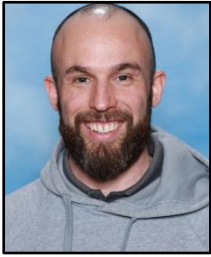


## Principal's Message



Over the course of this term, our Director of Pastoral Care, Mr Louis Jayasuriya has been working his tail off revamping our schoolwide behaviour management policies and systems. At Cornerstone, we call this 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' – otherwise known as PB4L. Louis has been ably assisted by the Acting Secondary School Deans, Mrs Sarah Sisson, and Mrs Karina Anderson. To put it all in a nutshell, our school PB4L approach is based on the understanding that student learning and achievement increases when:

- The school environment is positive and supportive.
- Expectations are consistently clear.
- Students are consistently taught expected behaviours.
- Expected behaviours are consistently acknowledged.
- Inappropriate behaviours are consistently responded to in a fair and equitable way.

While student behaviour at Cornerstone is by no means 'bad', we have felt for a while now that we needed to make tweaks to improve our positive school culture. We would like to let school parents know that we intend to relaunch our schoolwide PB4L approach at the start of Term 2, 2021. Our emphasis will be first and foremost on 'accentuating the positive' through rewarding student behaviour that supports our school values of Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Kindness and Humility before God. Our staff have developed these values into a school-wide behaviour matrix, so that we have consistency in our school wide expectations of behaviour within all of the different classes, spaces and year levels at Cornerstone Christian School.

As Principal, I get to deal with the extreme end of poor behaviour choices of students. Thankfully, these are pretty few and far between, but when they do occur, I always try to deal with these behaviours in a fair and equitable way. A way that applies 'Restorative Justice', rather than 'Punitive Justice'. Restorative Justice has had a bit of a bad rap of late, so let me explain: Restorative Justice is not just saying a meaningless 'sorry', it means that the offender must help undo the harm that he or she did. Punitive Justice by contrast, is what I grew up with in school – slapping a punishment on the offender, to make them suffer in some way proportional to what he or she did. Typically, in my old school, this was the strap or the cane administered by our Deputy Principal, whom I can testify had a pretty mean golf swing! OK, I know, I am showing my age now! At other times, it was sitting in the detention room spending my lunch writing out pages of the Christchurch phonebook! Did I learn anything from it – no, other than a growing sense of resentment towards those who administered such mindless punishment.

In essence Restorative Justice is victim-centred; Punitive Justice is offender-centred. It is my belief, that our God is a restorative God.



Let me be clear, that here at Cornerstone, we don't shy away from applying punishment to our students, but always the punishment that we apply is a 'natural consequence' that helps unravel or undo the harm that was caused to another student or at times, to a teacher. So yes, you will see a return of lunchtime detentions in Term 2, however, please be assured that these will always be directed at a process of undoing harm and restoration, not punishment for punishment's sake!

Probably the best scripture that describes this perspective, is also the best-known scripture in the Bible, (John 3:16): For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'. Interesting that we often forget verse 17 – 'For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn (or punish) the world, but to save the world through him'. The Greek word for 'Save' in this verse (sozo) can be translated as save, heal, deliver, preserve, or restore and is described as an ongoing process, not a one-off event. So... please watch this space! Yes, I am excited about our revamp of PB4L and the positive effect this will have on our ongoing school culture, at Cornerstone Christian School.

Ngā mihi,

Chris Mitchell  
Principal

[chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz)



Level 3 Physics students doing a practical investigation.

## School Notices

### Year 8 Camp - March 2021

The Year 8 students, staff and parents had an enjoyable three days at MiCamp in Taupo. The students and some staff and parents participated in the following activities: archery, air-rifles, waterslide, BMX, high wall, low ropes, slingshot, paintball, bushcraft, and kayaking. The students were well fed, and some were still raring to go at 'lights out'. The night activities were fun and engaging. Thank you to the parents and staff who gave up their time to help make this camp a success, and a big thank you to Tarryn Rose who made this all possible.



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## Cornerstone Community Family Event – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 5pm-7pm

Come along and enjoy some time together as a school community (see page 6).

### Student ID Photos

If you would like to order a student ID, please do this **BEFORE FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**. Student ID cards are voluntary. Year 7-13 students who would like to order a Student ID, please collect an application form from the student office. This is to be signed by both parent/caregiver and student. The cost of a student ID is \$10. Applications and payment to made to the office please.



### Next Teacher Only Day/Easter Holiday

Please note **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** (before Good Friday) is a **Teacher Only Day**. School will be closed for instruction as all staff are participating in Professional Development. 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 & Small Jars Wanted!

The Art Department would love any donations of newspaper and small jars (plastic or glass) with lids. These can be dropped off to the school office. Thank you.



### Scholastic Book Club

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#2) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. **Orders for free delivery to the school close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. 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 questions, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janes@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janes@cornerstone.ac.nz).



### 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!

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

There have been cases of students going home sick with sore throat, headache, and stomach bug. 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. 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 your lunch from G2 or G6.

### Nits

Please check your child/ren for nits, as we have reported cases in the junior school (Aroha) this week.

## Student of the Week

### Week 7

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

- A2 Tevita Kaufononga, Nathaniel Seaholme & Levi Denharder
- A3 Shouren Wang & Mo'niqwe Heydenrych
- A4 Cara Grapentin & Sofia Anderson
- D1 Janco van Heerden & Roman Seagar
- D2 Anna Probert & Charlie Wrenn
- D3 Gabriella Varghese Bose & Isaac Raman
- D5 Sian Sanal
- D6 Benjamin Bosman & Caylee Correa Ceron



## Sports Notices

### Winter Sports Registrations

Please register for Winter Sports via MYKINDO ASAP. This will be closing soon. If you haven't already registered, please see page 4 for instructions on how to register for MYKINDO.

### Futsal Practices

Futsal practices on Tuesday afternoons have been cancelled for the remainder of the term due to the coach having a change in personal circumstances. Apologies for this change.

### Cornerstone Tribes Mascots

Mr McDonald is TOTALLY dedicated to every aspect of sports at our school. Thanks, Craig, for organising tribe costumes and going over and above with your commitment to the students at our school - we are VERY BLESSED to have you!



Zebulun Mascot

## THE WEEKLY WAY

Want to keep fit?      Improve your stamina?  
 Run faster?            Advance your step count?

- *Friday Lunchtimes – 1.05pm*
- *Start and finish at the lift.*
- *Run/Walk the distance you want (1, 2 or 3km)*
- *Record your time each week you participate.*
- *Join in any week.*
- *Showers available afterwards for runners.*



## Ezlunch Lunch Orders via MyKindo

From **Friday 26 March**, you can order **Subway's** delicious and healthy subs, wraps (including gluten free wraps) and more, while supporting our school through **mykindo** by simply [clicking here!](#)



**Please note:** *This will be run alongside the lunchonline service until the end of Term 1 so if you have funds on your lunchonline account, use these up before the end of term and then start ordering through mykindo.*

You can order (or cancel) **any time before 9am** on the day or schedule in advance. Your child's lunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch. Click [here](#) to view the menu.

**Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready...** [Click here](#) or go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering!



for Apple and Android users  
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[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)

### Setting up your myKindo account

[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](#)

### Topping up your myKindo account

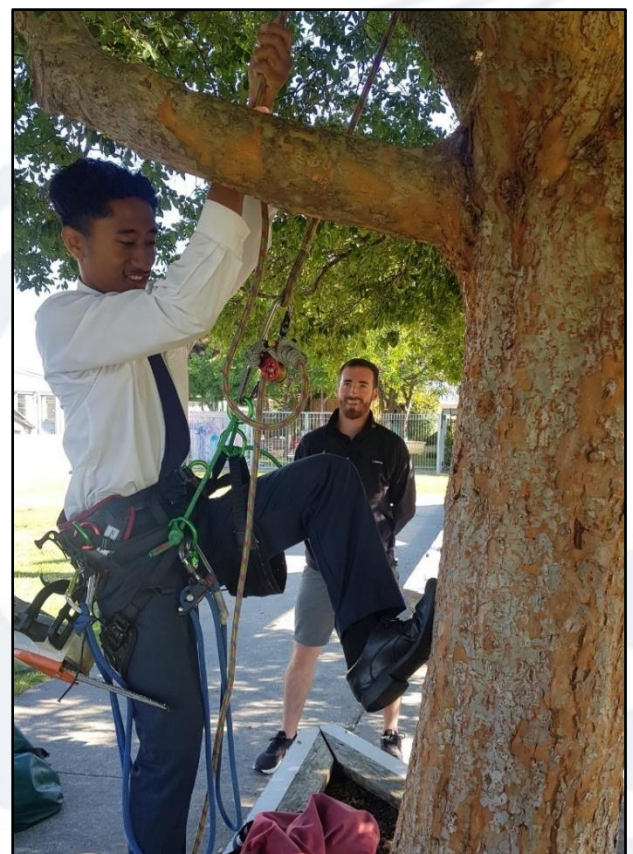
Either choose the top up account option at any time, or top-up at the checkout when you make your next purchase. No minimum top-up amounts.

- 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.*



Aroha team have been practicing their tee ball skills this week. Rohi from D1 hits the ball into the air!



Talaiasi Muli, coming to grips with the finer points of professional tree pruning, as part of the Level 2 Trades and Logistics class, under the expert instruction of Vertical Arborists' Jack Taylor.

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## 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 or  
**Feilding** (Tuesdays 5pm to 7pm) - Lynne 027 254 6840.

### Key Dates:

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

*Tumanako Assembly  
Aroha Assembly  
Secondary Assembly*

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*Manahau Team Assembly*

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

*Year 7/8 Elite Sports - Touch Rugby*

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Year 10 Trade Fair*

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

*TEACHER ONLY DAY*

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

*GOOD FRIDAY (HOLIDAY)*

*Term 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 16<sup>th</sup> April*

*Term 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> July*

*Term 3: 26<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> October*

# Cornerstone Community Family Event

A fun evening for the whole family!

### Date:

**WEDNESDAY**  
**31st March**

### Time:

**From 5pm**  
**till 7pm**

### Place:

**At school**  
(Courts and Grass area  
around the big playground)

### 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](mailto:vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz)



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