

School Newsletter

Term 3 – Week 7

Cornerstone Christian School – 10 September 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Malo e Lelei Parents and Whanau,

Yes, this week is Tongan Language week and we love and appreciate all of our Tongan families here at Cornerstone Christian School.

Afio mai or welcome back everyone! It was so good to stand at the gate this morning and to welcome our Cornerstone students to school following weeks of lockdown. The past few weeks have been challenging to be sure.

Let me start by sharing with you a Bible verse that has been really helpful to me in this season: Lamentations 3:22-23, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning, Great is Your faithfulness." I have to confess that I found this past lockdown a bit of a struggle. One of the keys that I have learnt in the past few weeks, is to face one day at a time – and to not look too far ahead. God's mercies are new to us every morning. Today, God has given me enough grace to get through today. As we take one day at a time, we will find that we have enough of God's mercy and help to get through today, then tomorrow, then the next day, for as long as necessary. Always remember you are stronger than you think, smarter than you realise and more loved by God than you could ever imagine!



I want to take a moment to give a few quick updates around what has been happening at school over the past few weeks:

Mathex

First of all, a big congratulations to all of our teams that competed in the Manawatu Mathex Competition just before lockdown. Almost all of our teams from Year 5 through to 13 finished in the top 10, with the top Cornerstone team being the Year 6 team, who were narrowly pushed out of the top spot into third place. A huge well done to Noah Kerr, Connor Nagy, Litong Qu and Levi Poulton (pictured below).

Education Review Office

We would like to let all parents know that the Education Review Office (ERO) is currently working with Cornerstone Christian School to conduct their normal three to five year review process. This review process has changed this year for all schools somewhat. In the past a team of reviewers would come into the school and conduct a review over three days and then publish a report that was made available to everyone on their website. This year, the review will be conducted in-depth over the course of the whole year. The good news is that we have completed the initial compliance section of the review with flying colours. During the remainder of the year, we will be working with ERO to examine how the school's pastoral care system and processes impact on student achievement. At some stage, ERO will release a report that we will be sure to make public to our school community.

NCEA

I am well aware that a number of our Year 11 to 13 students are feeling anxious about their end of year National Certificate in Education Achievement (NCEA) results due to lockdown. Please be

assured that we will be working hard alongside all NCEA students to provide the best possible support to get each student over the line.

As most parents now know, the dates for end-of-year NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams have been delayed by two weeks and will run from Monday 22 November until Tuesday 14 December. Due dates for portfolio submissions have also been pushed back by two weeks. These two changes will give students and schools more time to prepare for the end of the year.

We have rescheduled our normal Term 3 derived grade examinations from week 8 in Term 3 to week 2 of Term 4. We will need to reschedule a number of other end of year activities in order to make way for both these and final NCEA examinations. Please refer to the school calendar on our school's website for these updated date changes [Cornerstone Christian School](https://www.cornerstone.ac.nz). At this stage, students in Year's 11-13 in the Manawatu are not eligible for extra Learning Recognition Credits, as we have not been in Level 3 or 4 lockdown for the required 20 days.

Staff Changes

A warm welcome to Mrs Marelize Bester, our new, new-entrant Teacher in Room A1. Marelize has been teaching in Auckland but had her start date here at Cornerstone pushed back for obvious reasons. We are pleased to finally have you and your family safely down here in the Manawatu!

We are sadly losing our awesome Guidance Counsellor, Marnell Nortje in the opposite direction. Marnell's husband recently won a job with his IT company in Auckland and the family will be moving to Auckland early next week. We will be sad to let Marnell go. She has not been with us long, but has had a huge impact on staff and students in her time here at Cornerstone Christian School. We are currently working through the process of appointing a replacement (if that is ever possible) for Marnell.

Please note that we are also on the lookout for a Teacher Aide to work Term time only for approximately 12 hours per week. The role will involve working with a visually impaired student in the junior school. Please see the school website, www.cornerstone.ac.nz for more information.

Well that's more than enough from me!

God bless,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

chris@cornerstone.ac.nz



SCHOOL NOTICES



Planning for 2022

We are planning for 2022! If your child will **not** be returning to Cornerstone in Term 1 2022, please let the office know as soon as you can. Thank you.

Teacher Aide Vacancy

We require a Teacher Aide to work Term time only for approximately 12 hours per week. The role will involve working with a visually impaired student in the junior school and the position will be tagged to the ongoing enrolment of the student.



Remuneration will be as per Grade B-C of the [Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement 2019-2022](#).

A willingness and ability to support and uphold the Special Character of the school is a condition of employment. Please refer to the school website <https://www.cornerstone.ac.nz/staff-vacancies/> for more information and to download an application pack. Applications close at **10am on Friday 17th September**.



CCS 35 Years' Celebration

Please keep an eye on social media in the next week (or two) for an event notice for next year's CCS 35th Years' Celebration.

We would like to include as many members of our community as possible in planning for this event. A list of areas where people may contribute, will be put onto the school social media 'event' notices.

Our last planning meeting was unfortunately cancelled due to Lockdown. Watch this space for the date of the next meeting.

Elgregoe Visit!

We are delighted to welcome 'Elgregoe' to our school to perform a show for our Year 1 to 6 students on **Monday 27 September**.

He presents a strong anti-bullying message through his show. As Christians, Greg and his wife Sue are wonderful models to the students of using the talents God has given you, and their creative, professional show is highly entertaining for audiences. If you would like more information about the show please visit <https://www.elgregoe.co.nz/>



As this is non-core curriculum related activity, there is a cost of \$5 per student to attend the show. We would ask you to please pay for your child via mykindo **by Friday 24 September (PLEASE DON'T PAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE)**. The school website has more information regarding mykindo if you are not familiar with it, alternatively please ask at the school office.

We would love all the children to attend, but will provide an alternative activity if needed for those who are unable to go. Please talk to your child's Teacher if you have any further questions. Thank you!



School Photos

Due to Lockdown, there will be a delay in the printing of the Class/Individual photos. Please be patient, we hope to have these before the end of Term. Please be assured that once we have received them, they will be given to your child's classroom/life lab teacher to distribute. Any further queries regarding school photos, please contact:

Brendan Lodge Photography

06 355 2222

studio@shootme.co.nz

School Rain Jackets

If you would like to order a school monogrammed rain jacket for your child, please contact Ilona at ilona@cornerstone.ac.nz before Friday 1st October.

The jackets are fleece lined and perfect for cold or wet days. They cost \$46.00 for junior sizes and \$60.00 for adult sizes. We have some samples available to try on for sizing.

Please note, we require a minimum number of 10 jackets to be able to place the order with our supplier.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded the Student of Week Award for Week 3:

Manahau Team

D2: James Anderson & Elijah Laughlin

D3: Gabriel Pinlac & Lakita Lowe

D5: Jaden Sunchuri and Avei Randall

D6: Caylee Correa Ceron and Scarlett Woods



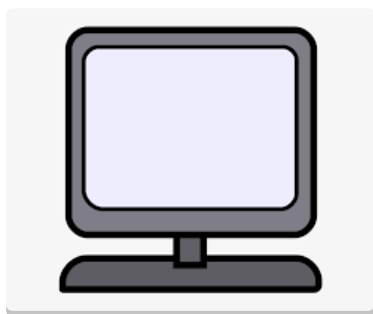
Tumanako Team

C1: Joshua Randall & Jerushael Mohan

C2: Eun-Hae Kano & Tarani Clissold

C4: Sophie Simpson & Noah Cacho

C6: Christo Nybin & Noah Kerr



Computer Monitors for Sale

The school is in the process of changing over from Desktop to Laptop computers, for classrooms.

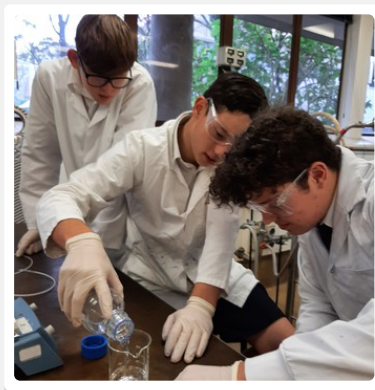
We have lots of 19" LCD Monitors that we would like to sell, to help pay for laptops.

These can be purchased for \$20 each. We also have a few complete HP Desktop PC's left, for \$100 each.

Please contact Paul Jorgensen (paul@cornerstone.ac.nz) if you are interested.

Year 11 Food Technology Trip

Last Term, our Year 11 Food Tech students attended a Chemical and Food Engineering Day at Massey University, where they made alginate, hand cream, bread with resistant starch and found out how Gaviscon works. Mrs Naomi Hall (Food Technology Teacher).



CFG Pie Fundraiser

We are delighted to confirm that our pie orders will be available for pick up on Friday 17th September **from 2pm** at the outside Library door. Please walk around the main Administration Block to the outside library door. This is before the door to the Student Reception entrance on your left.



Due to Level 2 conditions can we please ask parents to scan in before coming through the gate and head **only** to the Library for pie collection. Please follow the instructions there and be patient with the volunteers who will be handing out the pies. Then you will need to leave the school grounds.

It may pay to park on Mihaere Drive and use that gate only. Any further information will be sent via email or on the School App closer to the time.

Thank you so much for supporting the CFG!

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Please Support Our Valued Sponsors

Please support Streetwise Coffee and Mouthwater Coffee Company valued sponsors of Cornerstone's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme!

ezlunch is back... let's celebrate!

All orders delivered Monday 13 – Friday 17 September
go in the draw to win back their lunch money!

10
lucky winners!



T&C's - Every order has one chance to win. Ten lucky winners. Max value \$20 per winner.
Competition ends & will be drawn on Fri 17 Sept 2021.

SPORTS NOTICES



Winter Sports Cancelled - Please Return Sports Uniforms

Due to all winter sports being cancelled, would all players please return any sports uniforms they have, to the box in the gym foyer. (NOT THE SCHOOL OFFICE PLEASE).

Congratulations Cornerstone 1st XI Football Team!

Central Football have confirmed that the Cornerstone 1st XI Football Team have won the U17 Division 1 for the 2021 season. Congratulations on a great season and a big thank you to coach Ed Dore-Wright.



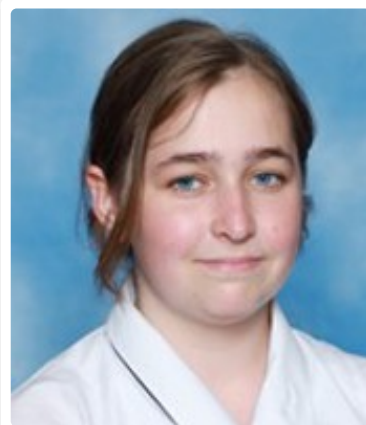
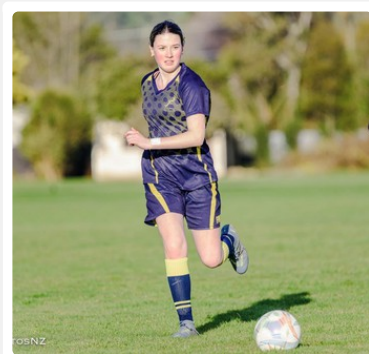
Congratulations to our Football Girls!

Olivia Stewart, MacKenzie Oldfield and Petra Brookie all played for the Freyberg Girls first eleven Football team this year. They are all exceptionally talented players. We are hoping to have our own Cornerstone Girls Football team next year, so they will be a great core to get us started.

Olivia and Petra have also been selected as part of the Manawatu under 18 Women's rep team. Olivia is such a talent, she also plays for the Marist Club Senior Women's team in the local Federation League. The team also play in the Wellington League to get a higher level of competition than what is offered here in the Central Region.

Well done to all three of you for continuing to play your chosen sport despite CCS not being able to

combining with other schools, so if you have any questions, email jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz for more info.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Maori Language Week** - Monday 13th - Friday 17th September
- **Year 13 Life Lab Retreat** - Friday 17th September
- **Choir** - Monday 20th September - 1.00pm
- **NCEA Drama Showtime** - Tuesday 21st September - 5.00pm-6.30pm (TBC)
- **WOW (Wednesday Optional Worship)** - Wednesday 22nd September - 12.50pm
- **Year 7-13 Learning Conferences** - Wednesday 22nd September - 1.40pm-5.00pm
- **Year 7-13 Learning Conferences** - Thursday 23rd September - 3.30pm-6.30pm
- **Dance NZ Made Interschool Nationals** - Friday 24th September
- **Level 2 & 3 Chemistry Trip to Massey University** - Friday 24th September
- **School Ball** - Friday 24th September
- **Choir** - Monday 27th September - 1.00pm
- **Elgrego Visit** - Year 1-6 - Monday 27th September - 1.50pm
- **Lockdown Drill** - Tuesday 28th September - 10.50am
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 28th September - 6.30pm
- **Mufti Day** - Friday 1st October
- **Last Day of Term 3** - Friday 1st October
- **First Day of Term 4** - Monday 18th October



2021 & 2022 TERM DATES & PRIZEGIVING DATES

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October

Term 4: Monday 18th October - Wednesday 15th December (**Finish at 12pm**)

School Prizegiving Tuesday 14th December

- Year 1-6 - 1pm in the School Gym
- Year 7-13 - 6.30pm at Crossroads Church

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 8th February - Thursday 14th April

Term 2: Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Term 3: Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

Term 4: Monday 17th October - Friday 16th December (Finish at 12pm)



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

Wanted - Home to Rent

1 or 2 bedroom rental home is being sought by a couple in Ministry. If you know of any possibilities, please contact AJ on 027 354 6024. Thank you.

HOUSE WANTED



TO RENT



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.

The GET Group School Holiday Program *OSCAR Approved

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.



October School Holidays:

When: Monday 4th Oct to Friday 8th Oct & Monday 11th Oct to Friday 15th Oct

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: \$30 half day / \$50 full day per child

Where: Kelvin Grove Community Centre, 68 Kaimanawa Street, Palmerston North.

OSCAR subsidies and Family Discounts available.

Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea provided.

For more info or to register go to: www.thegetgroup.co.nz/shp



EPIC Music 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 OSCAR approved 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! To check out all the info, our highlights video and to sign up, head along to www.epicma.nz

Manawatu Orienteering School Holiday Programme



Red Kiwi Orienteering Club are running 2 days of map reading activities and orienteering skills for ages 7yrs-14yrs. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your kids to this fun sport and learn some valuable skills and confidence. Each day will be a progression of skills. Attend one day or both. Groups split into ability levels.

Dates: October 14th, 15th.

Days run from 10am-3pm

Day 1: Raumai Road, Bulls (farmland map)

Day 2: Scott's Ferry (forest map)

Cost: \$20 per day or \$30 for 2 days



To register: [Click Here](#)

For More Info:

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The O'Donnell Trust



Call for Scholarship Applications for 2022

A Scholarship fund was set up by Mrs O'Donnell to provide financial support by way of the O'Donnell Trust Grants to musicians, ballet dancers and singers from Palmerston North for educational purposes in New Zealand and overseas, including accommodation expenses.

To be eligible to apply you must...

- Be studying music, ballet or singing (in NZ or overseas in 2022), and
- Permanently reside within 30kms of 'The Square', Palmerston North (as at the date of the Application being filed).

Applications close 30 September 2021

For more information please:

- Visit: www.publictrust.co.nz/grants
- Phone: 0800 371 471
- Email: funding@publictrust.co.nz

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preaching - Lindsay Tamblyn

The Gospel of John - Mick Duncan

Block Course: "I believe" Theology
- Pauline Simonsen (Thurs am)

TUESDAY 3 AUG TO TUESDAY 21 SEP, 2021
7.30 TP 9.30PM



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Full Calendar

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