

School Newsletter

Term 3 – Week 5

Cornerstone Christian School – 25 August 2022

Psalms 94:19 NLT

"When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

This week has been a good week at school despite personally struggling with one of the many winter bugs doing the rounds. Apologies if you have tried to contact me and I have not been available. While I was at home yesterday, I was reflecting on how a friend recently challenged me about the amount of time I spend on my phone; reading news, checking social media posts, following interesting (or totally useless) internet leads. I confess I spend way too much time looking at that little screen and I would hate to add up how much productive time I have frittered away since 'smart-phones' became a thing! I've come to realise that the enemy of my Christian faith is not so much 'doubt', rather the enemy of my faith is more like 'certainty'. Often, gathering information is what gives us a sense of being certain about things. We worry what is going to happen tomorrow and so we search out information that helps to allay the fears that stalk us. We worry about illness and sickness and so we search out information that gives us a sense of being ok and in control. We worry about financial matters and so we search out information that gives us certainty that we have our dollar ducks in a row. All the time God says to us "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34). God, please help me to live in 'today' and not to spend my life future-tripping with concerns about tomorrow.

The Cornerstone Fundraising Group Quiz Night

Don't forget to come along to our Cornerstone Fundraising Group Quiz Night this weekend (Saturday 27th August 6.30pm in the Gymnasium). Tickets are \$10 per person for teams of up to 10 people. This should be an awesome night of fun and laughter – and an opportunity to raise funds for a really good cause!

Teachers Only Day and the NCEA Change Programme

Thank you for keeping your children and young people home on Tuesday this week to allow Staff to engage in Professional

time looking at the Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum which will become compulsory for all schools to teach in 2023. All of the secondary teachers who teach NCEA subjects spent time getting their heads around the new NCEA Change Programme that is being rolled out over the next four years. The aim of this Change Programme is to make NCEA more accessible to students with things like zero fees and fewer barriers for learners with disabilities and learning support needs. There will also be a strengthening of literacy and numeracy requirements and assessments to ensure all students with an NCEA qualification across NZ at least have functional literacy and numeracy skills going into tertiary education or the workplace. There will also be fewer, larger standards with new achievement standards and resources being developed to replace the existing.

Secondary Parent Information Evening

Next Thursday evening (1st September 2022) starting at 6.00pm in the Staffroom, we will be holding a Secondary Parent Information evening for all current and prospective year 6 parents (moving into year 7 in 2023) and year 8 parents (moving into year 9 in 2023). At this meeting we will outline our vision for secondary education at Cornerstone Christian School and what parents can expect for their young people. We have several proposed 'tweaks' in the pipeline that I am really excited about to ensure that our school remains a top achieving academic school with sound Christian discipleship.

Secondary Winter Tournament

Next week we have two secondary teams away travelling to regional competitions – the senior netball team and the senior basketball team. We pray for a safe, fun and competitive event for these students.

Primary Production

I'm starting to get excited about the Primary Production – 'Danny and Shacks' coming up in week 9 of this term. This will be an outstanding show and I would encourage all parents to get onto MyKindo and pre-book your tickets for you and your wider family.

Have a great weekend! Ma te Atua koe e manaaki (God Bless),

Chris Mitchell

Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES



Teacher Vacancies

We are advertising several teaching positions, for NZ registered teachers to join our staff:

- Secondary Food Technology Teacher – part time, permanent
- Middle/Secondary Maths Teacher – part time, permanent 2023
- Secondary Digital Design Teacher – part time, permanent 2023
- Y 0/1 Teacher – full-time, fixed term 2023
- Y 5/6 Teacher – LTR (Maternity) 2023
- Y 5/6 Teacher – full time, permanent 2023

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

Teacher Aide Vacancy

We require a Teacher Aide to work in the Secondary School part-time, fixed term – immediate start. Please refer to the [school website](#) for full details.

Closing Date For Applications for 2023 Enrolments

Applications for 2023 enrolment close at 4.30pm on Monday 5th September 2022. Details about the likely number of places available for preference students who live outside zone 1 are outlined on our [enrolment processes](#) page. Priority for these places will be allocated in the order set out in the school's [enrolment scheme](#). The enrolment scheme may be viewed online, or a copy collected from reception.

Prayer and Praise

HIGHLIGHTING OUR CCS STAFF


This week we are highlighting Roanne Thatcher;
Amazing TA in A2.

Some things you might not have known...

- Previously, Roanne has lived in Finland with her family for 2 years.
- Roanne loves music and can play the keyboard / piano.
- Roanne loves to worship at New Life, she can always be seen lending a helping hand with morning tea.
- She has two wonderful children that attend Cornerstone.

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


Thanks, [Roanne](#), for being a super Cornerstone staffer.



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. Jeremiah 29:11


Library Book Amnesty

Library Book Amnesty



Do you have a current CCS library book...

- Forgotten in your bag?
- Gathering dust on your bookshelves?
- Lost on the floor of your bedroom at home?
- Re-emerged from the depths of your wardrobe?
- Hiding under your bed?



Please bring books back to the box in the student admin area or see Mrs Shewell to swap them for tokens.

1x book = 1x token

Bilingual Learning Assistants

Our ESOL department is growing (temporarily)! We are very blessed to have four talented bilingual Learning Assistants working at Cornerstone, joining Laura Siegel and Christina Havill, to make up our new team of 6. 😊 This is part of a MOE pilot scheme that our school is running for 12 months.

- Harriet Haasbroek is our Afrikaans Learning Assistant
- Joy Soo is our Filipino Learning Assistant
- Ana Muli is our Tongan Learning Assistant
- Lixy Georgekutty is our Malayalam Learning Assistant

Each Learning Assistant has been assigned to work alongside students with the same First Language (FL/L1) in the student's classroom. This is an amazing opportunity to support and extend learning!

We spent two full days together doing intensive training, covering 10 learning modules, and we continue to meet weekly for ongoing professional development. It is a privilege to have such high caliber Learning Assistants with such passion for supporting learners here at our school.

Please make them feel welcome in our community.

God created human beings in his image with the ability to understand and use language (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:19ff). Language is therefore meaningful to our identity as human beings and in our relationships with God and others. At Cornerstone, we celebrate and embrace language learning!





Daffodil Day Yellow Mufti Day - Friday 2nd September



Nathan Wallis Parenting Seminar - Thursday 25th August



The Human Brain

**Cornerstone Christian School
Palmerston North**

Thurs 25th Aug 2022 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at [eventfinda.co.nz](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



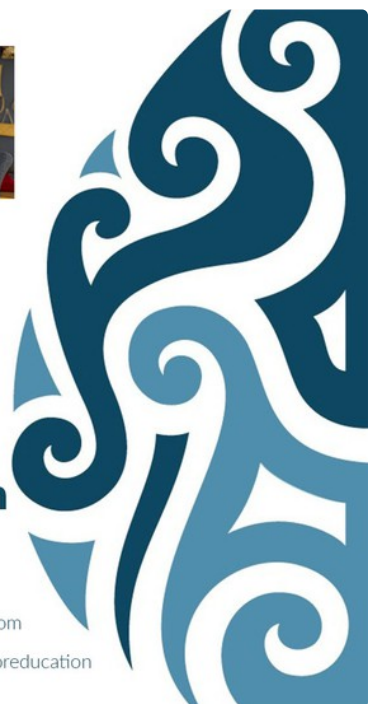
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CFG Quiz Night - Saturday 27th August



Danny & the Shacks - Thursday 22nd September & Friday 23rd September

Cornerstone Christian School

Tickets \$10 on MyKindo

DANNY & THE SHACKS now. Be in early to secure your preferred night!

Friend of the Show Supporter

\$500 – 10 free tickets and sponsors ad in the programme / newsletter. (email craig@cornerstone.ac.nz for details...)

Thursday 22 Sept
A1, A4, A5, D3, D6

Friday 23 Sept
A2, A3, D1, D2, D5

Ezlunch Father's Day Promotion

Celebrate Dads this Father's Day!

Whether it's a Dad, Uncle, Grandad or Poppa in your life, make them feel extra special this Father's Day with our ezlunch giveaway. Every lunch order gets you a chance to **win one of two \$50 'Not Socks' vouchers**.

Order [ezlunch](#) for delivery from **Monday 22 August - Friday 2 September** to be in the draw to WIN!
Two vouchers, two winners!

The winners will be drawn on **Friday 2 September** and notified by email.

Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.



Scholastic Book Club #6

The next Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#6) 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 shortly. Any questions? See Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you!

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in the school recently. Please can you check you child's hair for these pests and in the event that your child has head lice please treat them before coming to school. 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

Year 10 Netball Tournament Team

Well done to our Year 10 tournament team for placing 8th at Sundays Junior netball competition against teams from around the central North Island. This is Cornerstone's best finish ever and a good sign for years to come.



Manawatu ABCD Champs 2022



FOR ALL AGES
& ABILITIES

BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND!

MANAWATU ABCD CHAMPS

\$15 PER EVENT

SAT 29 & SUN 30 OCT

SINGLES, DOUBLES & MIXED

CET ARENA 4

REGISTER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/MANABCD2022](https://bit.ly/manabcd2022)

9AM-5PM

MANAWATU ABCD CHAMPS 2022

WHICH GRADE SHOULD I ENTER?

GRADE A EVENTS

SENIORS/MASTERS/UETS REPS

U19 REPS

TNBL GRADE 1 & 2

TOP CLUB PLAYERS

GRADE B EVENTS

SUPER-UET REPS

U15 & U17 REPS

TNBL GRADE 2 & 3

ADVANCED CLUB PLAYERS

GRADE C EVENTS

U13 REPS

TNBL GRADE 3 & 4

SOCIAL CLUB PLAYERS

ADVANCED SCHOOL COMP PLAYERS

PARENTS/SIBLINGS OF REPS

GRADE D EVENTS

DEV'T SQUAD PLAYERS

TNBL GRADE 4 & 5

BEGINNER CLUB PLAYERS

SOCIAL SCHOOL COMP PLAYERS

BEGINNER PARENTS/SIBLINGS OF REPS

ASK US FOR GUIDANCE ON WHICH GRADE IS BEST

FOR YOU AND/OR YOUR PARTNER!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NCEA Music Concert** - Thursday 25 August - 4pm - 6pm
- **Nathan Wallis Parenting Seminar** - Thursday 25 August - 7.30pm - 9pm - School Gym
- **Inter-Tribe Bible Quiz** - Friday 26 August
- **CFG Quiz Night** - Saturday 27 August - 6.30pm - 9.30pm
- **Secondary Winter Sport Tournament Week** - Monday 29 August - Friday 2 September
- **Secondary Parent Information Evening** - Thursday 1 September - 6pm - 7.30pm - Staffroom
- **Daffodil Day Yellow Mufti Day** - Friday 2 September
- **Vision and Hearing Testing** - Friday 2 September
- **Tongan Language Week** - Monday 5 September - Friday 9 September
- **AIMS Games Week** - Monday 5 September - Friday 9 September
- **Applications for 2023 Enrolment Close** - Monday 5 September - 4.30pm
- **Dance NZ Made Competitions** - Monday 5 September - Tuesday 6 September
- **Parents' Student Wellbeing Seminar** - Wednesday 7 September - 7pm - 8.30pm
- **Maori Language Week** - Monday 12 September - Friday 16 September
- **Kids Sing 2022 Regional Festival** - Friday 16 September - PNINS
- **Danny & the Shaks (A1, A4, A5, D3, D6, C-Block)** - Thursday 22 September - 6.30pm
- **Danny & the Shaks (A2, A3, D1, D2, D5, C-Block)** - Friday 23 September - 6.30pm
- **Yr 7-13 LifeLab Parent Conferences** - Tuesday 27 September - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 27 September - 6.30pm
- **Yr 7-13 Early Finish** - Wednesday 21 September - 12.50pm

- **Yr 7-13 LifeLab Parent Conferences** - Wednesday 28 September - 1.30pm - 5pm
- **NCEA Music Concert** - Thursday 29 September - 4pm - 6pm
- **Inter-tribe Living Stones & Cross-fit Games** - Friday 30 September
- **Last Day of Term 3** - Friday 30 September - 3pm

2022/2023 TERM DATES

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

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

Term 1 2023: Starts Monday 30th January



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.



Mental Health & Resilience For Your Whanau - Thursday 1st September

We are very excited to be partnering with Equippers Church to host an event for the families in our city called "Mental Health & Resilience for your Whanau."

The seminar is run by Jordan Smith (<https://jordankingsleysmith.com/>) who is a gifted communicator and works with DHB's, Not for Profits and Companies all across the country. We're very excited (and lucky!) to have him coming to our city as well, especially during a time when Mental Health and Wellbeing is at the forefront of everybody's minds.

Both Equippers Church and Epic Music Academy are hosting the event at the Spiers Centre to support the community, and to keep the cost down as much as possible for those attending.

Date: Thursday 1st September

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Spiers Centre, Palmerston North Boys High

Cost: \$10 pp

FB Link: <https://fb.me/e/2DFDoFEyt>

If you would like any further information or to discuss anything else, please don't hesitate to ask.

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And the EPIC Team

Check us out on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/epicmusic.pn/>



Saturday Music Open Day - Saturday 3rd September



Music education for children 4 - 13 years

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 3rd Sept 9:00am - 11:30am

Palmerston North Intermediate School

cello, choir, clarinet, drums, flute, french horn, guitar,
ukulele, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics,
orchestra, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet
and violin.

Enrol for 2023!

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz

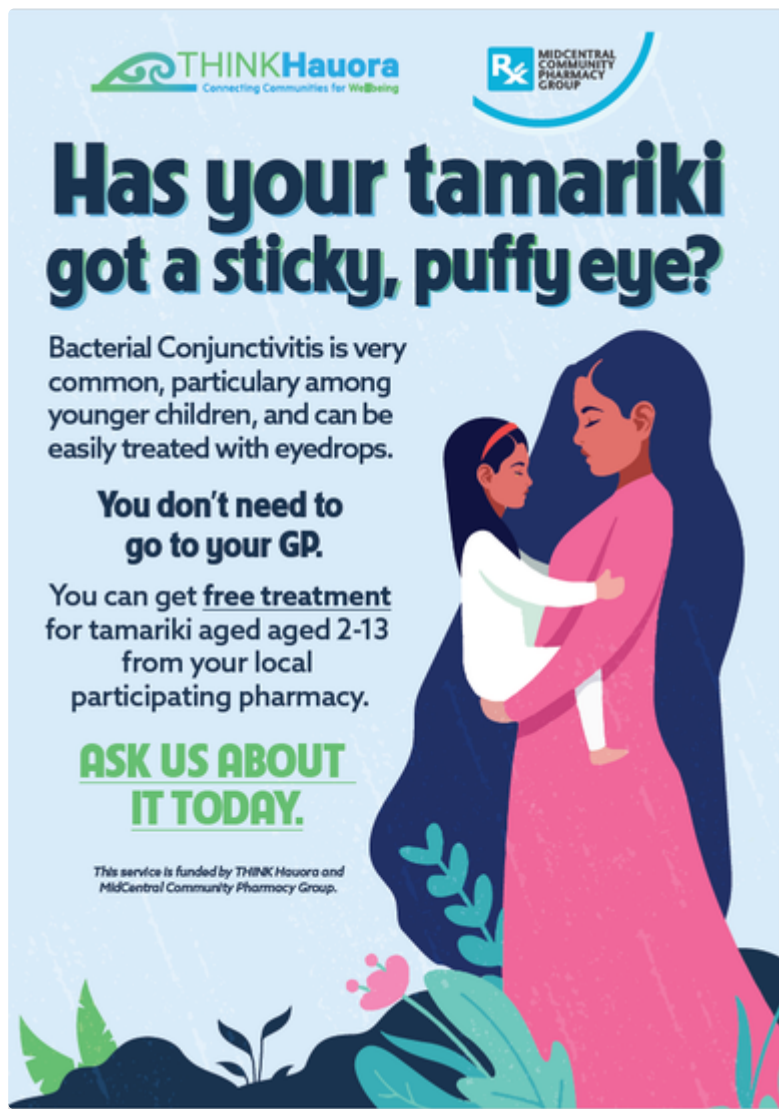
Email: contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz



Linklater Planting Afternoon - Saturday 17th September

Palmerston North City Council is holding a planting afternoon this Saturday 17th of September from 1-3pm at Linklater Reserve, 11 Peter Hall Drive, Palmerston North. It would be great to see some people from the community come along.

FREE Conjunctivitis Service at your Local Pharmacy



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Has your tamariki got a sticky, puffy eye?

Bacterial Conjunctivitis is very common, particularly among younger children, and can be easily treated with eyedrops.

You don't need to go to your GP.

You can get **free treatment** for tamariki aged 2-13 from your local participating pharmacy.

ASK US ABOUT IT TODAY.

This service is funded by THINK Hauora and MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group.

[Full Calendar](#)

[Our Website](#)

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

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