

School Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 8

Cornerstone Christian School – 31 March 2022

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Thank you everyone for bearing with us as we figure out how to operate our school in this current COVID-19 environment. As you may have seen in my email home last night, we are hoping that we have turned the corner with increasing numbers of students now recovering from COVID and returning back to school. We have also seen a tapering off in the reported number of student cases per day. Our key area of difficulty at present is staffing our school. This challenge has meant that we have had to ask the year 7 to 10 students to remain home this week. We will revise this decision on Sunday afternoon and will inform parents via the normal email channels. The irony is that our Teachers have all worked so hard to keep students in their classes safe and free from COVID but this has prolonged the impact of this pandemic on them personally.

Can I please encourage students who are remaining home, but not 'in isolation', to begin returning to school. As all parents know, it's great for any child or young person's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends, teachers and other school staff. Please be assured that we have good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

On Monday next week (4/4/22) all requirements around vaccine passes will be removed from the COVID protection framework. Additionally, as from last Friday (25th March) outdoor capacity limits are now removed and indoor meeting capacity limits were increased from 100 to 200 while still allowing for one-metre spacing. There is now also no expectation to scan in using the QR code at the gate, however we will leave these up at present. There are no mask requirements when outdoors but masks still remain a requirement indoors (and on the school bus) for staff and children/students in Years 4-13 – at least under the current Red setting.

Teacher Only Day Reminder

Please remember that we have a Teacher Only day on Friday 1st April (tomorrow) and the school will be closed for instruction for all

students provided on this day. This day is our annual meeting of our Lower North Island Christian Schools Community of Learning (Kahui Ako) and while this year we will all be meeting via zoom, it is still a valued professional learning day for our school.

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Mrs Rebecca Jorgensen. Rebecca, who used to work in our school as an ESOL instructor has re-joined our staff team as the Principal's PA – a difficult job to be sure!! Mrs Sarndra Rauzi is not leaving us but will be moving sideways into Brian Gray's role as Executive Officer of the Cornerstone Christian Education Trust (CCET). Rebecca is married to Paul Jorgensen, who does an amazing job, teaching Robotics and keeping our IT systems spick and span. It's great to have you back on staff Rebecca!

Finally a thought I would like to share in the lead up to Easter. Many churches encourage members to consider the journey of Lent and I have been reflecting a lot on this in my own Quiet Time in the morning. I recently came across a quote from Martin Luther stating "Christianity is not a theology of glory, but a theology of the cross". Personally this is a hard lesson to learn. Like Peter, we may be inclined to argue with Jesus when he calls us to choose the way of the cross. In my humanness I often think "Surely not, Jesus! I don't want to suffer and lose, I want to be great and win!" But Jesus calls that kind of thinking satanic! As the book of Proverbs says, "There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death." Most of us are scripted to think that life is a game and the purpose of life is to win. This is the way that seems right. But the divine truth is that life is a gift and the purpose of life is to learn to love well. And so Jesus invites us to follow him, not in a march to greatness, but in the cross-carrying way of self-denial.

Blessings on you all this weekend,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

TEACHER ONLY DAY TOMORROW – Friday 1st April

Please note there will be a Teacher Only Day tomorrow Friday 1st April. School will be closed for instruction for all years on this day. There will be no onsite supervision of students provided on this day.



Secondary students waiting after school

Secondary students to wait after school for parents at the gym end of the carpark, then use the roadside footpath

To reduce congestion at the office gate and increase our chances of staying open during Omicron, we are asking secondary students to wait for parents at the gym end of the car park afterschool rather than walking past the school office building gate and waiting there.

When you are ready to leave, walk along the footpath by the road to travel towards Countdown rather than the footpath in front of the school office.

If we all work together with these sorts of protocols, we increase our chances of staying open.

Prayer and Praise

HIGHLIGHTING OUR CCS STAFF

This week we are highlighting Penelope Smith; our incredible Year 2 teacher.

Some things you might not have known...

- Building flat pack furniture is her jam
- Living in Italy is one of her dreams
- Is a cake baker/decorator extraordinaire
- Has visited Japan, Samoa and Australia
- Could live on pizza, chocolate, and sushi
- Is a self-confessed shopaholic
- Dungarees are her favourite clothing item
- Is due to give birth to a little girl in July



Penelope has a huge heart and endless patience. We are incredibly blessed to have Penelope as part of our Cornerstone community.

Please keep Penelope in your prayers.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Student of the Week Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Week Certificate.

Manahau

D2: Mahima John and Elijah Gibin

D3: Jasmine Nolan and Leighton Stephenson

D5: Mikaylah Meyer and Oliver Henderson

D6: Scarlett Woods and Amalie Lacey





Well Done Karli!

Massive shout out to Karli Mik who plays year 1-2 netball each Monday at Vautier Park. Last Monday Karli was the sole CCS player able to attend so she joined up with College St School and she was the SUPERSTAR player!

It was so nice that Karli showed confidence and kindness when she represented our school and she had so much fun!

Congratulations Karli on showing our school values!

How to Collect Your Hot Cross Buns

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser!

Hot Cross Buns will be available for pick up on Thursday 7 April (next Thurs) from the C1 classroom from 3.00pm. Those who have made an order of more than 10 packs are encourage to bring a box or similar to help carry your order. We wish to thank our school community for getting behind this fundraiser in which we have raised \$708 for our school!



Missions & Outreach Committee Car Wash

**Missions & outreach
committee**

Car Wash

**SAT 2ND APRIL
10AM-12PM & 2PM-4PM**

**119 MIHAERE DRIVE
KELVIN GROVE**

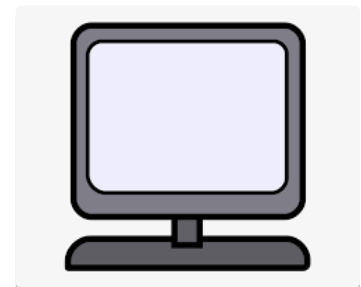


GOLD COIN DONATION

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).

Please Support Our Valued Sponsors

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

Streetwise Coffee
Palmerston North

SPORTS NOTICES



Basketball Referees

If you are interested in doing basketball refing this year (you get paid) please get in touch with Jannell ASAP.

jannell@cornerstone.ac.nz

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 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

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 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.

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



MUSICCLUB Exploring music with songs & games - an introduction to wind instruments

For years 1 & 2



MUSICCLASS 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 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:

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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

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

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](#)

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manawatu.river@source2sea.org.nz

www.enm.org.nz



*Freedom: Helping Our
Young People Out of P@rn*

IAN REID

EMMAUS TRUST PRESENTS 

Saturday April 9th

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



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

KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Morning tea provided

Worship
Awesome
crafts

Fun Activities

Tues-Thurs 19-21 April 2022, 9am-12pm
only \$20 per child, ages 5-13

BOOK NOW!

359 0977 office@sdapn.co.nz

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

The poster features the logo for 'dance & arts therapy nz' with the tagline 'moving creatively together', and the 'Eastern & Central COMMUNITY TRUST' logo. It includes images of children painting and a paintbrush.

[Full Calendar](#)

[Our Website](#)

Cornerstone Christian School App

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