School Newsletter Term 4 - Week 3

Cornerstone Christian School - 3 November 2022

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It was great to welcome so many parents and past Cornerstone students back at school yesterday for our annual Cultures Day. I am thankful that our school community is starting to feel more comfortable about coming back into school after we were forced to shut out our visitors during COVID. Boy what a day it was! So many of our students came dressed in their national costume and this year our cultures committee came up with the idea of doing a Cultures Day Cat-walk to show off the many cultures represented at our school. Thank you too to all the families who supplied food for our shared lunch together. I got to sample Taro, Indian Curry, Swedish Kanelbulle (pastries), South African Milk Tart and a whole host of other tasty goodies! A huge thank you goes out to our Student Cultural Committee and Mrs Natasha Casey for their superb organisation of the day. Here are a few of my favourite pictures:















There are a few other important events coming up that I would like to draw your attention to:

Year 11-13 NCEA Examinations

Yesterday we farewelled our year 11's to 13's from school. These students are now on exam leave, studying for NCEA examinations which begin on Monday 7th November 2022. Our primary prayer warriors 'prayed out' our senior students at the end of our Cultural performances and I would ask that you continue to uphold these students in your prayers. The impact of the last three years on academic learning nationwide has been huge, however we have confidence that God will come through for our students and that they will achieve highly in their upcoming examinations.

Year 6 and Year 8 Camp

Next week our year 6's head away on camp from Tuesday to Thursday to Camp Rangi Woods in the Pohangina Valley. The year 8's then head away the following week to MiCamp Whakamaru from Monday to Wednesday. We pray for safety and a fantastic time together at both of these camps. Thank you in advance to the many parents who will be attending these camps as parent-helpers.

End of Year Prize-giving

Our end of year Prize-giving this year will be held on Thursday 15th December 2022 in the school gymnasium. The year 1-6 prize-giving will run from 1-3pm and the year 7-13 prize-giving from 6:30-9pm. Please put these two important events in your calendar – all parents and whānau are of course invited.

Paid Union Meetings coming up

The NZEI Primary Union the PPTA Secondary Union are currently negotiating collective bargaining for all teachers across New Zealand. Our current contract expired mid-year 2022 and it would be fair to say that this bargaining process is proving challenging in the current economic environment. Secondary Teachers will be attending a paid union meeting on Tuesday 29th November from 1:15pm onwards and I believe that we will be able to run normal afternoon classes for all year 7-10 students with a skeleton staff in place. The Primary paid union meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th November from 1:15pm onwards. Our efforts to find relievers to put a skeleton staff in place to cover classes on this afternoon are proving difficult. Therefore, we have made the decision that parents are welcome to take their Primary aged children home that afternoon but aren't expected to. If you do decide to do so, can you please let your child's teacher know?

Have a great weekend!

Blessings, Chris Mitchell Principal Email: <u>principal@cornerstone.ac.nz</u>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Student of the Week Certificates - Week 2

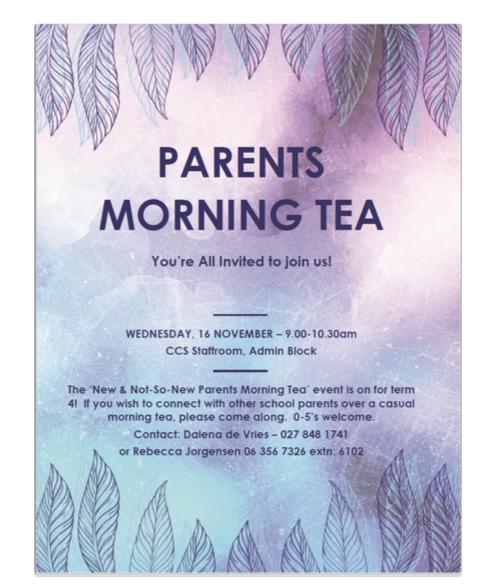
Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Week Certificate in Week 2.

Aroha

A1 Welcome: Sophia, Skylar-Rose, Micah, Jemimah, Evan, Hannah, Jebediah, Anton, Garie A1: Wyatt and Aaron A2: Macy and Mario (SK) A3: Luke and Jericho A4: Noah H and Dave A5: Lily D1: Karil and Masyn



Parents Morning Tea - Wednesday 16th November





Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly - Wednesday 16th November

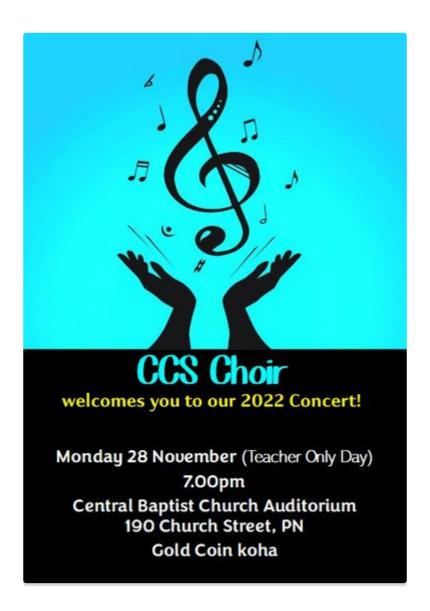
There will be a Primary Cornerstone Awards assembly on Wednesday 16th November at 2pm in the school gym. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

Teacher Only Days - Friday 25th November & Monday 28th November

There will be Teacher Only Days on Friday 25th November and Monday 28th November. School will be closed for instruction for all years on these days. There will be no onsite supervision for students on these days.



Primary Choir Concert - Monday 28th November



Lost Boys PE Top

Lost Boys PE Top with the number 56 on the back. Please drop in at the office if found.



Breakfast Club on Friday Mornings

Breakfast Club is running again on Friday mornings this term. Students are invited to come to G2 from 8am on Friday mornings to enjoy some yummy breakfast together.

Aroha Children Being Collected After School

If you have arranged for someone different to collect your child from their Aroha class (year 1-2) after school, please notify their teacher so they can release your child knowing they are going home with the correct person. Aroha students can be collected by older siblings who are year 5 and up.



Planning for 2023

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





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

Preferred Payment Method

Our preferred method of payment is EFTPOS or online payments. Our account details are:

Cornerstone Christian School Account: 02-0727-0154852-00 (PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS ACCOUNT FOR ATTENDANCE DUES)

We can only accept cash if it is the exact amount of your payment. We are unable to give change as we no longer hold a cash float.

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

Marist Cricket - Tuesday Lunchtimes for Term 4

Neil Barnett from Marist Cricket is coming to school on Tuesday lunchtimes for the remainder of the term to run cricket skills and small games with any interested year 3-5 students. Meet him on the field by the senior playground.



Marist Cricket have spaces 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. Neil Barnett will be present.

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

Please Return Sports Uniform

If your child still has a sports uniform that has been issued for an event – and the event has finished, or the sport has finished, can you please return the uniform to the uniform box in the sports office now.

Any uniforms not returned will be charged for.

Thank Your Coaches



Does your child play sport this term?

Is it awesome having a parent, teacher or student helping by coaching the team so you can just sit back and enjoy watching your child?

Please make sure you say THANK YOU every week to those people who have stepped up to these roles.

At the end of the short term 4 sports season, I ask that you please acknowledge these people who have looked after your child's team by gifting them something small - a box of chocolates, a café voucher, a coffee voucher or something else small.

It is easy to thank the people who are giving back to our children and it is important that we show our appreciation.

Fees for term 4 sports don't cover gifts to coaches so please show your appreciation in your own way.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Girls Volleyball Friday 4 November
- NCEA Exams Start Monday 7 November
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 7 November
- Year 6 Camp Tuesday 8 November Friday 11 November
- Parents Student Wellbeing Seminar Wednesday 9 November 7pm Staffroom
- Year 8 Camp Monday 14 November Wednesday 16 November
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 14 November
- Yr 7-10 Mufti Day Monday 14 November
- NZEI Primary Teachers Union Meeting Tuesday 15 November 1.15pm
- Yr 7 Trip to Waiouru Wednesday 16 November
- Parents Morning Tea Wednesday 16 November 9am Staffroom
- Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly Wednesday 16 November 2pm Gym
- Year 1-6 Athletics Day Friday 18 November
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 21 November
- New Entrant Vision Hearing Testing Tuesday 22 November
- BOT Meeting Tuesday 22 November 6.30pm
- Teacher Only Day Friday 25 November School Closed
- Teacher Only Day Monday 28 November School Closed
- Primary Choir Concert Monday 28 November 7pm Central Baptist Church Gold coin donation
- PPTA Seconday Teachers Union Meeting Tuesday 29 November 1.15pm
- Yr 6 Inter-school Athletics Tuesday 29 November
- Road Patrol Orange Day Parade Friday 2 December
- Yr 9 Activity Week Monday 5 December Friday 9 December
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 5 December
- Yr 10 Camp Tuesday 6 December Friday 9 December
- Yr 5 Beach Safety Trip Thursday 8 December
- Yr 6 Beach Safety Trip Friday 9 December
- Yr 7-8 Performance Evening Friday 9 December
- Yr 13 Graduation Supper Saturday 10 December
- Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons Monday 12 December
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- Top Tribe Day Wednesday 14 December
- Yr 1-6 Prizegiving Thursday 15 December 1pm
- Yr 7-13 Prizegiving Thursday 15 December 6.30pm
- Final Assembly & Carols Friday 16 December 11.15am
- School Finishes for 2022 Friday 16 December 12pm

2022/2023 TERM DATES

Term 4: Monday 17th October - Friday 16th December (Finish at 12pm) Term 1 2023: Monday 30th January - Thursday 6th April



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

iBike4Kids - Sunday 6th November

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 <u>www.ibike4kids.co.nz</u>



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

PN Christmas Parade - Sunday 4th December

PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route (approx. 900m). You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one. You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to **www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz**

to enter online.

4th December 2022 2pm Parade Start



City Library Summer Reading Programme 2022-23







Ngā Paki o Rēhua 2022-2023 Summer Reading Programme 2022-23



PĀNUI, TĀKARO, PIRO! Read, play, score!

THIS SUMMER with our reading programmes

Summer Reading for ages 4-10 & iRead for ages 11-13

Monday 5 December 2022 to Thursday 26 January 2023

Registrations open 9am Monday 21 November 2022

visit citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz

Limited Places Available

Palmy Kid's Tri Series - February 2023



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 - <u>https://www.brainplay.co.nz/</u>.



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!

FREE Conjunctivitis Service at your Local Pharmacy



Full Calendar

Our Website

