School Newsletter Term 4 - Week 1

Cornerstone Christian School - 20 October 2022

John 5:24

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome back to term 4! Watching all our students come back into school bright and sparky on Monday morning got me thinking this week about a Bible passage in Matthew 5 and verses 14-16:

"Your lives light up the world. For how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? And who would light a lamp and then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it's placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its light. So don't hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that your commendable works will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven."



I love how our Cornerstone students literally and spiritually, 'light up the room' with the presence of God that they carry everywhere they go. Sometimes our New Zealand tall poppy syndrome causes children and young people to hide or diminish their light so that they are the same dull brightness as everyone else around them. God, however, calls us all to shine as brightly as we possibly can through our good works, so that we can point others around us towards God.

This term we have a whole lot of opportunities for our children and young people to shine brightly, starting this week with derived grade examinations for year 11-13 students. In past years these examinations have been called 'practise exams' or even 'mock exams', however we have come to recognise the importance of these examinations for gathering core assessment data, if a student is unable to sit an NCEA external examination at the end of the year due to sickness. These current examinations are then able to provide a derived grade for NCEA.

<u>Cultures Day</u>

As of today, Thursday 20th October, our year 11-13 students have only 9 days left at school! The final day for year 11 to 13's is Wednesday 2nd November. This day coincides with Cultures Day – our annual celebration of the rich breadth of different Cultures represented here at Cornerstone Christian School. Our planning for this day of celebration has three parts:

- 1. A display of cultural dress we would like all students and staff to come dressed in a manner that reflects their cultural heritage
- 2. Cultural performances song, dance or display of other items that reflect cultural heritage
- 3. A shared lunch together where we invite all students to bring food that reflects their cultural heritage.

Camps coming up

Having COVID go through our school in term 1 of this year meant that we were forced to postpone two camps – the year 6 camp and the year 8 camp. The year 6 camp at Camp Rangi Woods (Pohangina Valley) will now take place in week 4 of this term, and the year 8 camp at MiCamp in Whakamaru will now take place in week 5. Our normal Year 9 Activity week and year 10 camp at Highland Home Christian Camp will run in week 8.

Accord Teacher Only Days this term

This term we have two last 'Accord Teacher Only Days'. These days were provided to all New Zealand Schools as part of an 'Accord' between the Ministry of Education, NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA Te Wehengarua. To try and help parents with managing days off from work, we have bookended these last two days around a weekend i.e. Friday 25th November and Monday 28th November. These days will allow our teachers time and space to upskill around a number of changes coming through Education around NCEA and the New Zealand Curriculum.

Sports Awards

The Annual Cornerstone sports awards will take place in the Gymnasium next week on Thursday 27th November between 2 and 3pm. This is an opportunity to recognise high Sporting achievement from a range of Cornerstone teams and individuals. We will also be saying thank you to a huge number of school parents, team coaches and managers who have helped out this year across a range of Sports.

Thanks Coach and Managers William Evans Melissa Stewart Emma Pedder Tere Bissell Tony Aspden Tracey Lee Carl McIntvre Amy Tait Karina Anderson Narrelle Soong Abi Dore-Wright Roanne Thatcher Natalia Bissell (Chaplain and Coach) Suseela Batchelor Rebecca McIntyre Tim Seaholme Louis Jayasuriya Eliana Turu Christina Havill Nate Sextus Raewyn Clissold Rebekah Higgs Dan Wingate Ian Groube Taha Wihongi Tere Stephenson Leanne Carthew Michael Welch Nathan Seagar Ruth Wrenn Darron Murdoch Rocky Ruihi-Lewis Rebecca Zhao Phil Siegel Theo Tavita Amanda Oldfield Jannell Eade Dalena De Vries Vicki Campbell Ruth Pinkney Anna Fletcher Maree Ozdemir Craig McDonald Tarryn Rose Peter Ferrar Willie Bryant (Chaplain) Amy McAulay · Sorry if I've missed anybody Chris Morgan (Chaplain) Rebecca Beere **Leanne Mark Nicolene Marx**

I would also like to take a moment to pass on a huge congratulations to Diane Kaufusi (year 13), Olivia Stewart (year 11) and Jessica Beere (year 11) for being named code award finalists in the Sport Manawatu Secondary School Sports awards. Congratulations also to year 8 students, Samuel Seaholme and Cristin Bachelor who represented the Manawatu U13 Table Tennis team at nationals last week. After beating Otago, Northland and Waikato teams, they kept their focus right to the end, to win the Grade C final against Bay of Plenty.



Have a great labour weekend!

Chris Mitchell Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

2023 Attendance Dues

The Proprietor (Cornerstone Christian Education Trust) advises parents that there will be a small increase in the level of Attendance Dues beginning in Term 1, 2023. Annual Attendance Dues per child for the first two children from each family enrolled at CCS at the same time will increase by \$25 per child (i.e. 48 cents per child per week). The 3rd and subsequent children from a family enrolled at CCS at the same time receive a 30% discount off the full rate.

The last time we had to increase Attendance Dues was back in 2018. Even though our costs have increased considerably we are pleased to be able to keep our increase in Attendance Dues under 50 cents per child per week.

The new rates are shown in Tables 1-2 below.

Table 1 | 2023 Attendance dues for the first two children from each family enrolled at CCS at the same time.

Attendance Dues per	Year 0-8	Year 9-13
child	2023	2023
Weekly	\$18.75	\$23.56
Fortnightly	\$37.50	\$47.12
Quarterly	\$243.75	\$306.25
Annually	\$975.00	\$1,225.00

Table 2 | 2023 Attendance dues for the third and subsequent children from each family enrolled at CCS at the same time.

Attendance Dues per	Year 0-8	Year 9-13
child	2023	2023
Weekly	\$13.13	\$16.49
Fortnightly	\$26.25	\$32.98
Quarterly	\$170.63	\$214.38
Annually	\$682.50	\$857.50

Parents/caregivers who enrol their children at CCS agree to pay Attendance Dues. The Proprietor invoices parents/caregivers in February (or within a week of the child's start date if they start later in the year). The Proprietor expects the account to be paid in full by the end of the school year.

Attendance Dues are an investment in the education of our children. They cover the significant costs related to buildings, grounds, insurance, capital works etc. as these are funded by the Proprietor and not the State. In return, the Proprietor is able to operate a special character school. The Cornerstone Christian Education Trust is committed to providing high quality facilities, and Attendance Dues are a key source of revenue allowing it to do so.

Planning for 2023

We are planning for 2023! If your child will **not** be returning to Cornerstone in Term 1 2023, please email enrol@cornerstone.ac.nz or let someone in the office know asap. Thank you.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

Congratulations to Anya and Caragh who have successfully achieved their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. With their dedication, perseverance and passion, they have accomplished something extraordinary and we are very proud of their achievements.

They were presented their award by the Mayor Grant Smith at a ceremony on 29th September.



Kelvin After School Kids

Welcome to Kelvin After School Kids

We have had a great start to Term 4. Our theme for this term is Gratitude. We've had some special times of prayer and talking about how many things we are grateful for as well as how we can show appreciation to the people in our lives. We all enjoyed making pikelets yesterday too!

We have spaces for more children in our programme which runs at Cornerstone in the gym classroom from 3-6pm each school day. Please contact Christina on 021357864 or email christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz for more details.

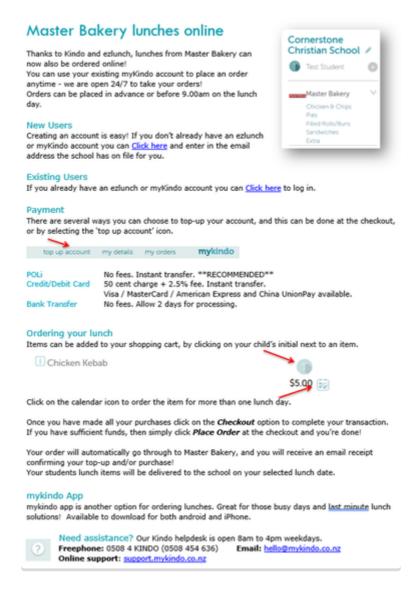




Master Bakery Online with Kindo

Master Bakery is now online with kindo so you can order your students lunch with your ezlunch or myKindo account.

Open 24/7 so you can order lunches at a time that suits you! Orders can be placed up until 9.00am on the lunch day.



Cultures Day - Wednesday 2 November

Cultures Day is coming up on Wednesday 2nd November. The day will look like this:

- Performances in the Gym between 11:00am 1:00pm
- Shared lunch between 1:00pm 2:00pm with a focus on cultural food.

Things to know:

- If your children/family group would like to perform, please contact Natasha Casey on natasha@cornerstone.ac.nz to be added to the list.
- Food can be dropped at the office during the morning in preparation for serving at lunch. PLEASE
 use disposable containers for your food to save washing up.
- You are welcome to come and see the performances at 11:00am on the day.
- We encourage students to dress in their national dress as part of Cultures Day.

Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly - Wednesday 16

Our Primary Cornerstone Awards assembly will be in week 5 of term 4 on Wednesday 16th November at 2pm in the gym. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend.

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.





Prayer Items For Term 4

"I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit." Ephesians 3:16

- * worship Him
- * look for praise points
- * Revival fire, Vision & Purpose for students, staff & families
- * Exams
- * hold fast to Faith & Truth

Epic Music Lessons

Does your child want to learn an instrument, play in a band and perform on the big stage? Epic Music Academy runs it's one of a kind instrument tuition programs in school, and registrations are open for Term 4! To sign up, simply ask the office for a sign up form, check out our website epicma.nz, or email your interest to schools@epicma.nz.





Scholastic Book Club #7

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.** 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!

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

Congratulations to Gabriella VB

Huge Congratulations to Gabriella VB who was awarded the AWESOME SKILLS AWARD for her badminton competition last term. This award was out of the entire primary badminton competition and we are very proud to see Gabriella achieve this awesome accomplishment.

Marist Dual Pitch Cricket

Marist Cricket have vacancies in their fast paced Dual Pitch format which features soft balls, plastic equipment, shirts provided and continuous play for 45 minutes. Beginners Years 3-5 are most welcome to join. Games begin on 1st November at 5pm at Ongley Park.

See Marist Junior Cricket-Palmerston North Facebook page for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Christian Life and Witness Course Saturday 22 October 12pm 3pm School Gym
- Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 24 October School Closed
- BOT Meeting Tuesday 25 October 6.30pm
- Police Studies Maritime Unit Visit Thursday 27 October
- Shakeout Earthquake Drill Thursday 27 October
- Sports Prizegiving Thursday 27 October 2pm 3pm
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 31 October
- NCEA Drama Christmas Musical Tuesday 1 November
- Police Studies Police College and Museum Trip Tuesday 1 November
- Parents' Student Wellbeing Seminar Tuesday 1 November 7pm 9pm Staffroom
- Celebrating Cultures Day Wednesday 2 November
- Last Day for Yr 11-13 Wednesday 2 November

2022/2023 TERM DATES



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

Event 31 - Free Family Event



iBike4Kids

iBike 4 Kids is a cool cycling event run by Manawatu Mountain Bike Club at the Victoria Esplanade,
Palmerston North on Sunday Nov 6th.

All pre-school, primary and intermediate kids are welcome. Kids can choose between short, medium or hard courses and can also test their talents on the skills course. There is also a 'Balance bike' section, for the little ones.

There are great prizes to be won and a finishers Medal for all. Schools can compete for two \$500 Sports Vouchers - one for the school with the most kids and one for the highest percentage of their roll. More info and entries at www.ibike4kids.co.nz



Sunday November 6th

Victoria Esplanade Palmerston North

Enter Online Only www.ibike4kids.co.nz

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

Children's Drawing Classes with Mike Ryan taking enrolments for Term 4

Does your child love to draw? Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces available for term three 2022 for children to develop their drawing skills across a range of subjects e.g, people, animals, birds.

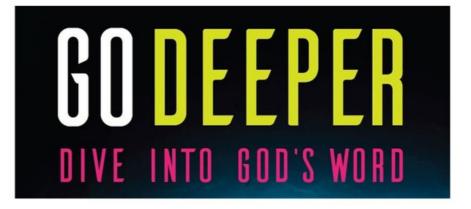
Classes are held at the Chinese Association 98 Napier Road, Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00, \$150 per term. For more information or to enroll please contact Rachel Summers on 021 624 892 or Mike Ryan 022 460 7311

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/.



Emmaus Courses Term 4



TERM 4 COURSES AT EMMAUS

Tuesday 25 Oct -Thurs 1 Dec 2022

Being Intentional about Spiritual Development

Block Course: Understanding the Bible: New Testament

Pauline Simonsen and Ian Reid (Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, 7 weeks) early bird \$250

Being Bereans: How to read the Bible

Pauline Simonsen (Tues 7.30-9.30pm, 6 weeks) early bird \$65

The lost art of God conversation

David Rowe (Tues 7.30-9.30pm, 6 weeks) early bird \$65



www.emmaus.net.nz admin@emmaus.net.nz

Saturday Music Enrolments Open for 2023



Enrol Now!

Earlybird subscriptions for classes starting in 2023:

\$120 for 27 lessons

These classes are available:

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

Final enrolment day at PNINS on 11th February, 9:00am - 11:30am

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz

contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz

Visit our website or facebook page for specific course details and updates!

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Full Calendar

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