

School Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 1

Cornerstone Christian School – 3 February 2023

1 Corinthians 15:58

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Monday this week was so good – seeing our awesome Cornerstone students flooding back into school; meeting parents; noting who had grown inches taller over the holidays and getting back into the swing of the school year. I get a sense that 2023 is just going to be a really good year! Last week during our Teacher's Only Day I talked with staff about our theme for the year – 'Making Room for God'. My wife Anne-Marie and I have four lovely grown daughters who each love Dad cuddles, however I confess that I have reached the stage of life where I take the odd Nana (Grandpa) nap on the couch in the afternoon. When my daughters come home to raid the fridge, they tend to plonk themselves down on the couch (where I just might be napping) with a shove and a "Move over Dad!" In the same way, I feel that God is saying for us here at school that we need to be spiritually prepared to 'move over a bit' to give space to God being at work in our lives this year – in our families, in our classrooms at school and with all of the students we interact with. James chapter 4 and verse 8 in the Bible, puts it this way, "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. "



Thank you, parents, especially for your support of our Pōwhiri on Monday this week. It was so good to meet all our new families and to welcome them in a way that honours tikanga Māori and gives space for us to pray for God to be a part of your children and young people's learning journey here at Cornerstone Christian School.

A huge thank you to Mana Whenua, Wiremu and Trieste Te Aweawe (Rangitane iwi) who are so supportive of what we are doing here at Cornerstone Christian School and also to Piripi Blake who spoke on behalf of our Manuhiri (visitors).

On Thursday 26th January our staff were privileged to visit Rangimarie Marae at Rangiotu where we learned about the history of the Manawatū region and the part the Bible (Te Paipera Tapu) played in bringing peace to this area during the Māori wars.



A special thank you also to parents for their patience this week as we were forced to postpone the start date for our year 9's to 12's due to non-completion of our new Secondary Block (I block). The good news is that we have now received a Certificate of Public Usage (CPU) for I-block from the Palmerston North City Council. Yay! This means that we will be able to open the school for all year 9-13's on Tuesday 7th February 2023. Please be aware that a temporary balustrade remains in place on the upstairs balcony, however this has been secured with bolts to the concrete. The permanent balustrade will be installed over the April school holidays as the builders need a clear week to put this structure in place. Yes, this has been a real point of frustration for us here at school at the beginning of the school year however it does tend to pale in comparison to what our colleagues in Auckland are facing in schools that have been damaged beyond repair due to the Auckland floods. Please stand with us in prayer for these affected schools and families.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Chris Mitchell

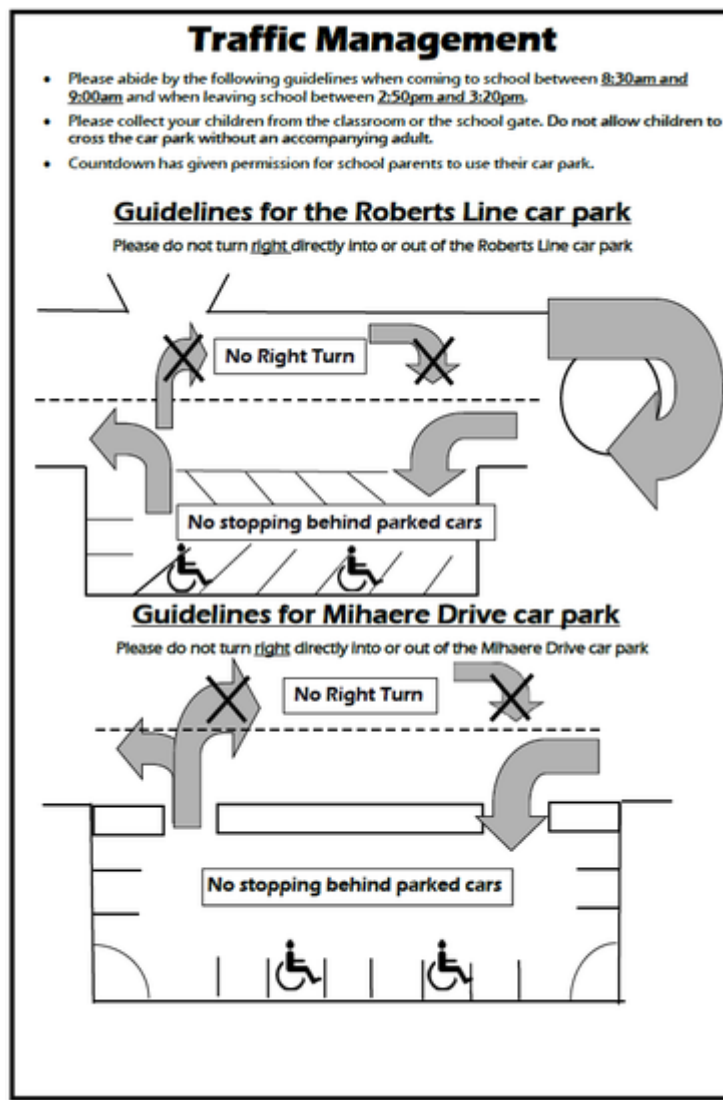
Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

Traffic Management Guidelines

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.



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.



Vision/Hearing Screening Tests

Monday 27th February

The Vision/Hearing Technician will be visiting our school on Monday 27th February.

Children to be screened during this visit are:

- New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check
- Year 7 Students
- A number of Year 8 Students - those who have previously not been screened as a year 7
- Children who have no previous screening record.

If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked please inform the school office on office@cornerstone.ac.nz

Lost Property

In order to keep on top of the lost property we will be sorting and clearing out the lost property once a month.

Any named items will be put aside and parents contacted, any unnamed items will be placed on the second hand rack.

Please check the lost property regularly.

Juicies for Sale

The Cornerstone Fundraising Group (CFG) will be selling Juicies Friday lunchtimes during term 1. A yummy treat on a hot sunny day.

Juicies are \$2.50 and can be preordered via MyKindo or bring cash on the day.

Aroha team can collect their Juicies from the table outside A block.

Rest of Primary from the table outside C block.

Secondary from table outside G block.

If any parents are free on Friday lunchtimes (12.50pm to 1.30pm) to help assist with the pick up of Juicies, please contact Anna Fletcher on annaf@cornerstone.ac.nz



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
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SPORTS NOTICES

Year 7-13 Inter-Tribe Swimming Sports 2023

Friday 17th February



Inter-Tribe Swimming Sports 2023
Lido Aquatic Centre
Friday 17th Feb

Overall Tribe	
2014	Naphtali
2015-16	Issachar
2017	Naphtali
2018-21	Issachar

Swim Shop not available for students sorry.

- **Wear tribe colours. (include a hat)**
- **Bring your togs and lunch.**
- **Prebook BBQ sausages on MYKINDO. \$2.50.**
 - **Juicies available on the day.**
- **All students bussed to Lido. (no cost)**
- **Leaving @ 9am returning by 3pm.**
- **All Y7-13 students will register for at least one individual event at your tribe meeting.**
- **Plenty of other fun events on the day, plus a swim at the end if time.**
- **Pool depth – 0.9m to 1.6m (most activity in shallow end)**



This picture may not actually represent the pool students will be swimming in.

Croquet Term 1

If your student would like to play Term 1 Croquet, please contact Jannell no later than Friday 10th

February.

Representative Badminton

Anyone interested in playing representative badminton should check out the Badminton Manawatu website for details for upcoming events and training.

Preparing For High School Level Hockey

If your student is in years 7, 8 or 9 they can join up with a local club to play in a Monday night hockey competition.

11 A SIDE – ONE HOUR GAME A NIGHT

Monday Evenings 5.30 – 7.30pm

Beginning Feb 20 for 6 weeks

COACHES PROVIDED BY CLUBS

ENTER ONLINE WITH A CLUB – go to www.hockeymanawatu.org.nz

United Junior Cricket Club



Is there a keen junior cricketer, year 2-4, in your family?

United Junior Cricket Club is a family-friendly club where children can learn and have fun playing cricket. Dual pitch cricket is the perfect place to start. Teams play on a Tuesday afternoon from 5-6pm. We have a few spaces left for the 2021 season and we'd love you to join us! Go in the **draw to win** a cricket bat signed by former BlackCaps stars or a coaching session with former BlackCaps legend, Jacob Oram! Registrations close Friday 5th February, so enquire now.

Email unitedjcc.pn@gmail.com Facebook [United Junior Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedJuniorCricketClub)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Waitangi Day Holiday** - Monday 6th February - School Closed
- **Yr 7-13 Swimming Sports** - Friday 17th February - The Lido Pool
- **Breakfast Club Starting** - Friday 17th February - G2
- **Vision/Hearing Screening** - Monday 27th February
- **School ID Photos** - Tuesday 28th February
- **Yr 6 Camp** - Monday 6th March - Friday 10th March
- **Yr 7-13 Athletics** - Monday 6th March - Massey Track

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 20th January - Thursday 6th April

Term 2: Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

Term 3: Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Monday 9th October - Thursday 14th December

Teacher Only Days - School Closed

Friday 31st March

Monday 24th April

Friday 2nd June

Monday 28th August (TBC)



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

Children's Drawing Classes with Mike Ryan - Term 1 2023

Does your child love to draw? Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces available this term 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. <http://artforartsake.co.nz>

Brain Play Online 2023

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. Get Term 1 2023 sorted! Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.



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

XRace 2023

26th February 2023



NZHL XRACE

XRACE is the perfect experience to strengthen your child's self-esteem and empower them to be the best kids they can be. Best of all, you get to be their team mate, racing together, side-by-side to the best finish-line ever!

Our school gets a \$20 per family entry discount.
Use this promo code at the checkout to claim your discount.

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Enter now at www.xrace.co.nz

What is XRACE?

www.xrace.co.nz



- XRACE is a fun-filled family event - where mum or dad must team together with one of the kids and take on the XRACE course and 10 mystery challenges.
- A team is one parent and one child aged between 6 and 14.
- Teams can choose their own pace, flat out from the start or a fast walk - the choice is yours.
- Challenges range from physical like tug-of-war to puzzling puzzles to artistic challenges like the paint challenge.
- Buy tickets at www.xrace.co.nz

USE THIS PROMOTIONAL CODE TO GET AN
ADDITIONAL \$20 OFF YOUR FAMILY ENTRY.

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Saturday Music 2023

Starting Saturday 4th March

Saturday Music

Music education classes for children at primary and intermediate level.

8:30 am - 11:45 am
Saturday mornings.
\$130 per student per class for 2023!

Classes begin 4th
March 2023.

Teaching keyboard, drums, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, ukulele, choir and orchestra



To enrol: visit
saturdaymusic.org.nz

[Full Calendar](#)

[Our Website](#)

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- electronic version (003).pdf

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