

# School Newsletter

## Term 2 – Week 5

Cornerstone Christian School – 2 June 2022

*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."*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

This week seems to have gone by in a blur! Please remember that on Friday 3rd June (tomorrow) we have a Teachers Only Day and the school will be closed for instruction. This is to allow teachers here at school to spend time upskilling in a variety of areas including the nationwide Secondary NCEA review, growing our understanding of how to integrate a Christian Worldview into secondary subject classes, and the development of structured literacy learning in our Primary School. Enjoy having a long weekend, although the weather forecast does not appear to be too conducive to getting away and sitting on a beach somewhere!



### Secondary School

A few parents have expressed concerns of late around our secondary space – particularly around losing our superb commerce teacher at the end of this term and the loss of access to FoodTech at WholeGrain Organics in recent weeks. I would like to take a moment to allay some of these fears. While yes, our lovely Mrs Wucherpennig is utterly irreplaceable, I can confirm that we have had some excellent applicants for the Commerce, Accounting and Economics position and the appointment panel is meeting tonight to interview and hopefully appoint Mrs Wucherpennig's replacement. I will let you know the outcome of this as soon as possible. I can also state that I have been working hard alongside our board of trustees to try and find a workaround for the FoodTech and Hospitality programmes that were affected by WholeGrain Organics going into voluntary insolvency. We have a little bit more work to do around this space, but I am confident to say that we do appear to have found a way for these programmes to continue onsite at the WholeGrain kitchen in Broadway Ave, at least until the end of the year. This programme will continue to be taught by Naomi Hall, Gosia Wiatr and Aneta Reuter.

Yes, change is unsettling, however our school is privileged to have one of the most stable staff teams of any school that I know.

### COVID – Staff Affected

Over the last two weeks, we have had a number of our staff members contract COVID-19. This has meant that classes have been extremely hard to staff and on two occasions this past week I almost

Somehow, we managed to fully staff the school, but not without some of our staff and relievers going above and beyond – thank you. On the flip side, we have very low numbers of students contracting COVID-19 which doesn't make sense in some ways. Please keep an eye on emails - if we need to close parts of the school due to lack of staff, I will always try to inform parents the night before (and via the SchoolApp).

Thank you to all our staff who have got us through a tough time during the last two weeks.

Below are some staff who had a "tough" day last Friday at the NZ Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenge in Wainuiomata.



### Pink Shirt Day and Saying 'No' to bullying

Our student leaders have asked to hold a pink shirt day here at school. While our school does not agree with all the aims of the global pink shirt movement, it does agree with the organisation's broader aims around creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected. One of the core aims of the movement is to 'Say No to bullying' and this is a core area of focus for us as a school. Like every school in New Zealand yes, our school does have a bullying problem. To say we don't is to hide our head in the sand. To this end our student leaders are inviting all students to either wear a pink shirt or a colourful shirt on Friday 17th June. The student leaders will be running a number of activities across the day to encourage inclusion and to help students say a firm 'NO' to any kind of bullying at Cornerstone Christian School.

While on the topic of bullying, it is worth saying that 'Bullying' is a word sometimes used to describe a lot of things that are not actually bullying. Sometimes at school, students have disagreements or may get upset due to a friendship falling out. This is a normal part of life and working through these issues

act, or isolated incident of aggression are not bullying too. The Ministry of Education defines bullying as:

- Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally.
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in relationships – there is real or perceived imbalance that may be based on physical size, age, gender, social status, or digital capability and access.
- Bullying is usually not a one-off but is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time. It is when one student (or group of students) keep picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad.
- Bullying involves behaviour that can be harmful – it is not a normal part of growing up.

If this is happening to your child at school, we need to know, so that it can be sorted out. It is not ok, especially at our Christian School, for this to happen. In the first instance, please contact your child's classroom teacher or LifeLab coach if you believe this is going on. If they are unable to sort it out, we will then move the issue up to other school leaders to address.

Have an awesome long weekend!

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

[principal@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:principal@cornerstone.ac.nz)

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### Teaching Vacancies

We are advertising for two NZ registered teachers to join our staff:

- Y2 teacher - fixed term, maternity leave
- New entrant - fixed term, roll growth

Please refer to the [school website](#) for full details of these positions.

### ESOL Bilingual Teacher Aides Needed

We are seeking people who can speak Malayalam, Filipino, Afrikaans and Tongan to work as part of our ESOL team. Please refer to the [school website](#) for full details of these positions. Applications close 9am, Friday 10th June.

### Book Week Competition Entries To Collect

Book Week Recycled Materials competition entries can now be taken home, please collect them from the library by the end of next week.



# Prayer and Praise

## HIGHLIGHTING OUR CCS STAFF

This week we are highlighting David Papworth; year 8 teacher from Whakapono team, specializing in music.

Some things you might not have known...

- David completed a degree majoring in History and comes from a family of 3 other teachers.
- David is an avid wakeboarder and loves to get out on the water whenever possible. He also enjoys playing basketball and volleyball.
- David takes part in a variety of musical shows outside of CCS, performing this year as part of the Band for Godspell and Jersey Boys.
- His favorite place to go away on holiday is Raglan, and regularly spends time there with family.

If you see David around, be sure to say hi and have yarn 😊

*Thanks, David, for being a super Cornerstone staffer.*



ISAIAH 40:31- BUT THOSE WHO  
WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL  
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY  
SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS  
LIKE EAGLES, THEY SHALL RUN  
AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY  
SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

## Student of the Week Certificates

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

### Manahau

D2: Arlo and Zion and Greyce

D3: Roman and Leighton

D5: Lakita and Yohaana

D6: Cody and Scarlett



### Tumanako

C2: Adriel and Corban

C4: Vienna and Benjamin

C6: Mason and Klarabelle

## Highlight on YES Business Group



**Words of Worth** is a company formed through the Young Enterprise Scheme created by Bethany Year 12. The aim of Words of Worth is to bring more positivity and smiles into our communities through encouraging & positive T-shirts!

Our first T-shirt has just officially launched and is called the '30 Reminders Tee'. This T-shirt was made in hope that by people wearing it into the community, others can benefit from it. This tee features 30 different mental health reminders on the back of it that are for sure going to help people to smile!

The '30 Reminders Tee' is now available to pre-order for \$34! Pre-orders will only go until the 12th of June and then the price will be increased so if you want to get a tee for yourself (or as a gift) get it now while it is at a cheaper price!

15% of our profit will be donated to Voices of Hope - a New Zealand mental health organisation who aim to create and implement change for those struggling with mental health while providing past-experience hope to others.

If you would like to pre-order a '30 Reminders Tee' Just send us a message on our Facebook, Instagram or email us with the size you would like, your name and whether you will require shipping or not and then we will get back to you as soon as we can with the rest of the details for you.

Sizes available:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Extra-large

Instagram: @wordsofworth.nz

Facebook: @wordsofworth.nz

Email: @[wordsofworth.nz@gmail.com](mailto:wordsofworth.nz@gmail.com)

## 9NSS Wood Tech Projects

9NSS students working on their projects at Wood Tech.



## Tough Guy and Gal Challenge 2022

The Level 2/3 PE and Level 2/3 Sports Studies classes went down to Wainuiomata last Friday and competed in the NZ Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Gal Challenge.

The students can earn 4 credits if they complete the challenge within certain times.



## Cornerstone School Parent Seminar #1 2022

We need to talk about P@rn – a seminar for Parents & Guardians

**Where:** CCS Staffroom

**When:** Wednesday 15th of June @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**For:** Cornerstone Parents and Guardians

**Who:** Guest Speaker Ian Reid a lecturer at Emmaus Bible School will be presenting a seminar on P@rnography and the harm that it can cause to our young people.

**What:** Over the last 10 years pornography has quickly become one of the biggest issues that all young people are dealing with. It is shaping them by turning them inward, causing anxiety and trapping them in life long addiction. Come and hear about the surprising tools that God has given us to help our young people cope in a world that tells them that pornography is the answer.

**About the Speaker:** Ian moved to Palmerston North in 2010 from Australia to work with students. He is the regional team leader for Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship (TSCF) and works with tertiary students around the region helping them understand who Jesus is and how knowing Him effects





everything. In Australia Ian studied a Bachelor of Commerce at Macquarie and a Bachelor of Divinity at Moore Theological College. He also worked with students on university campus in Sydney. Ian is married to Erin and they have two boys that attend CCS.

For more information contact Louis Jayasuriya – Director of Pastoral Care at CCS:

[louis@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:louis@cornerstone.ac.nz)

Please RSVP to the above email if you would like to attend.

## **Middle School Social Y7-10**



## **2022 National Excellence in Teaching Award Nominations**



# It's time to shine a light on our unsung education heroes

Nominate an outstanding educator for a National Excellence in Teaching Award

The 2022 National Excellence in Teaching Awards are now open.

At NEITA we believe teachers transform futures.

#### WHO WE ARE

NEITA is the longest running, community-based awards program to recognise teaching excellence in Australia and New Zealand. It acknowledges the talented, committed, and caring educators who demonstrate the excellent personal qualities, skills, and passion required of teachers and school leaders to direct the lives of our future citizens in a fast-changing and uncertain world.

Over the last 27 years, NEITA has received around 40,000 nominations for excellent and inspirational teachers and more than 1,100 teachers have received the award. Through the awards program, the NEITA Foundation has presented more than \$1.2 million in professional development grants, prizes and endowments.

#### THE PRIZE

Award winners receive a professional development grant of up to \$10,000 to further their career. They will be honoured in a virtual awards ceremony, and be invited to meet and network with the other recipients and NEITA Alumni.

#### HOW TO NOMINATE

NEITA Awards are open for nomination by anyone in the wider school community.

As we open nominations for this year's NEITA Awards, we please ask you to consider if there's an unsung education hero you'd like to shine a light on.

Visit [neita.com](https://neita.com) or scan the QR code below to submit your nomination.



Visit [neita.com](https://neita.com) or simply scan the QR code to nominate a teacher, or principal now.



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The National Excellence in Teaching Awards was started more than 25 years ago by the NEITA Foundation to honour exemplary teaching in Australia and New Zealand. The foundation was first established as a Trust in 1996 by Australian Scholastic Group (ASG) on behalf of its members, the parents and guardians of school age children, and the wider community to support improved teacher quality and retention, assist teacher professional development, and to promote enhanced professional recognition for teaching and teachers. It is proudly supported by Futurity Endowment Group, ASG's new entity name, and reflects Futurity's mutual values and its objective to advocate for quality education and accessible lifelong learning. For more information on the NEITA Awards, visit <https://neita.com>.



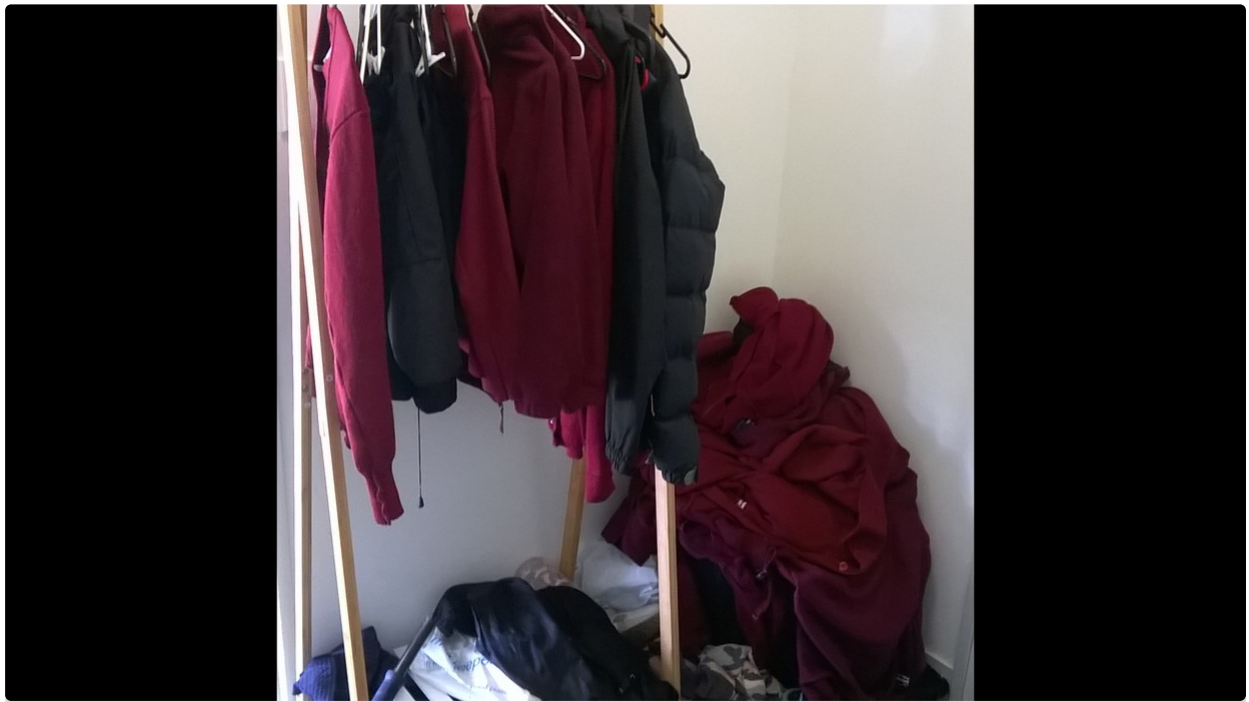
## Scholastic Book Club Issue #4

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#4) is available now. Orders can be placed online only. **Orders for free delivery to school close at the end of week 7.** View the brochure on the Scholastic website or a paper copy can be collected from the student side of the school office. Any questions? See Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email [janes@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:janes@cornerstone.ac.nz) Thank you!

## Lost Property

There is a substantial amount of items in the Lost Property, especially polar fleeces, cardigans and jerseys.

Please make sure that you have a look through if you are missing any uniform items.



## Keys Found

This set of keys was found in the Roberts Line carpark on Monday after school. If they belong to you please collect them from the school office. Thank you.

## Prayer Group

Parents and whānau are warmly invited to join our prayer group. This group meets between 9:00am and 9:30am on Monday mornings to lift the school and community before the Lord in prayer. Please join us in the Meeting Room off the main office reception area.



## 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

## Funsticks Green Hockey

Aiden was the first Player of the Day for the Funsticks primary hockey team recently.

Aiden has made the most amazing start to his hockey career, from not wanting to go on the field at all in summer hockey – to scoring the one and only goal of the game in their first game of the winter season.

Congratulations Aiden – you are a super star!



## Cornerstone Table Tennis Results

Junior Boy's Champion: Samuel

Junior Girls Champion: Jolie

Senior Girls Champion: Helen

Senior Boys Champion: not yet decided.

Thanks also to Miss Tury for organising the event





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Maori Whanau Hui** - Thursday 2 June - 5.30pm - Staffroom - Shared dinner
- **Teacher Only Day** - Friday 3 June (No school)
- **Queen's Birthday** - Monday 6 June (No school)
- **Yr 5-8 Inter School Cross Country** - Tuesday 7 June
- **Itinerant Music Concert** - Tuesday 7 June - 5pm - 6.30pm
- **Hastings/LAC/CCS Sports Exchange** - Thursday 9 June - Friday 10 June
- **Police Studies Trip** - Wednesday 14 June
- **Parents' Students Wellbeing Seminar** - 15 June - 7pm - 9pm - Staffroom
- **Pasifika Fono** - Thursday 16 June - 5.30pm - Staffroom - Shared dinner
- **Manawatu Careers Expo** - Friday 17 June - Central Energy Trust Arena
- **Middle School Social Year 7-10** - Saturday 18 June - 7pm - 9pm - School Gym
- **Defensive Driving Course** - Tuesday 21 June - 3.10pm
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 21 June - 6.30pm
- **Yr 10 Trade Fair** - Thursday 23 June
- **Matariki** - Friday 24 June (No school)
- **Yr 7-13 Subject Teacher Parent Conferences** - Tuesday 28 June - 3pm - 6.30pm
- **Defensive Driving Course** - Tuesday 28 June - 3.10pm
- **Yr 7-13 Early Finish** - Wednesday 29 June - 1pm
- **Yr 7-13 Subject Teacher Parent Conferences** - Wednesday 29 June - 1.30pm - 5pm
- **Mufti Day (Mystery bottle)** - Friday 1 July
- **Yr 13 Retreat** - Friday 1 July
- **Defensive Driving Course** - Friday 1 July - 3.10pm
- **Defensive Driving Course** - Tuesday 5 July - 3.10pm

## 2022 TERM DATES

**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.**



### Red Cross Book Sale

**Red Cross Book Sale** coming up! Time to start saving your pocket money.

When - Queen's Birthday weekend, Barber Hall, Waldegrave St.

When - Friday 3 June to Monday 6 June.

What - Masses of books (Children's to Teens') \$2 and less. Plus games, jigsaw puzzles and posters.



For more information go to

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/get-involved/fundraise-help-others/join-an-event/palmerston-north->

## Emmaus Seminar

# UNCOVERING YOUR NATURAL GIFTEDNESS

- Dave Belesky -



**SATURDAY 25TH JUNE**

9.30AM - 4PM \$50 PP

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
338 CHURCH ST, PALM NORTH



Need help in direction? Career change?  
Understanding more deeply how your God-given gifts influence  
your ministry and work.

Register at ...

[www.emmaus.net.nz/enrol-now](http://www.emmaus.net.nz/enrol-now)



## Uncovering your natural giftedness

This workshop will help you:

- Understand what the StrengthsFinder report means and how to interpret and apply it
- Identify where your strengths may be over-used, causing frustration to others
- Understand how your top five gifts combine and interact to give a unique edge to your ministry.

DAVE BELESKY - FACILITATOR

*Dave has worked with hundreds of people and teams in the business world, public sector and churches to explore what StrengthsFinder means and how it can be applied to increase:*

- A sense of purpose and meaning in your work/ministry
- Satisfaction and engagement at work
- Appreciation of the different gifts each person brings to the team.

*Dave has completed the Gallup Strengths Coaching Programme and taught in various Bible/ministry training schools in NZ and Australia , including Elim Ministry Training College, Salvation Army Booth College, YWAM schools, BCNZ.*

Pre-work: Complete Gallup StrengthsFinder survey online approx NZ\$30 NZ.

<https://www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/253868/popular-cliftonstrengths-assessment-products.aspx>

Cost: \$50 (plus StrengthFinder survey above)

Saturday 25th June, 9.30am - 4pm  
All Saints Community Centre  
338 Church St  
Palmerston North

Register at ...  
[www.emmaus.net.nz/enrol-now](http://www.emmaus.net.nz/enrol-now)



## Brain Play Online

Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country! Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.



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# DISABILITY SWIM CLINIC

## Manawatu Region

**Date:** Saturday 23 July, 2022

**Location:** Lido Aquatic Centre, Park Road, West End, Palmerston North  
**Ages 8+**

**All levels of water  
experience are welcome!**

**Disability types:**

Intellectual, invisible, hearing,  
brain injury, vision, short stature,  
and various physical impairments.

**What to expect:**

Meeting new people and  
time in the pool!

For inquiries please phone / text 022 456 9793

[Full Calendar](#)

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## Cornerstone Christian School App

GOOGLE PLAY

APP STORE



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- electronic version (003).pdf

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187.3 KB



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