

# Newsletter Term 2 - Week 4

*Cornerstone Christian School - 28 May 2021*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Kia ora te whanau/Malo e lelei/Talofa lava/Bula  
Vinaka/Konnichi wa/Kia orana/ Namaste/Welkom/Ni hao,

I want to take time in this newsletter to address two topical matters in our school – ‘cell phones at school’ and ‘bullying’.

### **Cell phones**

It goes without saying, that our world has been reshaped significantly by the advent of cell phones. In my previous life as an IT network engineer back in the late 80’s, I have to confess that I once owned and carried a Motorola brick cell phone that weighed over 1kg and cost around \$2.50 per minute to call someone! Today’s smartphone has come a long way from that yuppie embarrassment and has reshaped itself into a powerful and useful device that I could not be without as a Principal.



At the start of 2021, our Senior Leadership Team spent time debating whether to allow cell phones at Cornerstone Christian School. A number of pros and cons were considered. The list of pros was long, for example: cell phones can assist in the learning environment, be useful for emergencies, allow access to research and provide opportunities for collaboration, social and multimedia learning. Equally so, the list of cons is significant: cell phones can be used for cyberbullying, are addictive, can lead to social detachment, may have an adverse effect on student health and provide endless opportunities for misuse.

In the end, the Senior Leadership decided that whilst students are permitted to have cell phones in their bags for use in case of emergency, these devices must not be used at school as they are not regulated by the school. The Senior Leadership considered that as students are encouraged to have a laptop device at school from Years 6 through to 13, most of the positive functions of a cell phone listed above, can be performed by a laptop that is connected to our regulated school Wi-Fi system.

Cornerstone Christian School takes a strong stance around improper use of digital devices. Any objectionable behavior while using a device of any sort at school, is considered a disciplinary issue and will be dealt with according to the school’s behavior management procedures and the computer acceptable use policy.

This includes:

- Personal texting/calling/messaging, during instructional time.
- Storing and/or distributing (including uploading or sharing) harmful digital items during school hours or on school trips.
- Using a device in a manner that is detrimental to the learning environment.
- Using a device in a manner that is harmful to oneself or another person, e.g. social media bullying, displaying objectionable material.
- Possessing a visible cell phone during instructional times (unless permitted by a staff member for a specific purpose).
- Using a device within the learning environment to hotspot or access the internet independently of the school Wi-Fi.

Please also be assured that while we are now requiring cell phones to stay completely out of sight at school, we recognise that we also have a responsibility to teach appropriate digital citizenship from Year 1 right through to Year 13.

### **Bullying**

Today, the school is holding its Pink Shirt Mufti Day. This is a National Day in schools, (mainly celebrated last Friday) where the message is reinforced that no form of bullying is ever ok at school.

While we recognise that there is some disconnect between Cornerstone Christian School's Special Character and some of the aims espoused by the Pink Shirt Movement, we do fully support the ethos that our job is 'to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying'.

The Ministry of Education defines Bullying as behaviour that repeatedly harms another less powerful person; the victim (MOE definition). Bullying is not a one-off disagreement or difference of opinion between two students.

A useful set of criteria for defining bullying are:

- Deliberate
- Hurtful
- It comes from a position of power
- It is repeated
- It is unwanted
- It is aggressive

Simply put, this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated at Cornerstone Christian School, whatsoever.

Thank you for your support of Pink Shirt Day at Cornerstone. This year the Student Wellbeing Prefect Team have decided to donate all funds raised to YOSS or Youth One Stop Shop , a fantastic agency that helps thousands of youth with counselling, health services, support and a range of life skills programmes.

Blessings,

Chris Mitchell

Principal

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## SCHOOL NOTICES



### Kelvin Kids - After School Care

#### **Are you looking for after school care?**

Did you know we have our very own onsite after school care program here at Cornerstone?  
Cornerstone is the place to be!!

**Where:** School gym classroom

**When:** Monday to Friday 3.00pm-6.00pm

**Cost:** \$21 per afternoon. This includes afternoon tea, homework, crafts and activities.

**We are Oscar approved.**

We have been operating for 4 years and love serving our Community. Our staff have a heart for working with children, whilst honoring God. We love what we do, and would love to meet with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chantelle on 021 038 2661.

## Cornerstone Fundraising Group Quiz Night

**When:** Saturday 12th June - 6.30pm - 9.45pm

**Where:** Cornerstone Christian School Gym, 119 Mihaere Drive, Palmerston North

**Cost:** \$10 each (10 people per table)

**Who:** Ages 17 and up

Tickets are available to purchase through Kindo. Please select **CFG Fundraising/Community Event Fundraisers** and then choose **Quiz Night**, then the + button to purchase tickets.

If you do not have the Kindo App, you may purchase tickets at the school office **the week of the quiz**. Or email [vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz) to order tickets and we will send you our account details for payment to secure your booking. You can then collect these on the night from the school gym.

There will be limited door sales. To secure your spot and to help us with catering, we would appreciate tickets to be pre-purchased. If we sell out online, there will be no door sales.

We are raising funds for school trips, extra-curricular activities and sports.

Any further questions, please email [vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz](mailto:vicki@cornerstone.ac.nz).



## How to Create an Account with myKindo

Please find below instructions on how to create an account with myKindo.

At the bottom of our newsletter you will find an Adobe version. Please open this document, where you will be able to click on the links.

## Personalised Accounts on Kindo

We've now linked our Kindo school shop and school records, so life just got a whole lot easier for you and us!

You can now view your family account and see any outstanding payments, plus you have the option of making full or part payments for these items.

**Already have an ezlunch or mykindo account?**

[Log in](#) to our Kindo school shop.

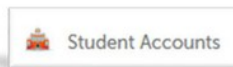
Click on the 'Student Accounts' icon.

You may be asked to link the students from your account to the Schools records.

Click on the link and match your child to the student record held by the school and you're done.

**Need to create an account?**

New users can [click here](#) to create your myKindo account.

A screenshot of a web form with the text 'Please enter your email address as held by Cornerstone Christian School' and a text input field containing 'your email address'. A red arrow points to the 'next' arrow icon.

Enter in the email address the school has on file for you and click the 'next' arrow.

You'll then receive an email with a link.  
Click on the link and enter in a password.

"Tick" to agree to the Terms and Conditions and click 'Continue'.

You can now use your email and password to login to the school shop and view you family account.

**Viewing your personalised account.**

When you click on the 'Student Accounts' service, you will see what is currently owing on your family account, for each of your students.

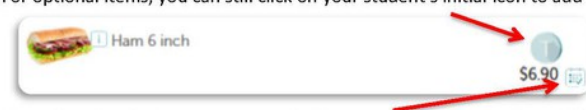


You can then choose to pay the full amount owing for each item by clicking on the +, OR

change the amount to make a part payment, before clicking on the +.

The item and payment will be added to your shopping cart.

For optional items, you can still click on your student's initial icon to add to your cart.



Using the calendar icon, you can order the same item for a number of different lunch days.

Once you have finished adding items to your cart, you can select Checkout.

Then simply click Place order at the checkout and you're done!

**Need assistance?** Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: [hello@mykindo.co.nz](mailto:hello@mykindo.co.nz)

Online support: [support.mykindo.co.nz](http://support.mykindo.co.nz)

## Kapa Haka

From next week:

- Senior Kapa Haka (Year 7-13) will meet in the school gym on Thursdays 9.00am-9.40am. (No Kapa Haka for this week).
- Middle Kapa Haka – Year 4-6 - Fridays 1.15pm-2.15pm in the Library – Starts this week.
- Junior Kapa Haka – Year 1-3 - Friday 1.15pm-2.15pm in A1.

Thank you for your amazing support and encouragement you are giving towards establishing Kapa Haka at CCS. If you have any questions, please see me.



Whaea Nicola Waitoa (D1 Teacher)



## Aroha (Year 1-2) Whanau Meeting

On Monday 31st of May at 7pm, the Aroha team will be having a whanau meeting in A5 with regards to the Better Start Literacy approach. We would love to see you there if you have a child in the Aroha Team (Rooms A2-D1) Years 1-2.



## 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.

## Congratulations Hanna Fail!

Congratulations to Hanna Fail, whose diligence has earned her an A+ in the European Politics paper she is completing extramurally though the University of Canterbury. A fine start to your tertiary study, Hanna!



## YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) Night Market

Our Year 12 and 13 Business Studies Students participated in the YES Night Market at Youth Space last Thursday. Here are some photos of some of our awesome students promoting their businesses.



Cup A Plant - Repurposed mugs and bowls as pots for succulents



Rose Petals:  
Rosewater Facial  
Toner



Re.drobe - On  
Trend Secondhand  
Clothing



Snap - Affordable  
Mobile  
Photobooth



## Congratulations Jacob!

Congratulations to Jacob Dodunski (and his dance partner Keira) for placing first in the Teen Charmaine and Teen Waltz categories at the Wellington NZ Federation of Dance Teachers Championship this week.



## CCS Secondary Students attending the World Vision Youth Conference last week in Wellington



### Police Studies Trip

The NCEA Level 2 and 3 Police Studies class learnt about the exciting life of Police dog handlers at the Palmerston North dog section base this week.



### Students of the Week - Primary

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

#### Manahau

D2: Mila Gunning & Matthias Ko

D3: Harriet Oldfield & Joshua Feldon

D5: Olivia Tait

D5: Samuel Siegel & Cody Measey



## Junior Social

Last Friday night our Year 9-11 students enjoyed a fun night at the Junior Social held at Youth Space. Thank you to the fabulous Teachers/Staff and Students that helped organise such a fun event!



## SPORTS NOTICES

### Lower North Island Christian Schools Annual Sports Day 2021

Thanks to all the staff and students from Cornerstone for making last Friday such a successful time of fun and fellowship. It was great to watch the students connecting with each other across the various schools and playing together in such a spirit of unity. The time of singing at the end of the day was certainly energetic!





## Congratulations Elijah!

Congratulations to Elijah Batlajeri, who trialed and has been selected in the 9-11 year olds Futsal Academy for Manawatu. This is a 10 week season culminating in a home and away series against the Wellington academy.

Elijah is an enthusiastic and talented young player who has represented Cornerstone in our primary futsal teams and we wish him all the very best for this well deserved opportunity!



## Upcoming Events

- **Pink Shirt Mufti Day** - Friday 28th May
- **Bake Sale for Pink Shirt Day** - Friday 28th May 1.30pm
- **Tough Guy & Gal Challenge** (Year 12-13 PE/Sports Studies) - Friday 28th May
- **Tumanako Team Assembly** - Friday 28th May - 2.15pm
- **Aroha Team Assembly** - Friday 28th May 2.20pm
- **Samoa Language Week** - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
- **Worship Assembly** - Friday 4th June at 10.20am
- **Aroha Team Assembly** - Friday 4th June at 2.20am in A3
- **CFG Quiz Night** - Saturday 12th June

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NZ Red Cross Book Sale

Every year there is a huge range of books available at the Red Cross Book Sale. Most adult books start from \$3 and children's books only \$2.

When: Friday 4th June - Sunday 6th June

Where: Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books for all the family without ruining your budget.



## Parent Help

### Parenting Helpline

Do you need specific parenting advice you can implement right away?

Are you carrying a lot on your shoulders? Speak to our warm and

supportive parenting experts. Call us for support on any parenting issue. Call now for free on 0800 568 856. Available from 9am – 9pm 7 days a week.

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[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

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