

School Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 6

Cornerstone Christian School – 10 March 2023

Romans 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer".

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

The preparations for the Cornerstone Gala 2023 are in their final stages and if you don't already know, the Gala will be held on Saturday March 25th.

Advertising is going up soon but please feel free to join the Gala face book page: Cornerstone Gala and feel free to share it around your networks!

We are really excited about the Gala as it is a huge community event and is our biggest opportunity to fundraise for the Cornerstone Fundraising Group or CFG, which supports learning activities in the school.



In order to make this day a success we need your help! Here is what we need you to do:

1. Pray! Please pray that God will grant success for the day!
2. We need at least one member from each family to volunteer their time for 2 hours on the day to help run the activities. We have created an online form for you to fill in to help make this process easier. It can be found at: <https://forms.gle/VeSGzJCxYx8Pm9zt7>.
3. We need each family to provide one item of baking (i.e. a cake, batch of biscuits) for our cake stall and café. This will need to be wrapped and delivered to school on Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th of March.
4. We rely on significant financial donations in order to make this day possible. If you would like to make a donation (monetary or an item for our silent auction) please send an email to Josh Couperus (the CFG chairman) on couperusjosh@gmail.com or get in touch with him on 027 267 2925.
5. We will be having a garage sale and will be receiving good quality items in the week starting the 20th of March. Please note we will not be selling clothing or large electronic items. Items can be

dropped off at the gym during school hours from the 20th onwards. (please try to get them in early in the week as we will be setting up Thursday and Friday).

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to add them at the bottom of the online form or feel free to contact Josh on the email or phone number above.

Looking forwards to a fantastic Gala 2023!

Secondary Athletics Day

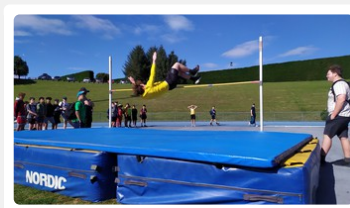
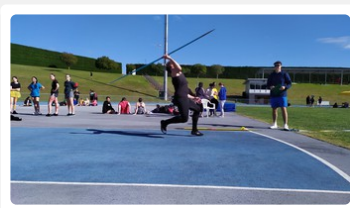
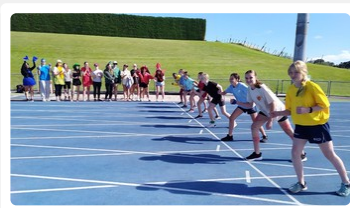
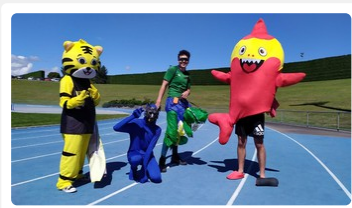
On Monday this week, our year 7-13 Secondary Students took part in the annual Athletic event. A great day was had by all. Students competed in three throwing, three jumping and five running events. Several school records were broken, by the new wave of Cornerstone athletes. This year saw the introduction of a hilarious Tribe Mascot race (see pictures). The Naphtali tribe won the overall competition on the day with Asher winning in the Mascot race. A big thank you to Mr McDonald, Mrs Casey and Mr Groube for their organisation of this fun and challenging sports event.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz



SCHOOL NOTICES

Impending Strike Action

Thursday 16th March

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Next week on Thursday 16th March the Post Primary Teachers Association, representing all teachers in years 7 to 13 here at Cornerstone Christian School, has voted to strike. This strike action is in response to the lack of satisfactory progress with Teacher Collective Agreement negotiations that have been in place since May last year. As a result Cornerstone Christian

School will collapse the timetable on March 16th and we will be only able to provide supervision for those students for whom there are no other options but to come to school. If you can, please keep your year 7-13 young person home.

If you do require supervision for your year 7-13 student(s) on this day, please let us know by filling in the form on this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=46NXLARJi0SWxfybyX7SaJoY0ykpwOtDsggJKI93IAxUQUQzRTI5NIBVR05ITDJOV1pXSlk00UNCRS4u>

Last weekend around 30,000 Primary Teachers belonging to the NZ Educational Institute (the Primary Teachers Union) voted to begin industrial action after similarly rejecting offers for their collective employment agreement. Last night NZEI informed us that Primary Staff would also strike on 16th March however, due to low Union representation amongst our Primary Teachers, it is our intention to maintain normal classes for the year 1-6 part of the school.

I will confirm these arrangements via a further email this evening.

I am aware that many in our school community may view that it is inappropriate for Teachers to be taking strike action at this time particularly when there are significant financial pressures on the government in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland Floods. Unfortunately, the last teacher pay negotiation also coincided with another nationwide disaster, namely COVID-19 and at that stage teachers graciously accepted lower wage offers in consideration of the fiscal demands on the government during the pandemic.

What we are seeing now is a flood of teachers leaving the profession due to challenging working conditions and a starting wage that is far, far below similar post-graduate degree professions. The teacher shortage is impacting Cornerstone Christian School daily as we struggle to get relief teachers for staff who are sick or who choose to upskill via professional development. Up until now teacher goodwill has been used to mask the growing teacher shortage and many Cornerstone teachers work above and beyond their actual contract hours out of a sense of devotion to our school. That is realistically no longer an option and I feel it is time for the Government to take the real and meaningful steps needed to pay teachers what they are worth.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

Email: principal@cornerstone.ac.nz

Cornerstone Gala

Saturday 25th March



Volunteers are still desperately needed for the Gala! Please click on this link

<https://forms.gle/VeSGzJCxYx8Pm9zt7>

and sign up. Do it today!

Relief Teachers Wanted

We are currently seeking to boost our Relief Teacher numbers across all year levels of the school. If you are a trained teacher, or know a teacher looking to pick up some relief hours, please head to our website for more details: [Staff Vacancies - Cornerstone Christian School](#)



Preschool Teacher Vacancy

Cornerstone Christian Preschool has a vacancy for an early childhood trained, NZ registered/certificated ECE teacher with a heart for Christian education and a passion for working with 3-5 year olds to join their teaching team. The position is currently for up to 24.25 hours per week (fewer hours negotiable), term-time only plus teacher-only days. To learn more, please see [Preschool - Cornerstone Christian School](#)



Primary Student of the Week Certificates

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

Welcome to School:

A2: Caleb D, Micah D and Tristan D

A3: Deanne L

Aroha:

A2: Sofia and Malachi

A3: Anton and Aahir

A4: Scarlet and Mario (SK)

A5: Liam B and Nashe

D1: Jeriah and Elamarie



Manahau

D2: Aliya R and Hector J

D3: Cara G and Karli M

D5: Catherin S and Lucy W

D6: Erceena C and Jasmine N

Tumanako

C1: Sione L

C2: Helena K and Charlie W

C4: Adriel R and Jay C

C6: Danre G and Lydia B

Naphtali's Inaugural Fundraising Event

The Hawkes Bay Gumboot Mufti Day and sausage sizzle on Friday raised around \$1300. We did about 300 sausages in total.

A massive thank you for all the support and effort. Especially those in Primary with sausage orders.

The funds raised are going to groups that Gavin Clark has contact with in Hawkes Bay that have been affected by floods.



Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Response Update

The donations of food, funds and action from our school community over the last few weeks has been nothing short of God's hand at work through each of you. Thank you all so much.

So far, we have sent two van loads of food and vouchers over to Hastings Christian School. The second van load travelled over on Tuesday this week with more than \$6000 in goods for the school, community and for 'Nourished for Nil'. All items sent to date have gone directly towards feeding the Civil Defence workers, transporting students to flood affected homes to help with clean up, breakfast and afternoon tea supplies for affected students, and replenishing empty shelves at Nourished for Nil where they have been putting together food parcels for those still cut off because of road/bridge damage.

Currently we have received close to \$7000 in donations directly from our own school community including the mufti day last Friday. We have more funds that are coming in all the time and plans are being put in place as to how they would be best used next. If you would still like to give and haven't done so yet, you are most welcome to send through a deposit here: **LNICS Cyclone Relief 02-0727-0154852-02** (ref: Cyclone Relief)

If you would like to assist with the next relief support effort (date yet to be set) please contact Rebecca Jorgensen at rebecca@cornerstone.ac.nz or phone the office on 06 356 7326.

If you would like to know more about what Nourished for Nil have been doing in the last few weeks, check out this video: [Nourished for Nil video](#)



Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly

Tuesday 14th March

There will be a Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly on Tuesday 14th March at 9am in the school gym. Parents and Whānau are welcome to attend.



Primary Cross Country

Wednesday 29th March

A promotional poster for the Primary Cross Country 2023 event. The main image shows several children running on a grassy field. Overlaid text includes: 'Wear your tribe colours...' at the top; 'Wednesday 29th March – School Course' in the middle; and race times: 'Tumanako – 9.30am', 'Mānahau – 11.30am', and 'Aroha – 1.40pm' at the bottom left. On the right side, there is the Cornerstone Christian School logo with the tagline 'Learn, serve and grow in God'. Below the logo is a silhouette of a runner with the text 'Primary CROSS COUNTRY' and '2023'. At the bottom right, a blue box contains a quote: 'I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel his pleasure.' attributed to 'Eric Liddell – Champion Runner'.

Kiwi Competitions 2023

Closing Wednesday 10th May

All money (via MyKindo) and permission forms need to be in by **Wednesday 10th May** – there is no allowance for late entries.

Primary student forms available from classroom teachers and Year 7-10 student forms available from the office.

2023 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. **The competitions are to be administered at school under exam conditions and supervised.**

All participating students will receive a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

NOTE: Our policy is **not** to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

Scholastic Book Club #2

The second Scholastic Book Club brochure for the year 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 8 to get free**

delivery to school. Any questions? See Mrs Sutherland in D3 or email janes@cornerstone.ac.nz Thank you!



Prayer Group

Monday Mornings

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.



Breakfast Club - Secondary Year 7-13

Monday - Friday Mornings - L2

Breakfast Club will run every day from 8:15am to 8:45am in L2 for Secondary students (year 7-13).

There will be Weetbix, milk, toast, spreads and a drink of hot chocolate available.



Breakfast Club - Primary Year 1-6

Friday Mornings - C5

There will be a regular Breakfast Club for Primary students (year 1-6) available on Friday mornings from 8:15am - 8:45am in C5.

Friday is the only day that students are able to be at school before 8:30am.



Juicies for Sale

Friday Lunchtimes

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

Student Arrival Time Before School

Students are not to arrive or be dropped off at school before **8:30am** as teachers are not available for supervision before this time.

Friday is the only day that Primary students are able to be at school before 8:30am to attend Breakfast Club in C5.



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.

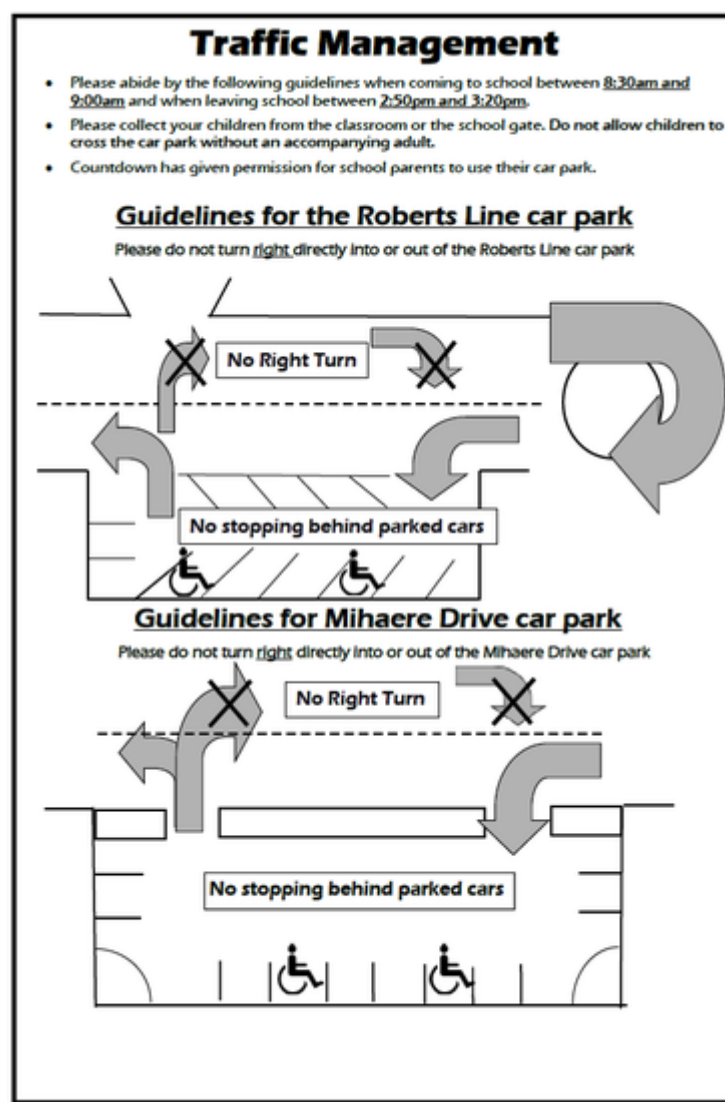
Any named items will be put aside and parents contacted, any unnamed items will be placed on the second hand rack.

Please check the lost property regularly.



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.**



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

Winter Sports on MyKindo

All winter sports options are now available on MYKINDO - **register and pay NOW.**



Summer Sports Uniforms Returned

As your child finishes their summer sport, all issued sports uniforms need to be returned to the box in the foyer of the gym, washed and in a named bag please.

These uniforms do **NOT** get returned to the main office or the classroom teacher.

Thank you for your promptness with getting these back, ready for reissue for winter sports.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Primary Cornerstone Awards Assembly** - Tuesday 14th March - 9:15am - School Gym
- **PPTA Strike Day** - Thursday 16th April
- **Weetbix Tryathlon** - Tuesday 21st March
- **Yr 7&8 Elite Sports Volleyball** - Thursday 23rd March
- **School Gala** - Saturday 25th March - 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Student ID Photo Catch-up** - Monday 27th March
- **Secondary Summer Sports Week** - Monday 27th March - Thursday 30th March
- **BOT Meeting** - Tuesday 28th March - 6:30pm
- **Yr 1-6 Cross Country** - Wednesday 29th March
- **Teacher Only Day - School Closed - Friday 31st March**
- **NCEA Performance Evening** - Tuesday 4th April
- **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

After School Kids (ASK)

After School Kids (ASK) is a MSD approved OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) programme for children aged from 5-13 years. We provide a safe & stimulating programme in a homely and caring environment and cater for individual interests and needs where possible.

The relaxed, homely environment of ASK encourages good behaviour, values, manners and facilitates learning and fun.

If you are wanting after school care for your children please contact Christina on christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz or phone 021 357 864.



Reading Unleashed @ Roslyn Library

Reading Unleashed
with caninefriends pet therapy

**WEDNESDAYS @
ROSLYN LIBRARY**

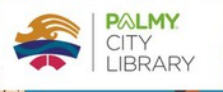
3:30PM - 4:30PM


Kids, boost your reading skills the fun way...
read to one of our Canine Friends
You choose the book!

Open to School aged children looking to build
their reading confidence

Contact Roslyn Library to
book your 15 minute session:

Call (06) 357 9287
email roslyn@pncc.govt.nz
or drop by to sign up

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CITY
LIBRARY

 caninefriends
pet therapy
Dogs helping people

LibLab Afterschool Sessions Term 1 at Central Library

2nd March - 6th April

LIBLAB



**LIBRARY FUN WITH A TOUCH
OF LABORATORY MADNESS &
BOOK EXPERIMENTATION**

CHILDREN'S ZONE | 3:45-4:45PM |

Aimed at ages 5+ | No bookings | FREE

Term 1

**HISTORY'S
HIDDEN
MYSTERIES**

CELEBRATING MANAWATŪ
HERITAGE AND HISTORY

MARCH

2



**HIDDEN
MYSTERIES**

DISCOVER AND MAKE YOUR
OWN RELICS

MARCH

9



**TIME
DIGGERS!**

CREATE A TIME CAPSULE

MARCH

16



**MAP
EXPLORERS!**

EXPLORE MAPS AND A
CREATIVE MAP CHALLENGE

MARCH

23

**FANTASTIC
FOTOGRAPHY &
TERRIFIC TREES**

PERILOUS PORTRAITS & FAMILY
TREES

MARCH

30



**HEAR YE
HEAR YE!**

MAKE A FUTURE HISTORICAL
NEWSPAPER

APRIL

6



**PUTTING ON
THE RITZ!**

AFTERNOON TEA 1920'S STYLE

Kelvin Grove Community Centre Open Day

Saturday 11th March



**Kelvin Grove
Community Centre**
68 Kaimanawa Street

11 March
10 am-2 pm

SPECIAL COMBO DAY



POLICE MOBILE UNIT

Meet local police and chat about any problems, crime prevention advice etc.

COMMUNITY PATROL

Have new theft-proof screws put on your number plates for a small fee.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT

FREE ENGRAVING of your driver's licence details on tools, bikes, scooters, etc. so they're easily identified if stolen. If you're a tradie, or know someone who is, please tell them to come down with their gear.

KELVIN GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW CAR PARK, meet your local committee and hear about new plans for the hall's refurbishment.

PALMY

Fiore Coffee Cart

FREE Sausage Sizzle

COME & CHAT - IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE!

**Kelvin Grove Community Centre
NEW CAR PARK Open Day and COMBO Day**

11 March 2023
10 am to 2 pm
68 Kaimanawa Street, Kelvin Grove

Official Opening at 11 am by Mayor Grant Smith



We are pleased to announce that finally we have our car park!

To celebrate, we are "combining" (Combo Day) with Neighbourhood Support, NZ Police and Palmerston North Community Patrol to invite all local residents to come and have a look at the car park and the hall, and have a chat about anything you'd like to chat about – roads, street racing, home and community security – here's your chance.

[NZ Police Mobile Unit](#) – come and have a chat with a cop or ask for crime prevention advice.

[Community Patrol](#) have the new theft-proof screws to put on your number plates for a small fee. This prevents theft of your number plates and having them used on stolen vehicles for illegal activities!! Have a talk with them – maybe you'd like to join up and help.
<https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/organisation/community-patrol-palmerston-north>

[Neighbourhood Support](#) will be there offering free engraving of tools, bikes, scooters – anything you want to be able to identify. They will engrave your driver's licence details onto an article so it is easily identifiable. If you're a tradie, or know people who are, suggest they come and get their tools engraved. The Police have often found stolen tools and have been able to contact the owner because their details were engraved on them. And, again, you might like to join Neighbourhood Support – it's free!

And committee members from [Kelvin Grove Community Association](#), and some councillors, will be there to answer questions about the community centre, the forthcoming refurbishment and what is being planned for the future of our suburb.

March is "Heritage Month" – our event is a feature of this, as our hall was the Centennial Pavilion in The Square between 1970 and 1980, so we will have a display relating to its history. Click [here](#) for full details. And March is also "Neighbours' Month" so what better time to meet your neighbours!

Fiore Coffee Cart are coming to supply all your coffee requirements, and KGCA will be providing a FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

We hope as many local residents as possible will come down. We just want a fine day! Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hockey Manawatu April School Holiday Programme

The registration link for our April 2023 school holiday programme is now active and ready for registrations.

Programme designed for Young Players who are Year 3 - Year 8

DATES:

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of April 2023

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of April 2023

COSTS:

1- day \$75

2- days \$125

4- days \$205

* please note that a transaction fee will be processed and added at checkout*

SESSION TIME:

8:00am - 4:00pm

VENUE:

HMI Twin Turfs 6A Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North

Link to register: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/hockeymanawatu/programmes-2/2023-holiday-programmes?em=0&ts=0.7877154208379251>



Hurry Spaces are limited!!!!

[Full Calendar](#)

[Our Website](#)



myKindo - One page guide for families Cornerstone Christian
- electronic version (003).pdf

[Download](#)
187.3 KB



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