

School Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 3

Cornerstone Christian School – 17 February 2023

Jeremiah 31:25

"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Our hearts go out this week to all those affected by cyclone Gabrielle and the devastation evident across the North Island. We have several Cornerstone families living in the Ashhurst / Pohangina area whose homes or access to homes was damaged. One highlight of the week has been watching the way our wider school community has rallied around those in need. I know a lot of us have friends and families who have lost everything in the Hawkes Bay / Tairāwhiti area and in the coming weeks let us see how we can share what we have with those in need.

Here at Cornerstone we did not escape damage from the cyclone with a large and very heavy aluminium joinery panel being blown out of the rear of our new I block building stairwell and falling several metres to the ground. I am so thankful this happened at a time when students were in class otherwise the outcome could have been tragic for those walking to and from L-block.



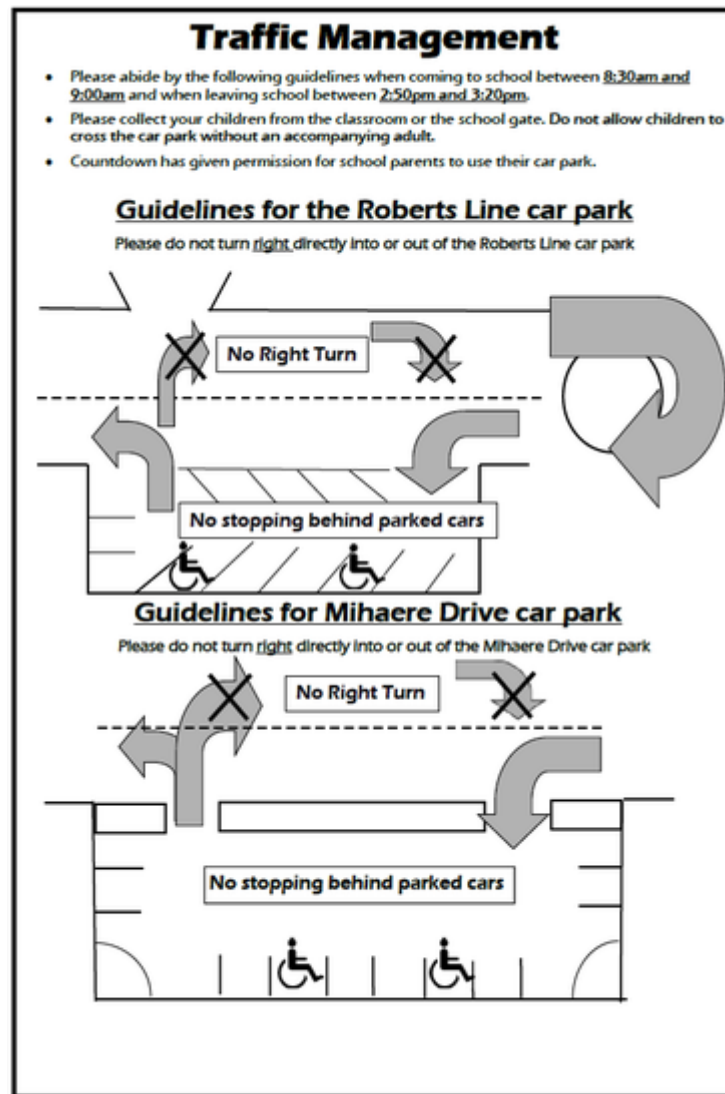
During weeks like this one when our country seems gripped by tragedy, we can be forgiven for asking the question, where is God in all of this mess? Let me simply say that in every season of tragedy and pain God is close. God is *close* – a co-suffering God who walks with us through every event and season of life. In my reading over the summer break, I read a Christian meditation on the Parable of the Prodigal Son by author Henri Nouwen and was struck by a passage that I would like to share with you:

“It might sound strange, but God wants to be near to me as much as, if not more than, I want to be near to God. God is not the patriarch who stays home, doesn't move, and expects his children to come to him, apologize for their aberrant behavior, beg for forgiveness, and promise to do better. To the contrary, he leaves the house, ignoring his dignity by running toward them; pays no heed to apologies and promises of change, and brings them to the table richly prepared for them. I am beginning to now see how radically the character of my spiritual journey will change when I no longer think of God as hiding out and making it as difficult as possible for me to find him, but, instead, as the One who is looking for me while I am doing the hiding.” - Henri Nouwen

Grace and peace to you this week.

Traffic Management

Can I please ask that parents take time to familiarise themselves with our school's traffic management plan in and around our two carparks here at school (Roberts Line and Mihaere Drive – see below). I have fielded a number of calls and emails about the way school vehicles are blocking roads and especially the Mihaere Drive roundabout while waiting to turn into the carparks. This is especially apparent when it is raining. Please, please have consideration for others, and if you can see that the carpark is full, keep driving and park on the side of the road or in the Countdown supermarket carpark. Unless there is a marked improvement in our traffic management over the next few weeks, it is likely we will be asked to close both school carparks at peak drop off and pickup times.



Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 22nd February - 1:40pm - 5:00pm (School will finish at 12:50pm)

Thursday 23rd February - 3:30pm - 6:30pm

The booking system is now open for our Term 1 Week 4 Y0-13 Parent / Teacher Conferences.

How to make a booking:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Click "Make a Booking"
- Enter the event code: **5mawz**
- Follow the on-screen instructions to book an interview. Repeat for each child, use their full name please.

If you have difficulty making a booking, please phone the school office for assistance between 9am and 3pm week days.

Bookings will close 5pm Tuesday 21st February.

Early Finish All School

Wednesday 22nd February - 12:50pm

School will finish at 12:50pm for the whole school on Wednesday 22nd February to allow for Parent / Teacher Conferences. We ask that you make alternative arrangements to look after you children from 12:50pm on this day.

If you are unable to collect your children early some supervision is available from 1:40pm - 3:00pm. Please ensure that you register your child for supervision by phoning the office on 06 356 7326 before Wednesday.

The Ashhurst and Feilding buses will run at the earlier time of 1:00pm. Please make arrangements to collect your child from their normal bus stop drop off point earlier on this day.

If you are unable to collect your child from their usual bus stop drop off point at the earlier times there will be some supervision provided at school until 3:00pm. Please ensure that you register you child for supervision by phoning the school office on 06 356 7326 before Wednesday. Your child will then need to be collected from school at 3:00pm.

Kelvin After School Kids is providing a programme on this day and can collect your children from their classroom at the early time of 12:50pm and look after them on-site in the gym classroom until you collect them. If you would to book in for this programme please contact Christina at christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz or phone 021 357 864.

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

Cornerstone Gala

The Cornerstone Fundraising Committee are excited about the upcoming Gala taking place here at school on Saturday 25th March. In order for this to be a successful day, we need everyone's help so please sign up for an activity to help with on the day here: <https://forms.gle/VeSGzJCxYx8Pm9zt7>



Primary Student of the Week Certificates

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

Manahau

D3: Deacon Y and Naomi B
D5: Arlo S and Janco VH
D6: Elijah W and Janine T

Tumanako

C1: Bradley S and Eli VDW
C2: David M and Alexander B
C4: Stella B and Matthew G
C6: Eli M and Cael DP



Breakfast Club

Monday - Friday in L2

Breakfast Club will run every day from 8:15am to 8:45am in L2. There will be Weetbix, milk, toast, spreads and a drink of Hot Chocolate available.

On a Friday morning, it will be a special Breakfast Club day with a group of volunteers from Arise Church preparing and serving a more substantial breakfast - eggs, toast, baked beans, cereal, juice etc.

Please note change of location - now in L2



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 each, our preferred method is to pre-order via myKindo, please no cash on Friday for Aroha students.

- 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



Scholastic Book Club #1

The first Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year (#1) is available now and can be viewed online at:

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> Orders must be placed online in their Loop system and **orders must be placed by the end of week 4 to get free delivery to school.** Any questions? See Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you!

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.

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.



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

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

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- **Vision/Hearing Screening** - Monday 27th February - 9:00am
- **Yr 6 Camp Parent Meeting** - Monday 27th February - 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Yr 7&8 Elite Sports Touch** - Tuesday 28th February
- **School ID Photos** - Tuesday 28th February
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 28th February - 6:30pm
- **Mufti Day** - Friday 3rd March
- **Yr 7-13 Athletics** - Monday 6th March - Massey Track
- **Yr 6 Camp** - Tuesday 7th March - Friday 10th March
- **Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly** - Tuesday 14th March - 9:15am - School Gym
- **Weetbix Tryathlon** - Tuesday 21st March
- **Yr 7&8 Elite Sports Volleyball** - Thursday 23rd March
- **School Gala** - Saturday 25th March - 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Secondary Summer Sports Week** - Monday 27th March - Thursday 30th March
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 28th March - 6:30pm
- **Yr 1-6 Cross Country** - Thursday 30 March
- **Teacher Only Day - School Closed** - Friday 31st March
- **Inter-Tribe Summer Games (Tribe Mufti Day)** - Thursday 6th April
- **Last Day of Term 1** - Thursday 6th April
- **Good Friday - School Closed** - Friday 7th April
- **First Day of Term 2** - Wednesday 26th April

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: Monday 30th January - Thursday 6th April

Term 2: Wednesday 26th 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

Friday 2nd June

Friday 30th 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

ACROSS Triple P - "Fear-Less" Anxiety Programme

9th February - 30th March



ACROSS Triple P - "Fear-Less" Anxiety Programme



"Reducing your 6- to 12-year-olds anxiety"

NOTE: We also have a daytime 3 session course for parents of 4- to 6-year-olds – contact ACROSS for more details

Who is it for and what is the cost?

For parents and caregivers of children aged 6 to 12 years of age. If your child **often** feels worried, fearful, nervous, anxious, or scared, then this programme can help you to reduce your child's anxiety. FREE for all parents and caregivers who are in the MidCentral region (Palmerston North, Feilding, Tararua, and Horowhenua). More than one adult involved with a child can attend – they just need to be in the "parent" role or attending with someone who is in the "parent" role. There is no cost as the Ministry of Health is funding this programme.

How many sessions and what time are they?

Parents/caregivers need to attend all 6 sessions, delivered over one school term. Sessions are interactive with everyone given opportunities to share and ask questions at each session. 2 programmes run each term, both starting on the same week (Usually start on week two or three of the term). One programme runs on Thursday afternoons (12.15pm – 2.30pm) and the other on Thursday evenings (7.00 – 9.30pm). Parents choose which one works best for them. Parents can swap between sessions if they need to e.g., if you have an evening function, you can attend the afternoon session.

Where is it held?

All sessions are delivered on ZOOM where you are given an internet session link the day before each session. So, no need for babysitters or travel time/costs! All you need is a laptop/tablet/phone with internet for 2.5 hours for each session. Phones need to have a screen so you can see the videos.

NOTE: A laptop/tablet is not needed between sessions, meaning you can organise to use someone else's device for the sessions. Some parents who haven't had devices or internet use, have gone to a business or friend they know, and that business/friend has supported them by allowing them to use their internet and a device for the sessions. If this is a problem, please talk to the presenter who is happy to problem solve this with you. We want this programme available to all parents.

Who is delivering the programme?

Programme is being delivered by Prue Savill. Prue has been delivering Triple P "Positive Parenting Programmes" since 2017. Prior to this Triple P role, Prue worked for the Ministry of Education Learning support for 10 years, working directly with families and school teams to create individualised plans and programmes for children with additional needs. Prue loves to see all children succeed, and delights in seeing the adults around a child gain the knowledge and skills to be a child's long-term support. It's all about empowering those already in a child's world.

What does the programme cover?

Session Topic	Session Content	2023 Term 1 dates
Session 1 – Understanding anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Understanding what anxiety is, what may have caused it and what might be keeping it going➤ Setting a goal and bringing your family on board	Parent chooses afternoon or evening sessions 9 February 2023
Session 2 – Promoting emotional resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Learning about the building blocks for developing emotional resilience➤ Supporting your child to recognise and verbalise their feelings	16 February 2023
Session 3 - Setting a good example and encouraging realistic thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Looking at how parents can model behaviours and ways of thinking, to help their child/ren➤ Understanding how you can move your child towards more flexible and realistic thinking	(NOTE 2 weeks between) 2 March 2023
Session 4 - Overcoming avoidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Looking at how avoidance comes about and what we can do to overcome it.➤ Learning how to develop a fear ladder with your child	9 March 2023
Session 5 - Responding to children's anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of the most common ways parents respond to children's anxiety	16 March 2023
Session 5 – Constructive problem solving and maintaining progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Learning how to guide our children through a step-by-step problem-solving approach➤ How to maintain progress and plan around hurdles	(NOTE 2 weeks between) 30 March 2023

To register either click on the link to the registration form or Phone/Email ACROSS

- Fear-less 2023 Term 1 Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TTZQjix1w>
- ACROSS Phone and Email: 06 356 7486 or reception@across.org.nz

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

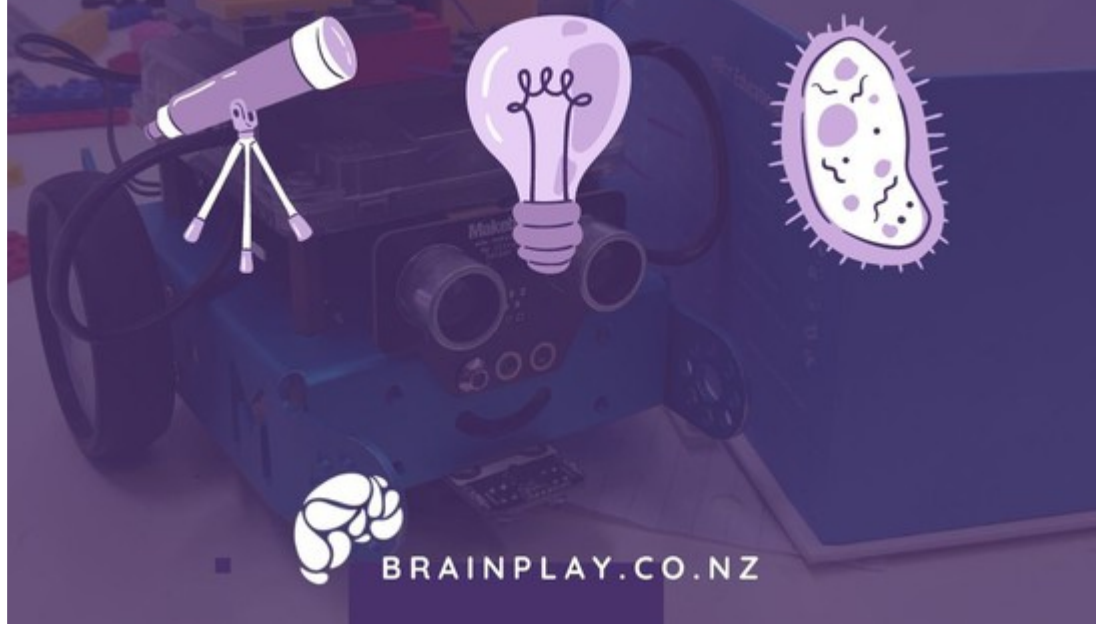
Does your child love to draw? Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces available this term for children to develop their drawing skills across a range of subjects e.g, people, animals, birds.

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/>.

Science & Tech After-school classes



Coding NZ

AGES 9 TO 18

CODING LESSONS



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Coding NZ Lessons

- Learn coding languages to create technology.
- An expert tutor is online to help during lessons.
- 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays.
- Try a free trial lesson at codingnz.com

Palmy Kid's Tri Series

20th February - 13th March

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26th February



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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

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Saturday Music 2023

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

Tots to Teens

Everything is back into swing after the summer holidays, and the latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is live go to: <https://issue2302totstoteens.co.nz>



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