can ensure that we keep COVID out of New Zealand is for everyone to remain as vigilant as possible. On Tuesday this week, I felt a little off-colour and decided to go home sick. It was only when I was at home that I realised that if I was sick, I should go and get a test – and yes, I did have some COVID-like symptoms. For me it was the thought of losing 48 hours away from all the jobs I needed to do at school that was off-putting. Thinking it through though, the consideration of what might happen at Cornerstone Christian School if I was COVID positive and hadn't self-isolated made me call Healthline (0800 611 116) and drive down to get the test – which really isn't pleasant by the way! Thankfully, I received a negative test within 24 hours and was able to return to school, symptom free on Thursday this week. Please, please if you, or your children are sick, stay home. Call Healthline. Get a test.

On Wednesday morning this week, our Deputy Principal James Rose held a special assembly for all Year 7 to 13 students to remind them of our school's position on cell phones. Cell phones are not recommended devices at school. However, school policy does permit parents to send their children to school with a cell phone if they feel it is necessary. While at school, a student's cell phone **MUST** be kept out of sight and away in their bag. Very occasionally, a teacher may give students permission to use a cell phone for an educative purpose in the classroom. However, this is *in exceptional circumstances*, as a student's computer should be able to carry all equivalent learning tasks.

Lately we have had a few students make poor behaviour choices around social media bullying. While I recognise that this is a very difficult area for all teenage students to navigate, let me make two quick points around this matter:

1. In 2015, a law was passed in parliament called the Harmful Digital Communications Act. Basically, this law makes it illegal to use social media and other forms of digital communication to:
 - a. disclose sensitive personal facts about a person.
 - b. be threatening, intimidating, or menacing.
 - c. be grossly offensive.
 - d. be obscene or indecent.
 - e. be used to harass a person.
 - f. make a false allegation.
 - g. break confidences.
 - h. incite or encourage anyone to send a deliberately harmful message.
 - i. incite or encourage a person to harm themselves or commit suicide.
 - j. denigrate a person's colour, race, ethnicity or national origins, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

2. So please, please, before you post – THINK!

Can I encourage every Cornerstone family to keep open conversations with their children around use of Social Media and to check up on their activity. While you may get some moans and groans now, they will love you for it later in life!

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell
Principal
principal@cornerstone.ac.nz



Before you...

THINK!

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?



Aroha Team's Water Fun Day!



School Notices

Next Teacher Only Day/Easter Holiday

Please put our next **Teacher Only Day** your diary/calendar: **Thursday 1st April** (before Good Friday). Please also note, the Tuesday after Easter IS a School Holiday. Please see our School Website for other Important Dates: [Important Dates - Cornerstone Christian School](#)



Newspaper Wanted!

The Art Department would love any donations of newspaper. The Art Department is now in L2. Thank you.



Senior & Junior Boys Trousers

Senior and junior boys trousers are now in stock if you want to purchase these ready for winter.

Rain Jackets

Cornerstone Embroidered Black Rain jackets can now be ordered at the school office. They are fleece lined and very warm. Just right for winter!

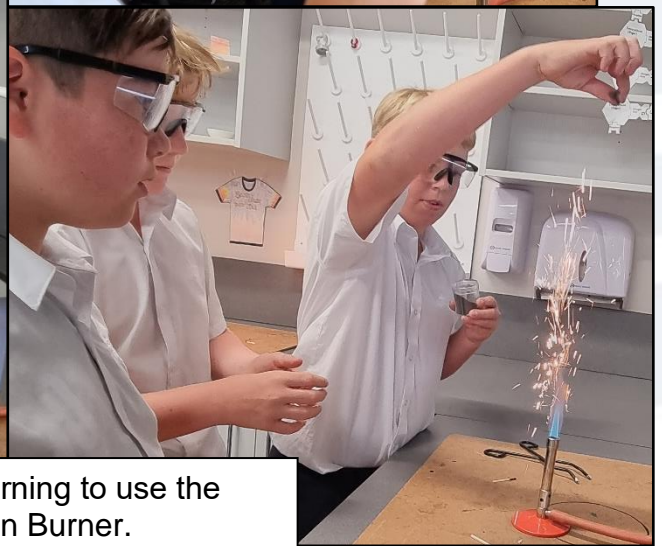
The cost of the jackets is \$46.00 for the junior sizes and \$60.00 for the senior sizes, and samples are available in the office. If you would like to purchase one for your child/ren, please let Ilona know via ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz or pop into the student reception between 1.45pm and 3.15pm. Orders close 12th March.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours are 1.45pm-3.15pm Monday-Friday.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is on every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8am in G2 – all students welcome. Come and enjoy some Weetbix, toast, milo, and some fellowship!



Year 7's Learning to use the Bunsen Burner.

School Notices Cont'd

Student ID Photos

LC Scott Photographers will be coming to photograph Year 7-13 students individually next Wednesday 10th March. These photos are not available to purchase but will be used to update our student management system and Student ID's for those that would like to purchase one. Student ID cards are voluntary. Students between Year 7 and Year 13 who would like to order a Student ID will need to collect a form from the Student Office. This will need to be signed by both Parent/Caregiver and student. The cost is \$10. Forms and payment to be made **BEFORE FRIDAY 26TH MARCH**.

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.**

Lunch Online to Kindo School Lunches - Subway

We will be changing from Lunch Online (Subway) to Kindo's School Shop (Subway) in Term 2. This will give you a chance to use up any possible credit you may 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, a \$5 account admin fee will be charged.

Lunches are delivered to each of the Primary School classes. Students in Year 9-13 please collect yours from G1.

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 for more information.

Student of the Week - Week 4

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

- A2 Landen de Beer & Nirvana Parore-Hallett
- A3 Isaiah Varghese Bose & Hector Ji
- A5 Annabelle Sisson and Matthew Shin
- D1 Diederick Ferreira & Victoria Kaufusi
- D2 Amalie Lacey & Sione Muli
- D3 Meike-Mari Spies & Helena Kaufononga
- D5 Sebastian Kalikote & Tahlia Taylor
- D6 Matthew Grapentin
- C1 Abbie Kingsbeer & Miriya Nybin
- C4 David Soo & Joshua Murdoch
- C6 Ngarie Baxter & Benjamin Mulder



Community Notices

Girls' Brigade

Looking for a fun and affordable activity for your daughter? Then come along and give Girls' Brigade a go. Programmes are starting now. We have companies in:
 Milson (Thursday 4.30pm-6pm) - Joanne Ph: 355-3124 or Highbury/Takaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974.

Sports Notices

Netball Coach Development Opportunity

DATE: Monday 8th March 2021

TIME: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

LOCATION: Vautier Park

COST: \$10 PP

Light refreshments and resources included.

Email jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz to register your interest.

Badminton Shuttle Time Merit and Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes

Shuttle Time Merit and Bronze/Silver/Gold classes held each Friday afternoon at PNINS. \$50 for 7 weeks. For more info, please email jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Cornerstone Christian School Year 7-13 Athletics Day

Secondary School Athletics Years 7-13 @ Massey Track Monday 8th March

The Secondary School Year 7-13 Athletics Day will be held on Monday 8th March at the Massey Track, Athletic Track Access Road, Massey University.

The bus will be leaving the school at 8.50am. Alternatively you can drop your student at the Massey Track by 9:15am. For more info go to www.bit.ly/ccssport under the 'Athletics' tab.

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 Sports, Bus for Trips and Lunches (Term 2) (with more options to come) 24/7. (We will be moving to Kindo for booking and payment of the above – and more options in the future). This is instead of payment to the school office.

[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)

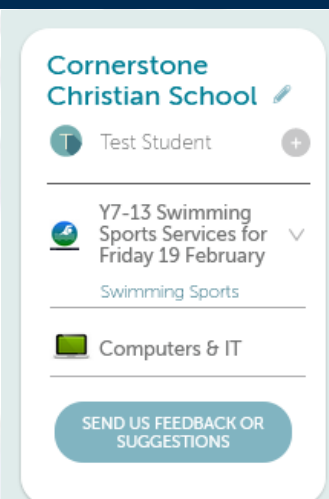
Email: hello@mykindo.co.nz

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.





C4 & C6 Making Camp Flags with their Year 10 Group Leader.



Buddy Reading D6 & 8PA



Key Dates:

Friday 5th March

Tumanako Team Assembly - 2.15pm

Aroha Team Assembly – 2.20pm

Monday 8th March

Y7-13 Athletics Day-9am-3pm (Massey Track)

Tuesday 9th - Fri 12th March

Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 10th March

Secondary Student ID Photos (Year 7-13's)

Friday 12th March

Tumanako Assembly - 2.15pm

Aroha Assembly – 2.20pm

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



Y7-13 Athletics, 2021

Monday 8th March

9.15am-2.40pm



...Bus for booked people only leaving school @ 8.50am and returning by 3pm.

...Drop off by 9.15am & pick up @ 2.40pm if not using bus.



Come and support your athlete.

(See Craig McDonald if you can help with an event throughout the day.)



Students need to wear hats, have plenty of water and wear Colours or Costumes to support their tribe.



Drop your child off at Massey Track



Albany Drive by 9.15am (see website www.bit.ly/ccssport for map and info).

Free parking by Hockey Turf

We pray for an enjoyable day for all.