

# School Newsletter

## Term 4 - Week 1

Cornerstone Christian School - 22 October 2021

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9**

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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,

Welcome back to Term 4! It was great to stand at the gate on Monday morning and welcome back all of our lovely children and young people.

This week's newsletter is a bit of a smorgasbord of lots of bits and pieces that I need to let you know about, so here goes:



### Construction Works

A huge thank you to our Board of Proprietors for completing some needed maintenance works across the school in the last holidays. These include:

- Carpet replacement in Rooms A1, A2, A2+, D2, C2, C4 and C6
- Veranda clear-light replacement on Blocks C and D
- Fluro light replacement with no-flicker LED's in Rooms L3, L4 and L5
- Pathway and drainage from H block to Gym
- Running track and pathway from the gymnasium to L block at the far end of the field.

We are also excited about the start of I block as soon as the building consent comes through from PNCC.

### Volunteers Needed

We are on the lookout for parents or volunteers who could help us out with driving a van of high school students to and from offsite Food Technology at Wholegrain Organics, and Wood Technology at Manawatu Woodworkers Guild. This occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays during term time with drop-offs occurring around 11am and pickups at 1:30pm and 3pm. If you hold a current drivers license, are happy to be police vetted, and have some time up your sleeve, I would love to hear from you please. Please email [chris@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:chris@cornerstone.ac.nz). Currently this job is being done by our groundsman Stu Te Mataki. Stu is struggling to get to all of the grounds work that is needed doing across our school site, due to this driving commitment. Alternatively, if you could give some time to weeding, spraying, weed-eating instead, this would also be gratefully received! Thank you.

### Hats

In Terms 1 and 4 all students in Years 1-6 are required to wear the school blue bucket hat while they are outside. If they are not wearing a hat they will be directed to play in the shade. 'No hat, no play'. If your child does not have a hat ready for Term 4, please see Mrs Ilona Shewell at the Student Administration desk to purchase one of these.

Students in Years 7-10 are encouraged to wear the school cap while they are outside. These are also available from the Student Administration desk in the school office. In Term 4, Year 6 students moving

to Year 7 in 2022, may also purchase and wear the school cap.

### **Mandatory Vaccinations**

The Government announced on Monday 11th October, that it would be mandatory for all Education Sector staff, volunteers and contractors to be single vaccinated by 15th November 2021 and double vaccinated by 1st January 2022. We are currently trying to wade our way through what this will mean for us as a school. At this stage, the official Health Order has not been released by the Government and until that happens I am not going to jump to any conclusions, or make rash decisions around staff. Please note that there is no requirement for parents coming onsite to be fully vaccinated. While vaccination is of course recommended by the Ministry of Health, we are only asking at this stage that parents avoid coming onsite and if you do need to do so, please wear a mask – much the same as you would have to do if you were visiting Countdown over the road.

### **End of Year Prize-givings**

We are currently seeking clarification around the impact of COVID-19 on the end of year prize-givings. While rules around gathering size under Alert Level 2 do not apply to school, our understanding of current Health Guidelines is that as soon as school parents come onsite, the rules around 100 maximum people apply. Advice we have taken from the Ministry of Education would suggest that this would mean that we are not able to run an End of Year Celebration/Prize-giving with parents in attendance, which to be honest is pretty unpalatable for me. In the absence of further guidance, or an Alert Level change, we are assuming that this year's End of Year Celebrations/Prize-giving's will need to be student only events, with video of the event live-streamed. We are now planning to hold the Secondary (Year 7-13) prize-giving on Monday 13th December at 1pm and the Primary (Year 1-6) end of year celebration on Tuesday 14th December at 1pm. I will keep in touch with parents if there is any change to this situation.

### **Start Date 2022 and Teacher Only Days**

We have had some difficulties putting together the 2022 School Calendar - especially with respect to meeting the requirement to be open for 380 half days. Part of the reason for this, is that there are five teacher only days scheduled for 2022! Four of these are mandated by the Education Unions as part of the last contract round and are therefore non-negotiable. The fifth Teacher Only day is the one that we are taking on Friday 1st April to meet with all of the Christian Schools across the lower North Island.

As a consequence, the 2022 school year will start on Friday 4th February. As this is just prior to Waitangi weekend, the first school day will be shortened. The day will start with a Powhiri to welcome all new students and staff and will conclude at 1.30pm with a 'meet the teacher' lunch and sausage sizzle.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is back up and running again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30am. We have a bigger team in place assisting us with this programme this Term. This includes a Team from Arise Care (led by past Cornerstone student Destiny Pereka).

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the following people that have put in so much time and effort in Term's 1, 2 and 3 to make Breakfast Club happen: Mr Hayden Hewitt (Teacher), Mrs Eloise Short (Parent) and students Emily Smith, Harrison Rose and Ruby Hewitt.

Phew that was a marathon.

Blessings,



## 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 ASAP. Thank you.

### NCEA Exam Reader/Writer Assistants Wanted

If you are interested in providing Reader/Writer assistance during the NCEA exam period, please contact the Principal's Nominee, Bronwyn Boddy [bronwyn@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:bronwyn@cornerstone.ac.nz).

The dates of the examination period are Monday 22nd November – Tuesday 14th December.

### Congratulations to the Following Piano Students

Congratulations to Nerine Ferreira and Celine Gan, students of Robyn Good (Itinerant Music Teacher). They recently competed in the IRMT NZ Manawatu Branch (Institute of Registered Music Teachers of NZ) Music Festival on 9th and 10th of October at Freyberg High School. They both performed 3 piano pieces.

Celine Gan was awarded a silver award in the Intermediate Piano section (Celine also passed Trinity Grade 7 piano exam with merit recently) and Nerine Ferreira was awarded a gold medal in the Junior Piano Section.

Nerine was also awarded a trophy for being one of 3 most promising students in the Junior Piano section.



We would also like to congratulate Tayla Ah-Chan on her great efforts and awards on the night.

These awards were well-deserved.



## Undercover Cody Visits Primary Students

This week Aroha and Manahau teams had special visitors from the Cancer Society to talk about being safe in the sun. Sasha Stevenson and Undercover Cody came to take a special assembly for us. It was awesome!



## Scholastic Book Club

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#7) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. **Orders for free delivery to school close at the end of Week 3 (Friday 5th November).**

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

queries, please see Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janes@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janes@cornerstone.ac.nz). Thank you!

We recognise that some of the themes in the Scholastic Book Club do not meet with our Christian principles. Can parents please exercise discretion around what your children are choosing to purchase.

## Tim & Harold from Life Education Visit

It has been wonderful being at Cornerstone Christian School again for the last 4 days, sharing in the Whakapono students learning around building positive identities and reputations through resilience, respect and integrity and treating others with kindness, empathy and tolerance.

As always, we have loved being around all your love and positivity, and can't wait to see you all again when we are back in Term 2 of 2022.

Thank you again so much for having us at your awesome school. Take care and have a super rest of the year!

Love from Tim and Harold!



## Cultures Day - 12th November (Level 1 Dependent)

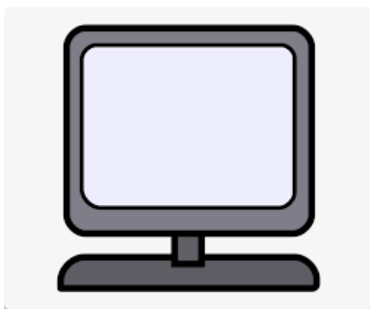
On Friday of Week 4 (Friday 12th November), we are holding our annual Cultures Day, where we celebrate the richness of the different ethnic cultures represented here in our school. We invite families and groups to present a cultural song, music, dance, drama or other item on this day. We also ask that families come dressed in a manner that represents their culture and bring cultural food items to share.

## Newspaper Wanted

The art department would appreciate any donations of unwanted newspapers. Thank you.



## 8PA Students Shoe Art



## 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.

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

## CFG Pie Fundraiser Top Sellers Lunch with Mr Mitchell

The top CFG Pie Fundraiser sellers were treated to McDonalds for lunch with Mr Mitchell. Well done again to Matthew Hollier, Darian Odering, Noah and Leah Rowland!



Two groups from Cornerstone Christian School are finalists for the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Manawatu-Whanganui region 2021. They will be competing at a pitch night on the 28th of October with the regional winner going on to represent at the National Finals in December.



The groups are:

**re.drobe:** Hannah Ashburner (CEO)

**Cup a Plant:** Anna Taylor-Brock (CEO) and Nikhitha Skaria

We wish them all the very best for their pitch.



## 7NS & 7CD Boats that Float Art Projects



**CFG 2022 Gala Cancelled**



The CFG (Cornerstone Fundraising Group) has had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Gala.

This is due to the uncertainty caused by COVID 19 and the current lockdowns. While we may not be in lockdown in March next year, the CFG commits a significant amount of funding to the gala (over 10K) and this would be at risk should there be another local outbreak requiring restrictions to be placed on gathering limits.

We will be evaluating if we are able to run a gala in 2023 in the new year. In lieu of a gala, the CFG plan to run a number of smaller events, which can be more easily shifted should that be necessary. If you have any ideas for fundraising, we would love to have you join us by contacting Josh Couperus on 027 267 2925 or [couperusjosh@gmail.com](mailto:couperusjosh@gmail.com).



## **Please Support Our Valued Sponsors**

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

## **SPORTS NOTICES**

### **Please Return all Sports Uniforms & Equipment**

Students, please can all sports uniforms and/or equipment used for winter sports, be returned to the box in the gym foyer ASAP. Thank you.

### **Congratulations Caleb Murdoch**

Congratulations to Caleb Murdoch who participated in an Under 15 hockey tournament in the school holidays. Caleb is a very talented hockey player who looks to have a bright future. Well done Caleb, we are proud of your achievements and how committed you are to your sport.





## Summer Adults/Secondary Netball

For more info check out the Netball Manawatu website: [Netball Manawatu - Home](#)

## Hockey Manawatu Summer Camp

Hockey Manawatu are having an Under 18 Summer Camp over the Christmas holidays. If you are interested please go to [www.hockeymanawatu.org.nz](http://www.hockeymanawatu.org.nz) to register.



## Manawatu ABCD Badminton Champs

In lieu of the cancelled Manawatu Open, we are running a Manawatu ABCD Champs instead! This will be a 2-day event with lots of badminton, fun and prizes to end the 2021 season! This is open to everyone and all abilities! So, whether you're a rep, club player, school player or a parent of a player, grab a racquet and a partner and enter this final event of 2021!

Key Details:

- Saturday 13 November (9am-6pm)
- Sunday 14 November (9am-4pm)
- At Cornerstone Christian School
- A/B/C/D Grades for Singles, Doubles & Mixed
- Only \$10pp per event
- Enter online here: <https://tinyurl.com/MANABCD2021>
- Entries close Wed 3 Nov at 11:59pm

Contact James Veitch for more info : <https://www.manawatubadminton.org.nz/abcd-open/>

## Manawatu Hockey Under 11 Development Program: AIMED AT YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS

**VENUE:** HMI Twin Turfs, 6A Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North, 4410

**WHEN:** From Sunday 31st October 2021 to Sunday 5th December 2021

**TIME:** 10.00am - 11.30am

**COST:** \$80.00 per player (player will receive a training shirt with entry fee)

Outline of the Development Programme:

- 6-week training programme, 5 weeks of training with the 6th (final) week being a festival day.
- Each week players will have sessions that target key areas of the game to develop for the next level of hockey.
- Guest hockey coaches will take the sessions (each week players will work with a different coach on a different aspect of hockey).
- Sessions will be 1½ hours each Sunday, with the festival involving a round robin competition.

Register Here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/185894>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sports & Cultural Awards** - Friday 22nd October - 1.40pm
- **Labour Day Holiday** - Monday 25th October (No School)
- **School Preliminary Exams Begin** - Tuesday 26th October
- **CCS BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 26th October - 6.30pm
- **YES Regional Finals** - Thursday 28th October - 5pm-7pm
- **Choir** - Monday 1st November - 1pm-1.30pm
- **School Ball** - Saturday 6th November
- **Cultures Day** - Friday 12th November
- **TEACHER ONLY DAY** - Tuesday 30th November

## Operation Christmas Child

The last day to bring items for Operation Christmas Child is Tuesday 26th of October. Examples of items to donate are pencils, clothes (new) stuffed toys and small notebooks. Please no food, second hand items and anything that may melt.

With your help a child somewhere overseas can experience their best Christmas yet and God's blessing!



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS HERE!

*Every year, Operation Christmas Child allows children all around the world to experience God's love in a tangible way, so do your part this year in sharing the love*

**BRING IN ITEMS FOR YOUR YEAR  
GROUP'S BOX BETWEEN  
18TH-27 OCT  
FOR TOKENS**



### what you can bring

Stuffed animal  
Hairbrush  
Toothbrush  
Blanket  
Coloured pencils  
Pencil case  
Notebooks  
Finger puppets  
Small balls

### what you can't bring

Candy  
toothpaste  
gum  
used or damaged items  
toy guns  
knives  
military figures  
breakable items

More gift ideas can be found on the [Operation Christmas Child official gift suggestions page](#)

Please **DO NOT** bring any second hand items, food or liquids

## 2021 & 2022 TERM DATES & PRIZEGIVING DATES

### 2021 Term Dates

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

**Year 7-13 Prizegiving:** Monday 13th December - 1pm in the School Gym

**Year 1-6 Prizegiving:** Tuesday 14th December - 1pm in the School Gym

### 2022 Term Dates

**Term 1:** Friday 4th February (**Finish at 1.30pm**) - 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



### 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.**

CHARITY EVENT TO BENEFIT



Square Edge Community Arts

47 The Square Palmerston North 4410  
Gold coin donation (Cash or EFTPOS)  
Viewing from 10 am/ Auction begins at 3 pm



# ART AUCTION

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Paintings  
Prints  
Pottery  
Art Glass  
Pastels  
Pen & Ink  
Etchings  
Drawings

*And much more*

Light refreshments provided  
For further information call 06 359 0495  
Or email [speladd@xtra.co.nz](mailto:speladd@xtra.co.nz)



# GO DEEPER

DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

## TERM 4 COURSES AT EMMAUS

His Kingdom HIStory—

Pauline Simonsen and Ian Reid

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God@Work—Uncovering your talents and purpose—Dave Belesky

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BLOCK COURSE - Understanding the Bible: New Testament—Pauline Simonsen and Ian Reid  
(Thurs am)

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TUESDAY 26 OCT TO TUESDAY 30  
NOV , 7.30 PM 9.30PM



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