School Newsletter Term 1 – Week 9

Cornerstone Christian School - 31 March 2023

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Last Saturday's Gala was a fantastic event here at Cornerstone. We had literally hundreds of people from the wider community through our school on the day and there was a real buzz of fun and excitement and community spirit, as people wandered through our stalls, bought food and drink and watched their littlies having fun on a range of bouncy castles or tractor rides. We have yet to get to a final total for the funds raised on the day but we think that it is somewhere between 25 and 26K – which to be honest, far exceeds my expectations! I would like to take a moment to say a massive thank you to a number of people who have lived, eaten and slept the Cornerstone Gala in the past few weeks: CFG Chair, Josh Couperus, CFG Secretary, Vicki Campbell, Gala Head, Eloise Short and helpers, Tracey Knowlton, Katie Ashcroft, Laura Denharder, Laura Siegel, Anna Fletcher, Ian Groube, Natasha Casey, Sarndra Rauzi, Dalena de Vries, Rachel Hockly and Hannah Gunning. I have probably forgotten someone and I apologise in advance if this is the case!

There were also a large number of sponsors who donated generously to the Cornerstone Gala event including Bunnings, Leafland Ltd, Pioneer New World, Proarch Consultants, Palmy Venues, Green Leaf Plant Hire, Four Square Eastbrook, Higgins Poultry Farm, Knead Bakery, Anthony Co, Morgan Laurenson, Trade Aid, Dos Locos Tacos, Youm Mortgage Brokers, Revamp Here, Uncle Bills, the Discount Tyre Shop, Stewart Residential, Albie Jayne, Hoko Sushi, Obo Ltd, The Bed Barn, The Hairy Kiwi, Mortgage Express, Triumph Homes, Property Brokers, Roofing Industries, Manna Sushi, Mouthwater Coffee, Low Cost Bins, Timezone, Fonterra Ltd, Café 116, Epic Music Academy and Lion Rock Coffee. Again, apologies if I have missed someone here! Please try to support these local businesses who have helped us out here with our Gala.

Here are a few photos from the day:









Office Help Needed

From time to time if one of our Office staff are away on training or sick, we need relief staff to cover this space. While we have one supersub – Mrs Gaylene Mason-Hollier, we would love one more person we could call on when we are short. If you are interested in this paid relief position, please can you email <u>principal@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> with a copy of your CV.

Some Easter Thoughts

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A couple of weeks ago I had a student in my office that I needed to correct. They had made some mistakes and were now having to face the consequences of their actions. They were repentant and tears were being shed as we chatted about the best pathway towards putting things right. In utter remorse this student spoke the following words. "I'm so disgusting and God must just see me as trash." To which I unthinkingly replied, "Thank God that Jesus makes God see you as not trash." It wasn't until later that evening that I realised that the only thing that was trash was my theology. With Easter coming up next week, let me try and explain what I mean:

Most of us have an instinct to associate Good Friday with the forgiveness of sins and this instinct is correct. Something did happen on Good Friday that makes the forgiveness of any and all sins possible. But how does this forgiveness actually work? The Apostle Paul says, 'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures.' But what does this mean? Did Christ's death somehow change God's mind about how He views us as His creation? Well no, because the scriptures clearly say 'I the Lord never change." (Malachi 3:6). Thus the Cross is not where Jesus changes God's mind about us but where Jesus reveals who God really is. On Good Friday Jesus does not save us from God; Jesus reveals God as Saviour! We don't have to imagine the Son as pacifying an angry Father in order to understand Good Friday as the epicentre of forgiveness. For most of my life I have believed that on Good Friday God vented his anger by brutally killing his Son so he could finally find the wherewithal to forgive me – until the realisation came that this thinking flips John 3:16 on its head i.e. 'God so hated the world that he killed his only begotten Son'. And of course, this just isn't correct. For God *so* loved the world that He sent Jesus that whosoever might believe... These faulty beliefs of mine belonged in pagan religion, not in Christianity.

I made a big mistake when I basically agreed with the student in my office who viewed themselves as trash and that Jesus' death on the cross somehow makes God see them as not trash. You see the

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sustainer of the cosmos who after becoming a created creature (God only becomes what God loves) offered his life as a showing of our worth. Jesus submitted himself to human violence on the cross not to appease God or make humans acceptable to God but to expose our violence and counter it with submission and forgiveness. Jesus demonstrates the worth, value and acceptance that has always been the truth about humanity and all of creation. You were 'very good' at the beginning, and you have always been beloved and very good to God. That's the good news of Easter.

Blessings,

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

All School Teacher Only Day - Tomorrow

Friday 31st March

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st March. The school will be closed for instruction for all years on this day. There will be no onsite supervision for students on this day.

After School Kids

Friday 31st March

After School Kids will be running a full day programme on Friday 31st March. If you need childcare due to the Teacher Only Day and would like

more information including fees charged please contact Christina on <u>christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz</u> or phone 021 357 864.

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: <u>Staff Vacancies - Cornerstone Christian School</u>

Primary Student of the Week Certificates

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

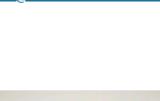
Manahau

D2: Jaxyn H and Elohim F









D3: Luka F and Ari P D5: Annabelle S and Jackson B D6: Kaydee L and Roman S

Tumanako C1: Emily and Noah M RM C6: Avei R and Logan W



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.

Year 1-6 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 <u>www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam</u>.

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.

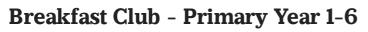
Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam

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.



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.





Dear School Community

Every year the students commit themselves to sporting or cultural activities to benefit both themselves and the community.

Some of these endeavours incur high costs due to their specific needs.

We are currently looking for small businesses or individuals who would be willing to support one or two sports or cultural activities where we have a financial need for support.

Please email <u>craig@cornerstone.ac.nz</u> if you are able to support any of the following...





2023 Senior School Production

To be performed at the Speirs Centre in Week 9 of Term 2.

Looking for up to 6 sponsorships of \$500. Company <u>Logos</u> can be advertised in newsletter and programme. (Balance of income from ticket sales)



2023 Badminton, Table Tennis and Golf.

Y7/8 National Sports event in September.

Looking for 11+ sponsorships of \$200.

Company <u>names</u> printed on the back of team T-shirts and mentioned in newsletter.

Other Opportunities

There may be other sports or cultural sponsorship opportunities coming up as we determine participation.

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.



Student Arrival Time Before School

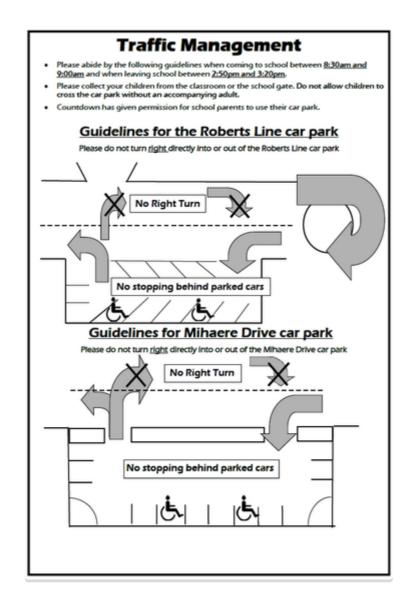
Students are not to arrive or be dropped off at school before **8:30am** as teachers are not available for supervision before this time.



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

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!



SPORTS NOTICES

Congratulations to Badminton Team

Congratulations to Timothy M, Cristin B and Connor N who were the top division winners in the local badminton competition run in term one. Well done!



Summer Sports Uniforms Returned

Can all summer sports uniforms please be returned, washed and in a named bag to the gym foyer uniform return box **BEFORE** the school holidays.



YOUM Sponsorship - Basketball Uniforms



UPCOMING EVENTS

- All School Teacher Only Day School Closed Friday 31st March
- NCEA Performance Evening Tuesday 4th April
- Yr 9 Fun Day Out Wednesday 5th April

- Tribe Mufti Day Thursday 6th April
- Inter-Tribe Summer Games Thursday 6th April
- Easter Assembly Thursday 6th April 2pm
- Last Day of Term 1 Thursday 6th 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.

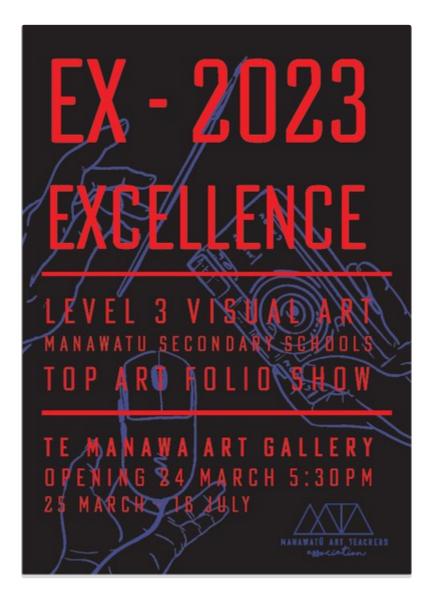


The relaxed, homely environment of ASK encourages good behaviour, values, manners and facilitates learning and fun.

If you are wanting after school care for your children please contact Christina for information and fees on <u>christina@afterschoolkids.co.nz</u> or phone 021 357 864.

Excellence 2023 Visual Art Exhibition

25th March - 16th July



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

Hurry Spaces are limited!!!!

Netball Manawatu April School Holiday Programme

April Holiday Programme - Year 1 – 6

Looking for something for the kids to do this holiday? Check out Netball Manawatu's 3-Day 'Active April' Holiday Programme packed with fun and exciting netball activities!

Each day will have a main focus and also include lots of Game Play and a SWIM! There will be many opportunities for everyone to continue to develop and grow their netball skills all while having FUN! There are LIMITED spaces available! So be sure to register ASAP To register or for more information, click on the link below! <u>https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/232467</u> If you have any questions, please feel free to contact <u>rebecca@netballmanawatu.org.nz</u> <u>#netballmanawatu #schoolholidays #activeapril #holidayfun</u>



NETBALL MANAWATU PRESENTS...

ACTIVE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

YEAR 1 - 6

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME NETBALL FUN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

> TUESDAY 11TH APRIL NETBALL UMPIRING FOCUS

WEDNEDAY 12TH APRIL NETBALL SKILLS FOOUS

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL NETBALL SMART FOCUS

GAME PLAY, TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND A SWIM WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH DAY!

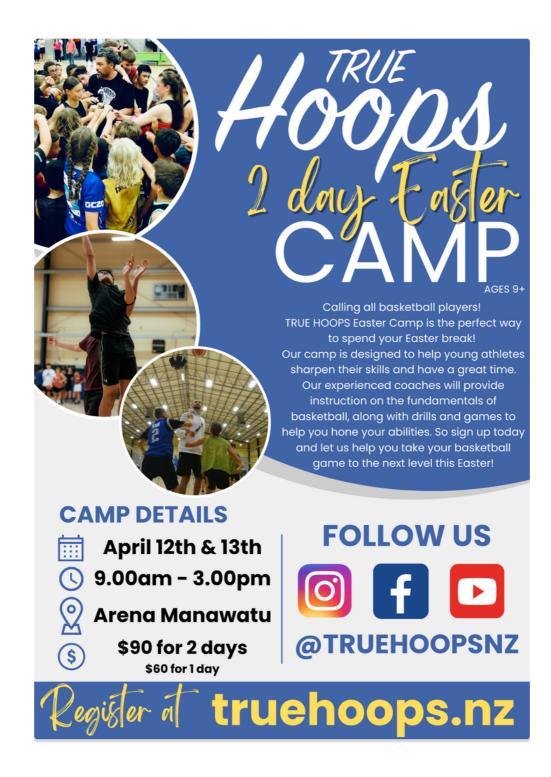
\$30 - 1 DAY \$50 - 2 DAYS

\$65 - 3 DAYS

9:00AM - 3:00PM DAILY

VAUTIER PARK, PALMERSTON NORTH

True Hoops Easter Camp



True Hoops Littles Camp



LITTLES CAMPAGES 6-8

TRUE HOOPS Littles Camp is the perfect way to introduce young kids to the fast-paced and exciting game of basketball. Our camps are designed to be both fun and educational, giving kids the chance to develop their skills on the court and learn the fundamentals of the game. Our experienced and knowledgeable coaches will provide high-quality instruction and help kids build confidence in their abilities, while also emphasizing the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork. With a variety of programs and activities, TRUE HOOPS Littles camps are the perfect way for kids to learn the game and have a blast doing it!



French School Holiday Programme



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 11 to 14 April | 17 to 21 April*

Learn French in a fun way Cooking - Arts - Crafts

\$150 for the whole week or \$40 per day 9 am to 3 pm, kids welcome from 8.30 am *No programme on Thursday 20 April



INFORMATION & ENROLMENT Alliance Française Palmerston North Square Edge, First Floor, 47 The Square 06 560 0749 | info@french.org.nz | www.french.org.nz

EPIC School Holiday Programme

We are over halfway through Term 1 which means Epic Music Academy is having a holiday programme! Dates and activities are all locked in for the 11th April - 21st April.

If you would like to have your kids enrolled in this holiday programme, while making new friends and hanging out with old friends while having fun and learning music, then this holiday program is for you!



We're also excited to announce the launch of our EPIC Rockstar Programme! The EPIC Rockstar Programme is a band programme for kids from ages 10-16 in the 2nd week of the school holidays. They will learn new skills such as songwriting, playing in a band, recording music and more! (Your child must already know how to play an instrument) We're super exited to be able to kick this programme off these school holidays.

There are limited spaces, and they are filling up fast!

April School Holidays @ Palmerston North City Library -Central



WEEK 2 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAME

MONDAY 17 APRIL

DROP-IN EPIC ECO WARRIOR MODEL MAKING SESSION

10AM-3PM

Your planet needs you! Create and design your own Eco Warrior - a character who has attitude, skills and abilities to be an environmental saving force. Use the materials available in this drop-in session to start you off. Complete it here or at home and enter our Epic Eco Warrior Model Competition. Entries due by 5pm Thursday 20 April. Aimed at ages 5+ Children's Zone, First Floor

HAVE-GO ROBOTICS BOOKINGS REQUIRED To book http://bit.ly/40qsxS3

9:30–11:30AM Get hands on with a range of robots to construct, programme and interact with. An automated introductory session of

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

technology, noise and experimentation. Aimed at ages 5+ Oroua Room, Ground Floor

ZAPPO THE MAGICIAN 2PM

Come join Zappo for a 45 minute show that has magic music and movement, fun for all ages. FREE Children's Zone, First Floor

THURSDAY 20 APRIL

POP UP PLAY SESSION WITH SPORT MANAWATŪ

1:30PM-3:30PM

Join us at **Te Marae o Hine - The Square** with the crew from Sport Manawatū. Fun and games for the whole whânau to enjoy! Meet us on the grass in front of the basketball hoop.

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

WARRIORS OF THE WILD STORY TIME 11AM-11:45AM

We are the Warriors of the Wild - let us take you on a wild journey of earthly stories to celebrate Earth Day. Dress up in your wildest costume. Aimed at ages 5+ Children's Zone, First Floor

EPIC ECO WARRIOR MODEL COMPETITION AWARD CEREMONY 11:45AM-12:15PM

Awards presented to achievement winners and all participants who entered the school holiday Epic Eco Warrior Model Competition. Children's Zone, First Floor (Entries due by 5pm Thursday 20 April)

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

HAVE-A-GO ROBOTICS BOOKINGS REQUIRED

To book http://bit.ly/40qsxS3

2:30PM-4:30PM

Get hands on with a range of robots to construct, programme and interact with. An automated introductory session of technology, noise and experimentation. Aimed at ages 5+ Oroua Room, Ground Floor

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

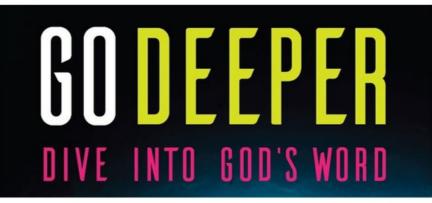
DROP-IN

ADVENTUROUS EARTH ART SCAVENGER HUNT & ART ACTIVITY

10AM-3PM

Drop-in and explore art pieces in the library that have a special message about the world we live in with our self-discovery Library Art Scavenger Hunt. Find all the corresponding letters to make up the mystery word to go in our draw to win an Earth Day pack. Then create a piece of artwork using the materials provided to express your own connections with nature or message to our living world. Aimed at ages 54 Children's Zone. First Floor

Emmaus Term 2 Courses



TERM 2 COURSES AT EMMAUS

Tuesday 2 May to 20 June 2023

Personal Responsibility for Spiritual Development

King David—The Life of David, Dave Belesky (Tues 7.00-9.00pm, 8 weeks) early bird \$95

God AND Man? Jesus in the eyes of the early church

Nevin Beukes (Tues 9 May to 27 June, 7.00-9.00pm, 8 weeks) early bird \$95

FOUNDATIONS PROGRAMME: Exploring Spiritual Growth

Pauline Simonsen (Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, 8 weeks) early bird \$250



REGISTER AT www.emmaus.net.nz admin@emmaus.net.nz

MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group Gastroenteritis Service

The Paediatric Gastorenteritis service for the assessment and treatment of childhood gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhoea) for children aged three months to 15 years continues to be available free of charge from community pharmacies within the MidCentral region, funded by Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand.

This service aims to and is, reducing the impact of gastroenteritis by providing early treatment and preventing dehydration in uncomplicated gastro cases, however some children may still need further medical attention.

To receive this free service, the child with gastro must be present at the pharmacy. They will be seen by the pharmacist who will collect some information in order to assess their illness and if appropriate they will provide you with the information you need and sufficient Pedialyte® to treat your child at

home. It may be helpful to call the pharmacy in advance to ensure that there is an accredited pharmacist available. Where the level of dehydration is deemed more than mild or complications are involved the child will be referred to an appropriate medical professional for further medical treatment.



MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group Conjunctivitis Service

THINK Hauora and MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group are continuing to this fund the service to provide free treatment for children's conjunctivitis from a local pharmacy rather than needing to go and visit their GP. This service is for children aged 2-13 years.

Bacterial conjunctivitis is very common, particularly among young children. It can cause eyes to become red, puffy and sticky and can be very contagious. Children with bacterial conjunctivitis are recommended to stay away from school or other educational facilities to help stop the spread to other children. It can be easily treated with medicated eye drops.

Whānau can just pop into their pharmacy at a time that suits them. No appointments are needed for this service.



Full Calendar

Our Website

