

# Aroha Team News



## Welcome!

We hope the summer holidays were relaxing and enjoyable.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families. We pray you settle quickly and thoroughly enjoy learning, serving and growing at Cornerstone Christian School.

## Our teachers in the Aroha team:

### Year 1

A2	Nicole Koolhoven	<a href="mailto:nicole@cornerstone.ac.nz">nicole@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>
A3	Karen Burrows	<a href="mailto:karen@cornerstone.ac.nz">karen@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>
	Kathleen Christensen	<a href="mailto:kathleen@cornerstone.ac.nz">kathleen@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>

### Composite Year 1 and 2

A4	Nicola Waitoa	<a href="mailto:nicola@cornerstone.ac.nz">nicola@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>
	Catherine Forrest	<a href="mailto:catherine@cornerstone.ac.nz">catherine@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>

### Year 2

A5	Penelope Smith	<a href="mailto:penelope@cornerstone.ac.nz">penelope@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>
	Julia Cameron	<a href="mailto:julia@cornerstone.ac.nz">julia@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>
D1	Aileen Theron	<a href="mailto:aileen@cornerstone.ac.nz">aileen@cornerstone.ac.nz</a>

Feel free to contact your child's class teacher should you have any questions or queries. We appreciate parents' assistance, be it listening to children reading or sharpening pencils. See your child's teacher if this is something that interests you.



## Our learning this term:

### Christian Living – The Life of Jesus

We will be looking specially at the miracles Jesus performed and parables He told.

### School Value – Respect

Treasure God, everyone and everything He has given us.

### Topics – I am unique/Being part of God's Family

*I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made Psalms 139:14* We will be exploring the incredible way God has crafted us, as well as, focusing on friendships and belonging.

### Sun, Water, Fire Safety and Safety around dogs

Our focus will be in understanding potential environmental hazards and how best to take care of ourselves in response.

### Maths – Number and Statistics

### PE – Locomotor and non-locomotor skills

These may include balancing, sliding, jumping, dodging, hopping, galloping, as well as pulling, pushing, stretching, lifting, turning and the like.

### Coming up this term

Please keep an eye on the School Newsletter for further details.

## Team Notes

- We have children at our school with severe nut allergies. Please help us keep them safe by not including any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox.
- Hats are compulsory in Term 1 and 4. We have a one-week grace period, following that our 'no hat no play' policy comes into effect. We have silver pens should you still be needing to name your child's hat and shoes.
  - Named water bottles need to be brought to school daily.
  - We use Class Dojo for our digital portfolios. In order to receive these, you will need to sign up to Class Dojo. Your class teacher will provide sign up details if you have not done this already.
- We request all toys remain at home, unless requested by a teacher.
- Punctuality is important to us. Students arriving ten minutes before the bell have a chance to organise their belongings, socialise with their friends and parents can catch up with teachers if they need.
- For your child's safety, we request students are dropped off after 8.30am as staff are generally in meetings until then. Students arriving after 9am need to report to the Student Office for a late slip.
- Children must be collected from the Aroha area after school by a parent/caregiver or a sibling from year 5 and above. For the safety of your children, please inform us if someone different is collecting your child from school.
- Students are to be collected before 3.20 pm. After this time, students will be taken to the office and parents contacted.
- Please notify the school office if your child is going to be late or will be absent for the day.



**ClassDojo**

- We have buses that run between school and Feilding and Ashhurst daily. Please email your child's teacher, as well as Gemma Stewart, our bus teacher, if your child is using the bus, and the days and times when this will be needed. [gemmas@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:gemmas@cornerstone.ac.nz)
- Internet agreement forms need to be signed and returned as soon as possible. Most students in Aroha team have access to Reading Eggs and Mathseeds. Please contact your child's teacher if you still require your child's login and password or require any assistance with these.
- The school uses School App as a means of communication. Please add this app to your phone as most of our school communication is done through the app. For further instructions on installing the School App please see the school website under Parent Info in the Student and Parent handbook.
- Wednesday is small wheels day. Scooters, rollerblades, skateboards are welcome. Helmets and shoes must be worn whilst students are using these.



**Reading  
eggs**



As always, please read the school newsletter each week and check the website to get the latest details.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. If you require further assistance, please contact the Aroha team leader, Karen Burrows, in A3 or via email at [karen@cornerstone.co.nz](mailto:karen@cornerstone.co.nz).

We look forward to partnering with you this term and appreciate your support.

Blessings

*Aroha Team Teachers*