

# School Newsletter

## Term 1 – Week 7

Cornerstone Christian School – 24 March 2022

*Matthew 11:28*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

In our Primary School, all classes have the opportunity to learn a memory verse from the Bible each week. While this may at times seem like a bit of a chore for some students (and parents!), I cannot understate how important it is that we take time to learn scripture simply because it is *the* way of filling our minds with what it needs. In the old testament Joshua was commanded 'not to let this book of the law depart from your mouth' (Joshua 1:8). How does the Bible get in your mouth? Well, through memorisation. Living on a farm I regularly watch our cows chewing on their cud. Scripture memorisation and meditation on God's word is a bit like this – chewing on it until you have extracted all of the goodness you can!

In this crazy season of life that we are in, the Bible and memorisation of scripture is what grounds us and keeps us from being tipped over. This week a Psalm that my wife (Anne-Marie) and I memorised just before we got married has been going through my head. It is one of my favourite Psalms:

*I would have lost heart, unless I had believed  
That I would see the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of the living.  
Wait on the Lord;  
Be of good courage,  
And He shall strengthen your heart;  
Wait, I say, on the Lord! (Psalm 27 v13-14)*

What an incredible foundation to hang onto this week.

As you all know, on Wednesday, our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced some changes to the way our country will manage its

for us all here at Cornerstone. COVID has placed significant pressure on our school and I would like to take a moment to thank all of our teachers and support staff at Cornerstone for going above and beyond over the past few weeks to keep our school running. Thank you!

The lifting of some of the COVID restrictions this coming Friday and on the 4th of April will allow everyone to move forward. In case you missed it, here is a summary of changes to the current settings:

- From midnight Friday, there will be no limits on outdoor gatherings.
- The number of people allowed to gather inside will increase from 100 to 200 under the red-light traffic setting.
- There will be no requirement to scan-in using the QR code at the school gate before entering school.
- Vaccine passes will no longer be required to be used from April 4.
- All vaccine mandates will be removed for Education Staff from April 4, but will still apply for health and disability, aged care, corrections and border work forces.
- Face masks will continue to be used and required here at school within all of the traffic light framework.

While our school will still be taking a safety-first, precautionary approach given that we are current somewhere near the peak of COVID infections, we will be looking to slowly bring back all of the rich activities that make Cornerstone Christian School a great place to be. For example, the barriers preventing some of our students from accessing sport and extra-curricular activities are now removed.

Have a great weekend and I will be back in touch on Sunday afternoon to let you know what the coming week will look like.

God bless,  
Chris Mitchell  
Principal  
Email: [principal@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:principal@cornerstone.ac.nz)

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 1st April

Please note there will be a Teacher Only Day next Friday 1st April. School will be closed for instruction for all years on this day.



## COVID-19 Notification

If you or your child/young person receives a positive COVID-19 result at any stage, please let the school know immediately by filling in our online [Covid-19 notification form](#).

## Children of Critical Workers

As the cases of Omicron start to increase in the wider Palmerston North community, there may be periods of time when our school needs to operate at a reduced capacity. During those times, children may well be asked to switch to remote learning from home. When that happens, we need to know which children will still require supervision at school as both you and your spouse are considered to be critical workers. Can I please ask that if your children require school based supervision during these times, that you complete our [child of critical worker needing supervision form](#).



## Subway Lunch Orders - Friday 25 March

Due to our school closure Ezi Lunch have cancelled lunch orders for tomorrow Friday 25 March. If you have already placed an order it will be cancelled and the funds credited back to your myKindo account.

# Prayer and Praise

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR CCS STAFF

This week we are highlighting Bronte Tongs; our amazing Year 5 and 6 teacher.

Some things you might not have known...

- Bronte is an ex-Cornerstone student.
- The nation went into lockdown within a week of Bronte starting teaching C1 at Cornerstone last year.
- Bronte enjoys going hiking and will get outdoors whenever she can. Her goal is to do all the great walks in NZ.
- She is passionate about music - She can play the cello and piano and is teaching herself to play the guitar.

You might find her in her classroom early (or late), as Bronte loves being organised. You could also find her in the Tumanako garden at lunchtime.

*Please keep Bronte in your prayers.*



**JOSHUA 1:9**  
*HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?  
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.  
DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE  
DISCOURAGED, FOR  
THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE  
WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."*

## Kiri the Tuakiri Kiwi - Tuakiri (Identity) Tokens

Primary students are awarded Tuakiri tokens in the playground and around school for showing our

Each Primary School class has a container to put their Tuakiri tokens into. At the end of the week, the tokens are counted up and the class that has the most for the week get to have a visit from Kiri the Tuakiri Kiwi for the week.

**The winning class for Term 1 Week 6 was C6. Well done C6!**

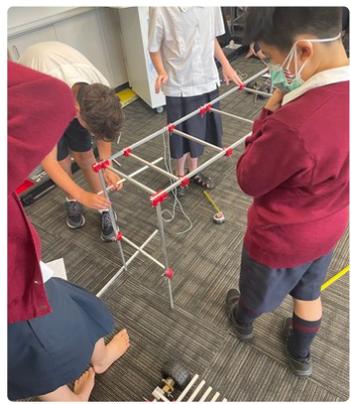


## **E-Pro 8 Challenge**

Year 7 & 8 students participated in E-Pro 8 engineering and problem-solving challenges last week. They began with a two-hour challenge to build a bridge that would take a weighted moving vehicle and the following day a two-hour moving robotic scarecrow challenge. The teamwork, problem solving, engineering interest and sheer determination was evident. They even gave up morning tea breaks and lunch times to participate.

On day two, during the final 8 minutes, the buzzers went off 5 times and the judge was rushing to assess each of the newly completed components and log the scores. It could have been anyone's win, as 3 teams steamed ahead with their progress. In the final moments, Team ImagineLosing added multi-jointed pulley-controlled arms and Team ScrewLoose were seconds off beating Team Nuts&Boltz, who narrowly secured their win!

Our winning representatives will be off to the Regional Interschool Challenge on May the 4th at Whakarongo School. The E-Pro 8 challenges have been a memorable learning experience at Cornerstone and we look forward to competing in the Internal school challenges again in Term One, 2023!





## Cornerstone Sport and Events Sponsorship Opportunities

The Cornerstone Fundraising Group are looking for Sponsorship for the following ...

- With Sports Uniforms we would love to see your Company Logo alongside our School Logo as the students Learn, Serve and Grow in God on the sports field.
- With Events we would love to see your Company Name acknowledged as part of the team that helped put together this year's Primary Production of "Danny and the Shacks"

If you can help with any of the following Uniforms or Events and support the schools' efforts to Shine Jesus' light, please email the Chairman - Josh Couperus [couperusjosh@gmail.com](mailto:couperusjosh@gmail.com) by 31 March.



### Senior Basketball Uniform

**\$1,500 will get your business one logo per shirt.**

(NB, there may also be an opportunity to sponsor our Primary Sport Uniform. This would cost significantly more.)



### Senior Rugby Uniform

**\$3,300 will get your business one logo per shirt.**

(NB, we are currently seeking funding for this uniform but realise that businesses may want to support it also so are offering the opportunity here.)



### Friends of the Show Supporter

\$500 will see you as 1 of our 6 show sponsors for 2022.

(Can take more slots for bigger advertising space.)

## Last Day to Order Hot Cross Buns – Friday 25 March!

### Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser!

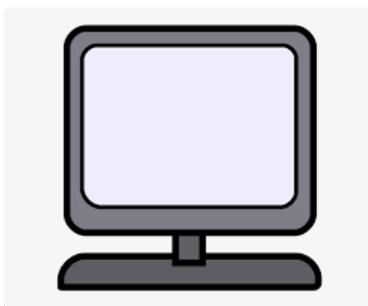
All orders to be made on Mykindo [kindo.](#)

Order forms are for you to sell and keep record of your sales.

There are 3 hot cross bun options as follows:

Standard Hot Cross Buns	\$6.50
Spiced buns – No Fruit	\$6.00
Chocolate buns with chocolate chips	\$7.00

There are prizes up for grabs! And everyone who sells at least one packet goes in the prize draw!



### Desktop PC's For Sale

The school has one final batch of Desktop PC's for sale for **\$100 each**, to families who are interested. These are well-built and reliable 'HP' brand, they are no longer required in our classrooms.

They are not the fastest computer in the world but will be superb for basic office tasks and web browsing, etc. These will come with everything you need – 19" LCD Screen, Keyboard, Mouse & cables. They also have **Windows 11** installed and ready to go.

Please be aware that they **do not have WiFi**. If you can't plug this directly into your WiFi Router (3 metre cable provided), you will need

to purchase a 'USB WiFi Adapter' (readily available on TradeMe – around \$5-10).

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these computers, please contact Paul Jorgensen ([paul@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:paul@cornerstone.ac.nz)).

## School Van Drivers Needed

We have a need at present for a parent or grandparent who could help us out with driving a school van-load of young people to and from either Wholegrain Organics (Food-tech class) or Manawatu Woodworker's Guild (Wood-tech class) in town.



The most significant need is for Monday and Wednesday at around 8.45am, although we do have other times available. If you can help us out with this important role, please email: [james@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:james@cornerstone.ac.nz)

All drivers need to have a full car licence and be at least double vaccinated.



## Lost Property

The lost property is starting to pile up. If you are missing any items please come and check the lost property in the student office corridor.

## 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



## Winter Hockey

Any students in years 6-8 who are interested in playing winter hockey need to email [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) to register their interest please. Games are played on Saturday mornings at the Hockey Manawatu turf facility. 7 aside, cost TBC.

If you are aged between years 6-13 and are interested in playing winter hockey, please email [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) to register your interest.



## Are you a squash player?

Would you like to participate in the Manawatu Secondary School's Squash competition?

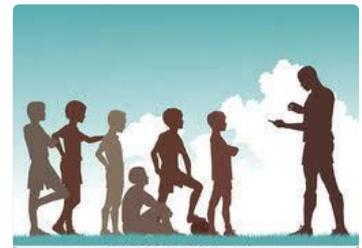
If so, please email [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) for more info and to register your interest.

## Sports coaches – can you help our students with their sports??

We are looking for parents, older siblings, relations, who would like to be involved in sports at CCS.

We have football, rugby, netball, basketball and badminton teams for the winter season.

We are looking for coaches for our teams, which involves running practices and then being at games. If you are, or you know anyone who is, keen to help out, please contact [jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz) for more information



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TEACHER ONLY DAY** - Friday 1 April - ALL DAY
- **School ID Photos Session 2** - 4 April
- **NCEA Concert Evening** - 12 April
- **Last Day of Term 1** - Thursday 14 April
- **First Day of Term 2** - Monday 2 May

## 2022 TERM DATES

**Term 1:** Friday 4th February - Thursday 14th April (Easter weekend)

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

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



## 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 programme 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 honouring 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.**



### Cloth Face Masks for Sale - \$10 each

For Sale - Reusable/washable 4 layer cotton face masks with adjustable ear elastic & wire over the nose. These are not medical grade masks, they have an insert of medium weight & light weight interfacing between 2 layers of cotton, as recommended, to provide a barrier.

**Available at the front office \$10 each**

2 styles available sizes Small - Medium

\$2 from each mask will be donated to the Gala Fund.

Other sizes are available at George St Collective opp. the back entrance of the Library.

**MUSIC**class lessons with *"a music teacher full of energy & enthusiasm."*



**MUSIC**CLUB Exploring music with songs & games - an introduction to wind instruments

For years 1 & 2



**MUSIC**CLASS Learn the recorder! Create & Explore - Rhythm & Melody / Notation & Ear

For years 3 & 4

*In small groups - lessons are 25 minutes and priced \$100 per term (for 8 weeks)*

**TOOT THE** FLUTE! Learn the flute with Emma in school. For years 5 to 13!

*Small group lessons are \$100 per term / Individual lessons are \$200 per term (8 weeks of 25 minute lessons)*



Would you like to know more?

Contact Emma at [elmusicclass@gmail.com](mailto:elmusicclass@gmail.com) or call on 027-201-5509

## Young Christian Writer Magazine

NZ Christian Writers has some good news to share with you. Digital subscriptions to *Young Christian Writer* magazine are now available for FREE! This is to make it easier for families who have students who would like to participate in our writing competitions and receive our magazines.

Here is the link to subscribe for FREE to *Young Christian Writer* magazine digital issues:

[Subscribe to YOUNG CHRISTIAN WRITER magazine](#)

People of any age can subscribe for free to the digital issue of *Young Christian Writer* magazine.

If you would like to view past digital issues of *Young Christian Writer*, or our bi-monthly magazine *The Christian Writer*, you can find them on our website:

[www.nzchristianwriters.org/magazines](http://www.nzchristianwriters.org/magazines)

NZ Christian Writers is a 'not for profit' organisation with a passion for encouraging and supporting writers in New Zealand and beyond.



# FOSTERING CONNECTIONS ZOOM SERIES

**Thursday** 10th March 7PM

**Wednesday** 16th of March 7PM

**Thursday** 22nd of March 7PM

**Friday** 25th of March 11AM

Fostering Connections Zoom series are events designed to help you find out more about fostering with Open Home Foundation, the process and about foster care and social services we provide.

*Open to all, to attend a date that suits please email [ella.masters@ohf.org.nz](mailto:ella.masters@ohf.org.nz) or connect via the website*

**OHF.ORG.NZ**



# QUIZ NIGHT

Test your knowledge of New Zealand in this family friendly digital quiz.

**Saturday 2 April - 7:00 PM**

Live on Zoom + Kahoot!

**Registrations Essential:  
Events@temanawa.co.nz**

Zoom and tech instructions provided on registration. Participants need two devices (one for zoom + one for kahoot!)

Be in to win a Tour Of New Zealand board game.



## Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge

We are excited to announce some new clean up dates for Autumn 2022 as part of the [Plastic Pollution Challenge](#) that we would love people to get involved in. These are as follows:



Saturday 2 April 2022 12-2 pm  
Pioneer Highway (Botanical Rd to Monrad St)

Saturday 16 April 2022 10-12pm  
Mangaone Stream near landfill.

Saturday 30 April 2022 12-2pm  
Te Kawau stream (Renfrew Pl to Highbury Avenue)

Sunday 1 May 2022 10-12am

Tui Park

These events are FREE to attend but RSVP's are essential. People can register on the link below which will give you more information about the event.

Proof of a vaccine pass is required for the event as are masks.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Environment Network Manawatu**

P.O. Box 1271

145 Cuba St.

Palmerston North 4440

P 06 355 0126

[manawatu.river@source2sea.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.river@source2sea.org.nz)

[www.enm.org.nz](http://www.enm.org.nz)



*Freedom: Helping Our  
Young People Out of Pain*

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EMMAUS TRUST PRESENTS 

*Saturday April 9th*

ALL SAINTS - 338 CHURCH ST, PN  
\$50PP - REGISTER AT [WWW.EMMAUS.NET.NZ](http://WWW.EMMAUS.NET.NZ)  
R15+ - ANYONE WORKING WITH TEENS OR  
YOUNG ADULTS.



**THE GET GROUP**  
EST. 2013

# AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**WHERE CHILDREN BECOME SUPERHEROES**  
*Ka outaia ngā tamariki*

## FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS

Spaces available for children aged 5-18years with specialist learning & physical needs

Kelvin Grove Community Centre, 68 Kaimanawa Street, Palmerston North

**\$16 per child per day** / Family Discount for 2+ children: \$14 per child per day  
2.45pm - 5.30pm Monday - Friday during school terms (Public Holidays not included)

OSCAR subsidies and Family discounts available

School Pickup, Fun Activities & Afternoon Tea Provided



## SCHOOL PICKUP

We liaise with you (the parent/guardian) for your child/children to be picked up from their school and transported to the After School Care Programme. We have vetted and fully licenced staff who drive The GET Group Van which has appropriate child restraints, and (on fine days) we arrange a walking bus from Roslyn School.

## GOT A QUESTION?

Ask Jorgia  
getjorgia@outlook.co.nz  
022 3082795

## FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

Go to our website  
[www.thegetgroup.co.nz/shp](http://www.thegetgroup.co.nz/shp)





NETBALL MANAWATU PRESENTS...

# FUTURE FERNS YEAR 1 - 6 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**9AM - 3PM DAILY**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME NETBALL FUN IN THE  
FIRST WEEK OF THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

**TUESDAY 19TH APRIL**

NETBALL UMPIRING FOCUS

**WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL**

NETBALL SKILLS FOCUS

**THURSDAY 21ST APRIL**

TEAM BUILDING FOCUS

**GAME PLAY AND NETBALL SMART ACTIVITIES  
WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH DAY!**

**\$25 - 1 DAY**

**\$35 - 2 DAYS**

**\$50 - 3 DAYS**

**LIMITED SPACES!**

**VAUTIER PARK, PALMERSTON NORTH**

## Hockey Manawatu 2022 School Holiday Programme

Hockey Manawatu are excited to announce our dates for our 2022 School Holiday Programmes. Our dates are:

- April 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th 2022
- July 21st & 22nd 2022
- October 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th 2022

Our programmes are for students in year 3 to year 8.

We will be running fun activities, skills and drills throughout the holiday programme including waterslide, team challenges and more! We will even have some other sports come and take part so non hockey players are more than welcome.

Location: Hockey Manawatu Twin Turfs at 6 Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North.

Time: 8am till 4pm (please note lunch is not included, but we will provide water and snacks)

Price: \$40 for one day of the programme

\$70 for 2 days of the programme – or for a 2 day programme

And \$120 for a 4 day programme

Here is the link to register for January 2022: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/188056>

Here is the link to pre-register for the other 3 school holiday programmes:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/188064>

Any questions or concerns, contact Katelyn Stratton 027 244 4309



**ARTS 4 US** Palmerston North

*Come join us!*

**Join our free Arts Therapy group, create cool creations, and make some fun friends!**

This is an opportunity for kids from 5 - 12 years old to experience the therapeutic benefits of art-making, while receiving wellbeing support. Arts 4 Us Palmerston North is led by qualified Arts Therapist, Cheleigh Dunkerton, and assisted by Andrea Nicholls.

- Square Edge Community Arts Centre, 47 The Square
- Weekly on Thursdays from 4-5pm
- Term 1: 3 March - 7 April
- Term 2: 5 May - 8 July

**dance & arts therapy nz**  
moving creatively together

**Eastern & Central COMMUNITY TRUST**

The poster features several images: a large blue and red paintbrush, a circular inset of a child painting, a circular inset of a colorful ball, and two larger photos of children engaged in art activities. The background is a warm yellow with teal and purple brushstroke accents.

# COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING



## A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons will expand your child's horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student's brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

## APPLY NOW (Free Trial Lessons Available)

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at [codingnz.com/signup](https://codingnz.com/signup)

## WHO

Students aged 9 to 18

## WHAT

Beginner and advanced coding lessons where students learn to create technology

## WHEN & WHERE

Online at home  
One hour per week  
4pm, 5pm, or 6pm weekdays



[codingnz.com](https://codingnz.com)

[Full Calendar](#)

[Our Website](#)

## Cornerstone Christian School App

GOOGLE PLAY

APP STORE



myKindo - One page guide for families Cornerstone Christian  
- electronic version (003).pdf

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187.3 KB



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