

## **Coatesville School Board of Trustees News March 2017**

### **Finance**

All income and expenditure is as expected.

Thank you to those families who have paid their school donation in part or in full. School donations enable us to provide the children with a range of activities and curriculum subjects, including sport and specialist music and art teachers, as well as additional teacher aide time.

### **Property**

We continue to await news on whether or not we can discharge waste from a new septic system off school property. This would enable us to free the whole school field for student use.

The school telephone system is no longer functioning as it should. We are currently investigating options for a new system.

The school and community swimming pool will shortly be closing for the summer. It will be painted again before opening at the end of the year.

### **Policy review**

As part of our ongoing review of school policies and procedures, the Board reviewed two policies: Recognition of Cultural Diversity and Separated Parents, Day to Day Care, and Guardianship.

### **Health and Safety**

All staff participated in a professional development session on health and safety. This was run by outside consultants All About People and was aimed at providing clarity for our staff on the new Health and Safety regulations.

Our school has a new hazard and 'near miss' identification system which can be used by staff, parents and students. If you would like to report a hazard or 'near miss' a link to the forms can be found on the school website at: <http://www.coatesville.school.nz/health--safety.html>

Three key hazards were identified this month and action has been taken to address them.

### **Wish List**

Every year the Board and the Friends of The School agree a wish list for fundraising activities. The Board is currently reviewing the list from the Friends of The School and investigating other items to add. We will communicate this list to the school community soon.

The Board will meet again on 2 May at 6.30pm in the staff room. Any one is welcome to attend but only Board members have speaking rights. Contact details for Board members can be found on the school website: <http://www.coatesville.school.nz/board-of-trustees.html>