Newsletter Term 2 - Week 8

Cornerstone Christian School - 25 June 2021

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Principal's Message

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

The newsletter is going to be a bit of a smorgasbord this week, with lots of little bits and pieces I need to let you know about, that are happening here at Cornerstone Christian School. Please bear with me and I will try and keep this as short as possible!

School Production

We are currently two weeks out from our first School Production since we last put on 'The Amazing Race' back in 2016 at Life Church. This year,



Mr Michael Doody is directing the stage production of 'Esther' based on the Old Testament Bible story. Esther (played by Year 13 student Mollie Auer) was the beautiful Jewish wife of the Persian King Ahasuerus (I have no idea how you pronounce that). She and her cousin Mordecai persuade the King to retract an order that demanded that all of the Jewish people across the empire be slaughtered. The massacre is plotted by the King's Chief Minister, Haman, and the date decided by casting lots or 'Purim'. Due to Esther's courageous intervention, Haman instead is hung on the same gallows he built for Mordecai and, on the day planned for their annihilation, the Jews instead destroyed their enemies. A tragic tale yes, but also one that celebrates the moral courage of a young Godly woman.

The dates for the production are Wednesday 7 July and Thursday 8 July, 6.30pm at the Wallace Theatre on Centennial Drive, Palmerston North. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at <u>www.trybooking.co.nz/HQZ</u>. We would love it if all of our school family (and relatives) can attend and celebrate the huge effort students and teachers have put into this event.

Mihaere Drive Crossing

On Monday of Week 9 (next week), the KEA crossing (road patrol) will begin operating on Mihaere Drive, immediately outside the school gym. Thank you Mr Henderson for organising this. This service will operate from 8.25am–9.00am and 2.55pm–3.15pm, Monday to Friday.

Can we please ask that when this service is operating, students and parents cross **only** at this safe location on Mihaere Drive.

This applies to:

- 1. Parents who park on the East side of Mihaere Drive and walk across Mihaere Drive to pick up their children from school.
- 2. Students who live North East of Cornerstone Christian School and normally walk up Roberts Line, or from Eastern Kelvin Grove area to get to school.
- 3. Students who walk across Mihaere Drive to catch the public bus service on the East side of the road (or on Roberts Line).

Year 7-13 Parent Teacher Subject Interviews

Last year we had feedback from Year 7 to 13 parents that they wanted an opportunity to meet with their children's subject encoded int teachers, not just their LifeLab encodes. In response to this request

we have set up specialist subject interviews on Wednesday 30 June and Thursday 1 July from 3.30pm to 8.00pm. All Year 7 to 13 parents should have received an email with online booking details for these interviews. If you would like assistance with booking, please feel free to call, or pop into the School Office to talk with our awesome receptionist, Mrs Wilkins.

Ministry of Education Voluntary Donations Scheme

The Voluntary Donations Scheme, is a Ministry of Education initiative, for all state and state-integrated schools, decile 7 and below. Schools are able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment, if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations. As most parents know we now no longer ask parents for school fees/donations/camp fees and over the past two years we have used the \$150 we receive from the government to fund camps and other Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) events. The school is required to opt in or out of this scheme on a yearly basis. At a meeting this week, the board voted to opt back into this scheme for 2022, and on this basis, we will continue not to ask parents for camp fees or any other school fees/donations next year.

Please note, this is a completely separate matter to the School Attendance Dues that are paid to the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust (CCET), by all school parents each year. Feel free to email me (principal@cornerstone.ac.nz) if you would like to comment on this decision.

Have a great weekend. Kia tau te aroha noa o te Atua ki a koutou (May the grace of God be with you all).

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell Principal <u>chris@cornerstone.ac.nz</u>

Whaea Jamie Teaching A3 some Maori Kupu (Words) Today



Esther Production Sponsors

Please support the below local businesses who have provided financial support to our Esther Production:



CORNERSTONE DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...



Picture taken by: Erika Snedden



When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that your care for them? **Psalms: 8:3-4 NIV**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Students of the Week - Primary

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Week Certificate last week (Week 8):

Manahau

- D2: Amelia Harvey and Elis Mangalathu
- D3: Noah Rowland
- D5: Johan Mathew and Yulia Cacho
- D6: Brooklyn Allan and Charlotte Brookes





Cornerstone Awards - Secondary

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Cornerstone Award for Term 2:

Alistair McIvor & Amelia Nolan (7CD) Charli Weel & Ryan Short (7NS) Lusi Muli & Matthew Meyer (8PA) Madeline Burns & Siabella Ellwood (8TR) Hannah Tait & Ella Pedley (9MX) Regan Simpson & Gracie Andersen (9SE) Ruby Hewitt & Mackenzie Oldfield (10CH) Diego Dietrich & Emmanuel Phoa (10MT) Jasmin Tattle & Oliver Southall (11AN) Moeimanono Fouva'a & Samual Ngarepa (11HE) Deborah Clements & Bridget Smart (11HS) Livinia Prior & Talaiasi Muli (12BE) Anna Taylor-Brock & Seth Stewart (12WU) Kate Hince & Kate McDonald (13DO) Emily Smith & Hanna Fail (13SI)

Year 8PA Fabulous Tie Art!



Tuariki (Identity) Tokens/Kiri the Kiwi

Students are awarded Tukiri tokens in the playground and around the school for showing our school values of Respect, Kindness, Integrity and Humility. Each Primary School class has a container to put their Tukiri tokens into. Each Friday the tokens are counted up and the class that has the most for the week, get to have Kiri the kiwi for the next week.

The winning class was A5 (Week 7) with a total of 69 Tuakiri tokens. Well done A5!



Itinerant Music Recital - Tuesday 29th June

The mid year itinerant music recital is on next Tuesday 29th June in G1 from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. It will comprise of piano solos, duets and a drum duet to celebrate the students' achievements.



Congratulations to Christian Meyer who passed his Trinity College Initial exam with Merit recently and to Tahlia and Tristan Taylor, Alastair McIvor, David Soo, Sophie Simpson and Celine Gan who performed well

in a recent Registered Music Teachers' Student recital at Freyberg High School.



Student Absences/Doctor/Dentist Appointments

If your child is absent due to sickness, please phone the school on 06 356 7326 and press 1 for absences. Alternatively email <u>absent@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> or go to the Student App and click on the Absentee (phone) icon and email your child's name, classroom/lifelab and the reason for absence. Please ensure you do this before 9.30am.

If your child is absent for 5 days or more, please provide a medical certificate.

If your child has an appointment during school hours, please phone

message regarding your child's appointment and what time they will be collected or dropped off at school. Or email <u>absent@cornerstone.ac.nz</u>. Alternatively, a note to the school office regarding their absence.

Please note: Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without parental permission. (Apart from Year 13's who are permitted to sign out to go across to Countdown and adjoining shops at lunchtime).

Students **MUST** sign out at the office when leaving school for an appointment and sign back in upon their return. Thank you.

Have you Moved Recently??

Please let us know if you have moved recently or changed your email address or contact phone numbers. It is important that we have the most up to date contact details, in case of an emergency. Please email <u>office@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> if your details have changed. Thank you.





Wanted - Quiet Board Games

Quiet games for the library, eg chess, board games, etc. If anyone has any they would like to donate. They would be gratefully received. Thank you!

Lost

A girls school cardigan and Cornerstone Christian School embroidered black jacket have been misplaced. They have Gabriela Hammoud's name in them. Please return them to Gabriela's Life Lab H1 (10MT) if found. Thank you.

Thank you Mouthwater Coffee Company

If you happen to be driving down Tremaine Ave or Main Street and want to order coffee, please consider supporting Mouthwater Coffee, who are generous sponsors of our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L).



SPORTS NOTICES



Term 3 Badminton Information

Term 3 badminton information for Years 4-13 is on MYKINDO now. Please register your child/ren on MYKINDO before this Sunday 27 June if they would like to play.

The Manawatu Jets Visit Cornerstone!

The Manawatu Jets visited Cornerstone Christian School this week and spent some time showing some very excited Year 6 & 7 students some basketball tips and tricks.



Year 5 & 6 Netball Team Praying before the Game on Saturday



Upcoming Events

- Choir Monday 28th June 1.00pm 1.30pm
- Manahau Team Assembly Monday 28th June 1.45pm
- Mid-Year Itinerant Music Recital Tuesday 29th June 5.00pm-6.30pm
- WOW Wednesday Worship Wednesday 30th June 12.50pm 1.30pm
- Year 7-13 Subject Interviews Wednesday 30th June 3.30pm-8.10pm
- Year 7-13 Kapahaka Thursday 9.00am- 9.40am Gym
- Year 7-13 Subject Interviews Thursday 1st July 3.30pm-8.10pm
- Secondary Assembly Friday 2nd July 10.20am





Translate the School Newsletter to your own Language via School App

If English is not your first language, you can now translate our school newsletter to your own language:

- 1. Go into the School App (if you don't have this, please see the bottom of this newsletter for further instructions).
- 2. Click on newsletters.
- 3. Click on the newsletter you would like to view.
- 4. Click on the person icon on the bottom right.
- 5. Click on translate newsletter.
- 6. Click on the down arrow and select the language you would like it translated to.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kelvin Kids - After School Care

We have our very own onsite after school care program here at Cornerstone from Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm.

We have been operating for 4 years and love serving our Community. Our staff have a heart for working with children, whilst honoring God. We love what we do, and would love to meet with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Chantelle on 021 038 2661.**

Cost: \$21 per afternoon. This includes afternoon tea, homework, crafts and activities. **We are Oscar approved.**

GET Group School Holiday Programme

Looking for some 'kid free' time during the school holidays? We provide a fun learning environment for ages 5-13 years with flexible casual sessions available daily.

First week of the School Holidays : Monday 12th – Friday 16th July Sessions: 9.00am-12.30pm & 12.30pm-4pm. \$30 per session or \$50 for a full day per child.



GET Group Sponsorship, OSCAR subsidies & Family Discounts available on request. Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea Provided.

Kelvin Grove Community Centre - 68 Kaimanawa Street, Palmerston North. For more info or to register go to <u>www.thegetgroup.co.nz/shp</u>



Epic Holiday Program

Does your child love music? Are you looking for an awesome Holiday Program for your kids? Then we have the program for you! Epic Music Academy is running an EPIC holiday program these school holidays.

During our program we look at a range of different instruments including drums, keyboard, guitar and we will even learn some percussion pieces on rubbish bins! As well as doing music each day, we also have lots of fun activities planned including sports, crafts, baking, bowling, cloud 9 & more!

Check out our highlights video from the April holidays for a glimpse at what we got up to <u>https://youtu.be/wrvwlwQxhDs</u>.

If you are interested in signing up to our holiday program, or if you would like some more information, head along to our website **<u>epicmz.nz</u>** or email us at <u>schools@epicma.nz</u>.



Skills for Servant Leadership #2

"Interpersonal relationships and team work needs skill"

"I identified and I can change and grow"

"Helped me better understand how I influence or fail to when under pressure"

Workshop led by Dave Belesky

Local & international leadership expert

Learn by doing Interactive workshop

Saturday 26 June 21— Equipping, getting the best from people, followership

9.00am to 4.00pm All Saints Community Centre

\$50 per person **Registrations essential** enrol or find out more go to www.emmaus.net.nz





Full Calendar

Our Website

