

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

I do hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend - despite the rather poor weather! It was a timely 'mid-term break' for staff and students as we enter the second half of this busy term.

CoL Conference / TOD

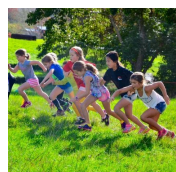
Our Community of Learners conference on Friday at AJHS (the 'Teacher Only Day' for our students) gave all of our teaching staff an opportunity to meet with staff from other schools to examine, discuss and debate the next learning steps for 'learning' within each school - and how it may look across our CoL.

The focus for the CoL is 'Learner Agency', which involves examining the important roles students must take within the learning process for their learning to be 'effective' or 'highly effective'. To best support students and their progress and achievement, we must also critically explore the roles of the teacher to facilitate quality learning outcomes.

Our CoL leaders will be using the conference feedback to further guide each school's professional learning and development, with support from CORE Education who are an external service provider with expertise in leading educational change.

It was an important opportunity to come together as a group and to stimulate further discussions and action. Thank you for your support of our TOD.

Coatesville School Cross Country This Thursday 7th June 1:30pm Start. Rain Saver Day 8th June



Children will need a **full change of suitable clothes**, including running shoes, to run in their cross country event. The **course is very wet** and they will get wet and muddy. Also a **jacket or sweatshirt** to wear before and after their race will be needed.

As this is a whole school event, we encourage all children to stay until the end of the last race to cheer all of the finishers. For further information go to the [Cross Country](#) page of our website. *Mark van Dam.- Sports Co-ordinator*

School BBQ – thanks to the Bathurst family

A very big thank you to Leon Bathurst (and Natalie and the boys for sparing him) for giving up his weekend to build a wooden frame for our school BBQ. Unfortunately, after only a year of use, the frame had fallen apart and it had become dangerously wobbly. Leon has reinforced the frame and made it safe again for our weekly sausage sizzle.

School Garden Club – help still wanted!

Mr Coates has had an offer of help in the school garden. Thank you so much!

But he is still very interested in enlisting the help of more parents to work in the school garden on a Friday at lunchtime (or another day if it suits people better). If you are wanting to help out in any way please talk to Stephen directly or email scoates@coatesvilleschool.nz or rjohnson@coatesvilleschool.nz to let us know how you can help.

Thank you so much.

Winter Terms

As we head towards winter with wet days and muddy fields we ask that all students keep a change of clothes in their bag over the next two terms. The school does not have clothes available if they get muddy or wet. Thank you for your help with this.

Shoes – compulsory for Terms 2 and 3

Please remember that students are required to wear shoes to school and when outside the classroom in Terms 2 and 3. This significantly reduces the amount of mud and wetness that is brought into the classrooms and the number of stubbed toes. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Student Progress Reporting

Progress Reports will go home to students on **Friday 29 June (Wk 9)**.

With the demise of National Standards all students are now on the same reporting cycle - progress reporting (June/July) and achievement reporting (December).

Those students who have been at school all year, or who started during Term 1 or on Day 1 of Term 2, will receive a 'Progress' report.

Parent-Teacher-Student conferences:

Wednesday 4th July 2:15-7 pm and Thursday 5th July 2:15-5:30 pm (Wk 10)

These 3-way conferences are an essential component of the annual reporting process as they support, clarify and enhance the information contained in the student progress reports.

Booking for conferences will be opened in Wk 9.

Please note: School will finish at 2pm on both days. School Buses will leave at the normal time. Bus and afterschool care students will be looked after in the library until 3pm.

Hazard identification and 'near miss' incidents

Reminder: there is a very important way in which you can help support 'safety' at school - through the identification of hazards or 'near miss' incidents.

Staff, students, parents AND the community can report hazards or 'near misses' through our school website (under 'Our School/H & S').

There is a simple form to complete to ensure direct information is quickly and accurately relayed.

[Hazard Identification & 'Near Misses' incidents form](#)

All responses will go to me personally. You may be subsequently asked for addition information if necessary otherwise we will conduct an assessment based on the information received and react as appropriate

FROM FOTS:

Next FOTS meeting: tomorrow - Wednesday, 6th June, from 7pm (for a 7:30pm start) in the Staffroom. All are welcome! For further information or to send us any ideas please email: friendsofcoatesvilleschool@gmail.com

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notices

Give a Kid a Blanket

Coatesville School is this years collection point for 'Give a Kid a Blanket'. Donations such as a blanket (new or pre-loved) or other items such as new hot water bottles, PJs, new socks, beanies and scarves need to be at school by Friday 15th June. Our student leaders also plan to run a related activity for the school in Week 7. For more information click [More Information](#) or go to their Facebook page.

Calling all LEGO® Lovers, Sunday 17 June 10am - 4pm we have the LEGO® Fan Display, competitions to enter, LEGO® to play with, displays to see and creators who are proud to exhibit their models. Tickets \$8. See fundraisingevent.co.nz for more information (free parking!) Kohia Terrace School, 3 Kohia Terrace, Epsom, Auckland.

The Artisan Workshops

Permaculture - Sat 30th June, 10-4, \$90.00. Perma what? Suitable for urban and lifestyle blockers

How to prune your fruit trees - Sat 28th July, 1-4 pm, \$45.00 Soup, home baking and great coffee included:) To book, go to www.theartisanworkshops.co.nz/message on Fb/027 234 3242