

Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 1

Cornerstone Christian School - 6 May 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 2. It was great to see students coming back to school on Monday, excited to get back into learning. We are looking forward to a good Term here at Cornerstone Christian School.

Over the holidays, a friend shared with me a photo of the Founding Mission Statement of Harvard University in the United States (see photo below).



Don't you love the 'olde-world' English of the 1600's? I have to admit that I was somewhat gobsmacked to learn that Harvard University had a Christian foundation and was originally set up as a Christian School, much like Cornerstone Christian School. Thinking about Harvard University today, (perhaps the premier 'Ivy League' University in the United States) you would be hard pressed to find the name of Christ anywhere in that institution, except perhaps as a curse-word. So how did this school fall so far from it's original foundation and intent? I think the answer is simple, little, by little, by little.

Here at Cornerstone Christian School we have a similar mission statement, prominently displayed in several locations onsite (see photo below). The challenge we have as a school, is to keep the main thing, the main thing, i.e. Christian Education at the very forefront of all of our Teaching and Learning. It would be so easy to promote our academic excellence, at the expense of our core Mission, to 'help children develop their full potential in God'.

God bless,

Chris Mitchell
Principal

“Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed, to consider well [that] the maine end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternall life, Jn. 17:3, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and Learning.”

FOUNDING MISSION STATEMENT OF
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1643

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE, WITH PARENTS,
A BALANCED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP
TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL IN GOD

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We have had a few parents questioning why we are having a Teacher's Only day on Thursday 20th May. Parents have asked at the very least that this day be shifted to the Friday so that it is connected to a weekend. Unfortunately this day has been set by the PPTA (Post Primary Teachers Association) and cannot be altered to another day. Apologies in advance if this inconveniences families.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Behaviour and Management

As indicated in the Term 1, Week 8 newsletter, we will be relaunching our schoolwide Positive Behaviour for Learning programme this week.

While student behavior at Cornerstone is by no means 'bad' we have felt for a while now that we needed to make some tweaks to improve our positive school culture.

Our emphasis will be first and foremost on 'accentuating the positive,' through rewarding student behavior that supports our school values of Respect, Integrity, Diligence, Kindness and Humility before God. Our staff have developed these values into a school-wide behavior matrix, so that we have consistency in our school wide expectations of behavior within all of the different classes, spaces and year levels at Cornerstone Christian School. We will also be bringing back lunchtime detentions in Week 3. Please be assured that these will always be applied as a natural consequence to poor behavior choices and directed at the process of undoing harm and restoration, not punishment for punishment's sake!

BOARD INFORMATION

Election to Vacancy

The Board of Trustees would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Gena Toa (pictured) who has been appointed Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees by selection process, to take up the remainder of the term of office. Gena has replaced Laura Seigel who resigned from the board earlier this year.



I would like to thank all of the school board members for their dedication to governance here at Cornerstone Christian School.

Jo Auer
Chairperson

Uniform Survey

The Board of Trustees will shortly be emailing out a uniform survey to all Year 6 to 13 school parents.

As a school, we currently require our students in Years 7 to 13 to wear white shirts (boys) or blouses (girls) as part of our Cornerstone Christian School uniform.

We have received several comments regarding the colour of the shirts and blouses. The concerns are based around the colour white not being practical as part of a school uniform, as it can become

discoloured. There have been some suggestions that we change to a 'coloured' shirt and blouse.

The survey seeks to consult with our school community over this matter.

Please be assured that the board will listen to your viewpoints and use your feedback as part of the decision-making process.

Please find below the link to the uniform survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7SQYWB>



Health Consultation

Section 60B of the Education Act 1989, as amended by the Education Standards Act 2001, outlines the legal requirements for State schools regarding the delivery of the health education components of the relevant National Curriculum statements.

At least once every two years, boards of trustees are required to produce a written statement about how the school will implement health education. The legislation requires schools to:

- Inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum;
- Consult with members of the school community regarding the way in which the school should implement health education;
- Describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

A second survey will also be shortly sent out to all school families, asking for feedback on these matters.

It is important that we hear parent voice around 'how', 'when' and 'what' should be taught to our students around the following key areas of learning: Mental health, sexuality education, food and nutrition, body care and physical safety, physical activity, sports studies and outdoor education.

SCHOOL NOTICES



D1's Pajama Day (Mufti Day)

D1 had a wonderful time dressing in their pajamas for mufti day. We even brought along a soft toy buddy to share the fun with!

Welcome!

We would like to warmly welcome the following new entrant students who started in Room A2 this week:

Anneke Smith
Elise Stephenson
Shaun Sanal

We pray you will enjoy many happy school days at Cornerstone Christian School!



Teaching Vacancies

We are advertising for four full-time, fixed term/long term relieving (for maternity leave) teacher vacancies. For further information, please see our school website:

<https://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/>. Applications close at 9am on Wednesday 12th May.

School Jubilee 35 Years Celebration

The Board of Trustees has decided to celebrate the school's 35th birthday in June/July 2022. This event will involve both current and former members of our school community (parents, staff and students).

We need volunteers from the school community (parents, staff and students) to form a committee to help with planning the event. There are many facets to running such an event and we would love to see you, whatever your skillset, at a meeting for all those interested. The meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 19th May, in the school staffroom.

Please feel welcome to contact any former parent/staff/student that you think may wish to be involved. Questions may be directed to: jubilee@cornerstone.ac.nz.

Scholastic Book Club

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#3) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. **Orders for free delivery to the 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 further queries, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz. Thank you.



SPORTS NOTICES

Sports Fees

Please keep any eye out on myKindo for the balance owing for Sports Fees. These are in the process of being loaded for payment.



Congratulations Samantha

A huge congratulations to Samantha Havill who placed third in the Manawatu Triathlon Championships at Linton during the holidays. The event was a 100m swim, 6km bike and a 1km run. This was a massive achievement for a 10 year old competing in the Under 13 age group.

Last month Samantha also competed in the Manawatu Athletic Champs and placed first in discuss (gold medal), second in high jump and second in shotput (silver medals).

I hope the selectors for the 2028 Olympics are watching this space... Keep up the awesome work Samantha – you're inspirational!

Congratulations Jasmin

Jasmin Tattle (year 11) recently competed at the New Zealand Federation of Dance Teachers Wellington competition where she received second place in the recreational solo Cha Cha Cha dance. Her team also came 2nd place in the Team Formation Recreational Jive dance. This is an outstanding accomplishment as it was Jasmin's first competition and she has only been dancing for 1 year. Well done Jasmin!



Well Done Maui

Maui Bentson represented CCS at the Secondary Schools Regional Under 15 Mountain Bike Champs in the first weekend of the Term 1 school holidays held at Arapuke Forrest park. He placed THIRD in the cross country event! Well done Maui!

Lower North Island Christian Schools Annual Sports Day 2021 - Years 4-8

The Lower North Island Christian Schools Annual Sports Day is being held on Friday 21st May. Year 7-8 students will be going by bus to the Manawatu Arena at 9.30am, returning to school by 1pm. There will be an optional sausage sizzle at school at 1pm (order via mykindo). Year 4-6 students will be staying here at school and will be participating from 10.30am.

Year 4-6 students please wear your school uniform. Year 7-8 students please wear your PE uniform.

If it is raining this will continue, but with a different programme.



Lower North Island Christian Schools Annual Sports Day – 2021

(For Year 4-8's)

Friday 21 May

Y7-8 @ Arena Manawatu from 10am (then 12:45pm to CCS)

Y4-6 @ Cornerstone Christian School from 10.30am

Primary	Nukum Ball, Modified Netball, Indoor Hockey Outdoors, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee
Intermediate	Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Handball

10am/10.30am - Welcome, Groups, Games...

1pm^{ish} Lunch (Optional Sausage Sizzle at CCS. \$2 per student)

1:30 - Worship and Farewell_(2pm) @ Cornerstone

NZACS Sports Day - Friday 21st May



Year 4-8 only. Order your sausages on [mykindo](https://www.mykindo.co.nz) by Tuesday 18th.

Junior Social

The junior social (see poster below) is for Year 9-11 students only.

21st May 2021
7 PM-9:15 PM
Youth Space-Corner Of Coleman Mall,
George Street



CCS JUNIOR SOCIAL HIP HOP THROWBACK

TICKETS ON SALE FOR \$15 ON
mykindo

AWARDS UP FOR BEST DANCE
MOVES, BEST DRESSED TO THEME
AND MANY MORE



Upcoming Events

- **Whole School Assembly** - Friday 7th May - 10.20am
- **Manahau Team Assembly** - Monday 10th May - 1.45pm-2.15pm
- **Life Education Truck (Year 1-6)** - Monday 17th May to Monday 24th May
- **Rock Quest** - Sunday 16th May
- **Maori Club** - Tuesday 18th May - 10.20am-10.55am
- **Level 2 Biology Trip** - Wednesday 19th May
- **Kingdom Kid/Cornerstone Awards Assembly** - Wednesday 19th May - 2.20pm
- **School Jubilee Meeting (35 Years)** - Wednesday 19th May - 7pm
- **TEACHER ONLY DAY** - Thursday 20th May



**Cross Country -
Winning Year 7
Girls**



Summer Games



**Summer Games -
Representing
Naphtali Tribe**

NZ Red Cross Book Sale

Every year there is a huge range of books available at the Red Cross Book Sale. Most adult books start from \$3 and children's books only \$2.

When: Friday 4th June - Sunday 6th June

Where: Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for all the family without ruining your budget.

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/get-involved/fundraise-help-others/join-an-event/palmerston-north-book-sale/>



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