

# School Newsletter

## Term 4 – Week 6

Cornerstone Christian School – 24 November 2022

*Psalms 9:1*

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

It seems crazy that next week marks the first of December. 'Where has this year gone?' is a common phrase I hear from parents in our school community. This Sunday we begin the first day of the Christian tradition of 'Advent' in the weeks leading up to the birth of Christ at Christmas. Advent—a word derived from a Latin word meaning "arrival," gives us time to reflect on the one who is about to arrive! Immanuel—the immense God who became immensely small; a single cell lying in a poor teen's womb. In Advent we anticipate the arrival of a ruler who will show a different way to rule; one who gently shepherds instead of manipulating through powerplay. In Advent we wait for the child born unto us upon whose shoulders the government will rest; the Prince of Peace in whose kingdom the lion lays down with the lamb. This season of advent is about waiting—a practice I confess I struggle with, but a holy practice I think is healthy as we enter this crazy Christmas silly season!

There are a few key events and reminders I would like to take a moment to outline in this newsletter:

#### 1. Primary Athletics

Thanks everyone who attended our Primary Athletic competition last Friday. We managed to squeak this event in before the rain came down! Here are a few photos from the day:



#### 1. Teacher Only Days

Please remember that tomorrow (Friday 25th November) and Monday (28th November) the school is closed for instruction to allow teachers to take part in our last two Education Union (Accord) Teacher Only days. I know this will likely inconvenience many families who will need to make alternative care arrangements. Please remember, if you are stuck, Kelvin Kids After School Care is taking bookings (Ph 021 357 864).

## 2. Senior Student Examinations

Next week marks the very last of the Year 11-13 examinations. Please continue to hold our students in your prayers and thank you to so many families I know have been praying faithfully for our students over the past few weeks. We anticipate that most of our year 11 to 13 students will manage to pass NCEA 1,2 and 3 in spite of all of the COVID interruptions. I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our secondary teachers who have literally worked their tails off in the last few weeks to ensure no student gets left behind – thank you!

## 3. Uniform

Please remember that we have now shifted our School Uniform shop offsite. All parents are to purchase all regulation school uniform items at NZ Uniforms, 589B Tremaine Avenue, Palmerston North. This shop remains open over the Summer Holidays and is also open on Saturdays, 9am till 4pm. I would like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Ilona Shewell, our student administration officer who has run our school uniform shop superbly here at Cornerstone Christian School. Ilona will remain as student admin officer but will have space to pick up a number of other school admin roles now that we have passed responsibility for our uniform to NZ Uniforms Ltd.

## 4. Prizegiving and the required Uniform for these Events

I would like to formally invite all Cornerstone parents and extended family to our two Cornerstone Christian School Prize-giving ceremonies:

**a. Primary School End of Year Celebration** – Thursday 15th December in the school gymnasium starting at 1.00pm. All students will need to come dressed in their neatest summer school uniform and shoes. We suggest that students do not wear their polar fleece jackets as we anticipate that it will be warm inside the gymnasium. No coloured shoes are to be worn only regulation black roman sandals or leather/leather-look shoes. For more information on our regulation uniform please click [here](#):

**b. Middle School (year 7-10) and Senior Secondary School Prize-giving** – Thursday 15th December in the school gymnasium starting at 6:30pm.

Middle School students will need to come dressed in a clean white regulation school shirt or blouse with regulation school shorts or skirt. Regulation Jerseys or cardigans may be worn if the day is colder. Students are to wear tidy black roman sandals, black leather lace-up/buckle shoes or black leather look sneakers (see photos [here](#)) with regulation navy blue opaque tights or regulation navy socks (no other colours are allowed on the shoes or soles, canvas shoes are not permitted).

Senior School Students, please wear the regulation school blazer and tie. If students do not own a blazer, then the required uniform is the same as for middle school students (above). The school will be conducting uniform checks of year 7-10 students today and parents will be notified by email or text if a student's uniform is non-compliant or needs sorting out before end of year prize-giving.

Kia pai te mutunga wiki (have a great weekend!)

Chris Mitchell

Principal

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

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Primary School Cornerstone Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a Cornerstone Award last week. Well done!

### Aroha

A1: Hannah M, Micah and Deborah  
A2: Macy, Meisha and Liam  
A3: Charlotte, Ava and Mia  
A4: Noah L, Leah and Carike  
A5: Levi, Elo and Anneke  
D1: Mufaro, Aaliyah and Joel



### Manahau

D2: Mahima, Matthew and Annabelle  
D3: Joel, Victoria and Atticus  
D5: Madison, Amelia and David  
D6: Jeron, Sione and Amalie

### Tumanako

C2: Jisu, Lucy and Jonathan  
C4: Sofia, Nathaniel and Eun-Hae  
C6: Matthew, Nicky and Enya

## ESOL In The Spotlight

A few pictures of the amazing Laura Siegel at work with some of her junior ESOL students. They are exploring the word 'dapple' in a creative way. Laura always plans fun and meaningful learning opportunities for her lucky students! Dapple- to cover something with spots of colour. What an awesome new word to have in their English vocabulary!



## All School 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.



## Kelvin After School Kids Open on Teacher Only Days

On Friday 25th November and Monday 28th November, Kelvin After School Kids will be open for the full days. Please contact Christina for more information and enrolment procedure.

Email: [christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz](mailto:christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz) or phone/text 021 357864.

## Primary School Choir Concert

Monday 28th November

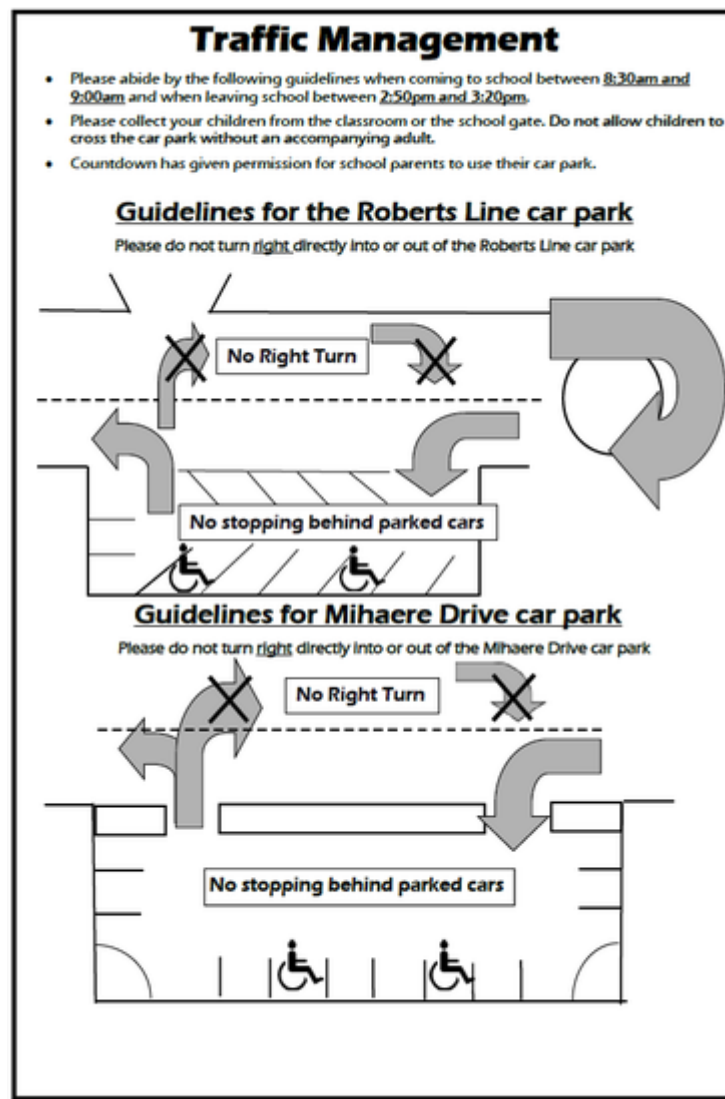
A graphic featuring a large black treble clef and several musical notes floating above two hands reaching upwards. The background is a solid blue color.

**CCS Choir**  
welcomes you to our 2022 Concert!

Monday 28 November (Teacher Only Day)  
7.00pm  
Central Baptist Church Auditorium  
190 Church Street, PN  
Gold Coin koha



Please take note of our traffic management guidelines below which operates at peak traffic times before school between 8:30am and 9:00am and after school between 2:50pm and 3:20pm. For the safety of our students and families please abide by these guidelines.



## Arrival Time for All Students

Students are not to arrive or be dropped off at school before 8:30am as teachers are not available for supervision before this time. We have noticed a significant increase of students arriving between 8am and 8:30am.

## Primary School 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.


## All School 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

Thank you to Arise Church for assisting with this programme.



## Order Your 2022 Yr 7-13 Yearbook



**The 2022  
Yr 7-13 Yearbook**


Sixty pages of Cultural Events,  
Sports, Dress-up Days, Socials,  
Tribes, Year 13s and Class Photos.

**Price: \$15**  
Due Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Early Bird: \$12.50**  
Due Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

See [MyKindo.co.nz](http://MyKindo.co.nz)  
"Optional Learning Services"

*Brought to you by senior Digitech*



## Gala Food Trucks And Stalls

We are starting to book food trucks and stalls for our food village at the Cornerstone Gala on Saturday 25th March 2023.

If you run a food truck and are interested in coming along, or if you are keen to volunteer to run a food stall and have a cuisine in mind please email [dalenaDEVRIES@gmail.com](mailto:dalenaDEVRIES@gmail.com).

## Private Music Lessons at Cornerstone Christian School 2023

Robyn Good (piano teacher-AIRMT) is offering piano lessons again at CCS in 2023. Lessons are individual half-hour sessions costing \$25 and will be held in school time in G1.1.

To find out more information, book a place for next year and start your child's musical journey please contact Robyn 021 046 3105 or [goodonthepiano@gmail.com](mailto:goodonthepiano@gmail.com)

Also, congratulations to Josh R for gaining Distinction in his recent Grade 1 Trinity piano exam and Nerine F for Merit in Grade 4. Best wishes also to Daniel S, David S, Luke F, Andrew I and Penelope W who will be taking part in the registered music teachers' Duet Fun Fest on Sunday 27th November at Freyberg High.

## 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.



### Why Pray?

We gather to pray together because:

- We need Jesus!!!
- There's Power in the name of Jesus
- Our children desperately need prayer covering in this day and age
- Christian education is a privilege that we must guard in prayer, including covering our teachers
- We are called by Jesus

Blessings to those who pray at home.

Our numbers at prayer group are down, sometimes to one person. We welcome parents & grandparents who can come.

You don't have to commit to every week, please come when you can. If you're passionate & willing you're qualified, you don't have to consider yourself a prayer warrior.



## All School 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](mailto:enrol@cornerstone.ac.nz) or let someone in the office know asap. Thank you.

## 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!



*Streetwise Coffee*  
Palmerston North



## SPORTS NOTICES

### Yr 7/8 Elite Sports Athletics

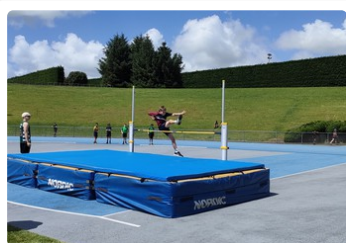
Congratulations to our Y7/8 Elite Sports Athletics team.  
They managed 2nd overall against the other 7 schools.

Notable achievements:

Wynton O. 1st 1200m, Long Jump

Phoebe O. 1st Long Jump

There were also a lot of seconds.



### Junior Girls Volleyball Raffle Result

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle for the Junior Girls Volleyball tournament in Porirua. The winner of the raffle was Mr Jeff Rowan.  
Here is a picture of Mrs Vicki Campbell doing the draw.



## **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.

## **United Junior Cricket 2023**



United Junior Cricket Club is a family-friendly club where children can learn and have fun playing cricket. We foster a strong team spirit, encourage excellent sporting conduct, and enjoy healthy competition. We have teams for years 2-8 with games on a Tuesday afternoon, Friday evening, or Saturday morning in 2023.

We'd love you to join us for the 2023 season, starting February.

Enquire now!

Email [unitedjcc.pn@gmail.com](mailto:unitedjcc.pn@gmail.com) Facebook [United Junior Cricket Club](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **All School Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 November - School Closed**
- **All School Teacher Only Day - Monday 28 November - School Closed**
- **Primary School Choir Concert** - Monday 28 November - 7pm - Central Baptist Church - Gold coin donation
- **PPTA Secondary Teachers Union Meeting** - Tuesday 29 November - 1:15pm - **School will remain open.**
- **Yr 6 Inter-school Athletics** - Thursday 1 December
- **Volunteer Appreciation Morning Tea** - Thursday 1 December
- **Road Patrol Orange Day Parade** - Friday 2 December
- **Itinerant Concert** - Friday 2 December - 4pm - L5
- **Yr 9 Activity Week** - Monday 5 December - Friday 9 December
- **Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons** - Monday 5 December
- **Yr 10 Hospital Career Trip** - 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 13 Graduation Supper** - Saturday 10 December - 7pm - 9:30pm
- **Yr 4-7 Swimming Lessons** - Monday 12 December
- **Yr 10 10-5 Call Centre and Police Dog Base Trip** - Monday 12 December
- **Yr 10 Forestry Big Day Out** - Tuesday 13 December
- **All School Top Tribe Day** - Wednesday 14 December - **Please wear tribe colours**
- **Primary School Prizegiving** - Thursday 15 December - 1pm
- **Middle School and Senior School 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

### Celebrate Advent 2022 With CBM

**cbm** invites you and your family to join with them and other Christians around Aotearoa to celebrate Advent 2022! Check out their Free "Advent at Home" resource at [www.advent.org.nz](http://www.advent.org.nz)



### Saturday Music Enrolments

Early Bird Price Ends 27th November





**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](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz)**

[contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto:contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz)

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

## **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](http://www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz)** to enter online.

**4th December 2022**

**2pm Parade Start**



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## City Library Summer Reading Programme

Monday 5th December 2022 - Thursday 26th January 2023



# TŪ MAI KITE TĀKARO! GAME ON!

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](http://citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz)

*Limited Places Available*

## Gumboots Brass and Wind Summer Camp

Thursday 12th January - Saturday 14th January 2023

GUMBOOTS BRASS AND WIND ENSEMBLE 2023

# SAVE THE DATE SUMMER CAMP



Thursday 12 January to Saturday 14 January 2023

Where will it be? Help us choose the best spot for your band

Taihape OR Palmerston North OR ???

Cost per player \$100 for tuition and lunch over three days.

*Seats are limited, so register your interest early*

Register your interest **by 15 November 2022** to be in the draw  
for a free lesson with Harmen Vanhoorne\*

\*details of lesson to be by mutual arrangement

**REGISTER NOW** Text your name, your choice of location and GUMBOOTS  
to 021 689 005 or email us at [gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com](mailto:gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com)

About our lead tutor **Harmen Vanhoorne**

Renowned across the globe as one of the world's finest brass players and educators, Harmen conducts Auckland's premiere A Grade brass band, North Shore Brass and was the musical director of the 2020/2021 National Secondary Schools Brass Band. In September 2021, Harmen has partnered with a team of passionate individuals across the Lower North Island to create opportunities for young players in their region through a network of workshops, concerts and camps.

COVID-19 government guidelines will apply to this event.

For further information about the Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble project  
e: [gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com](mailto:gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com) or Kathy 021 689 005



## Palmy Kid's Tri Series

February 2023





# I Tri'd the Tri Series

## KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years

Register at  
[www.triclub.co.nz](http://www.triclub.co.nz)

**FREE Conjunctivitis Service at your Local Pharmacy**

# 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**

## Cornerstone Christian School App

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APP STORE



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- electronic version (003).pdf

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187.3 KB



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