

Board of Trustees News May 2016

Playground

For the past year a very dedicated small group of school parents have been researching options for a new playground and play equipment for the children. They have spent a lot of time talking with the children about what they enjoy and what they would like at school as well as assessing the types of structures and play the children use. They have also met with a number of playground consultants and health and safety advisors to ensure the best and most cost-effective options for our school. This group has worked tirelessly and creatively to come up with some amazing options.

The Board is really pleased to announce we have approved a new playground for the area around the Oaktree between the courts and assembly area as well as a new fort structure in the forest. Work will begin on these projects this term and be completed during the next school holidays.

Details of the new equipment, which includes a rotating net, nest swing, supernova and climbing equipment around the oak tree, can be found on the school website.

The Board would like to thank Polly Joseph and Ingrid Graham for the amount of time and effort they have put into this project.

Sports uniform

The sports uniform sub-committee met recently to put together an alternative sports uniform to the 'Razor' option shared at assembly last term. The Board has approved the sub-committee's choice and this will be shared with the school community for feedback as soon as we can have samples made. We will keep you informed and let you know where and when you can view the samples.

Logo

The Board reviewed and approved a new school logo which has been designed by a school parent Jacqui Ross. The new logo will be shared with the school community very soon and formally launched at the School Centenary which coincides with our Ag Day weekend in October.

Property

The Board is in the process of approving the installation of new heating and ventilation units for the 9 classrooms which don't currently have one. Part of this process will include improving the ventilation of the children's toilets. These should all be in place before the cold of the winter months hits.

Health and Safety

The Board conducts regular health and safety audits of the school. Three structures around the school have raised health and safety concerns and the Board has agreed some action. Firstly, the old

car track. This has now been removed and we will be recycling any material we can from this structure. The area left behind will be grassed and developed for a new purpose. Secondly, the sandpit. This will be removed and the area incorporated into the new playground. There are plans for a replacement sandpit which we hope to have available for the children ASAP. Thirdly, the trellis fence above the court. This will be demolished and replaced with a new structure and attractive planting.

Finance

All income and expenditure is as expected. We have received \$50,000 or 67 % of school donations. These are an invaluable contribution to the running of the school and help us to provide the children with the curriculum and activities they enjoy.

Sponsorship/fundraising review

The Board reviewed progress with the sponsorship and fundraising co-ordinator position. This position was established to help maximise the school's fundraising income so we can realise some short, medium and long term goals which fall outside Ministry of Education funding.

If you would like to become a Coatesville School official supporter or want any further information on how you can get involved in sponsoring school events or making a donation to the school, please contact Heather Seel on hseel@coatesville.school.nz

This is the final Board of Trustees News from the current Board. Nominations are now open for parent representatives who wish to stand for election to the Coatesville School Board of Trustees. Elections will take place in June, with the new Board taking over on 10 June 2016.

The next Board meeting is on 9 June at 7pm in the staff room. Anyone is welcome to attend but only Board members have speaking rights.