

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Newsletter 1



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome everyone to a fantastic new year at Coatesville School!

Great to see so many happy, smiley faces arriving on Day 1 and 2!

We also offer a very special welcome to all of our new students and their families. And to two new staff members – **Mrs Richardson in Room 3** and **Miss Haigh in Room 5**.

At assembly this week we will complete the annual introduction of our new classes and their teachers. And over the following few weeks we will introduce all of our new students individually to the school, with a selected ‘buddy’ to provide plenty of support.

I certainly hope the first two days of school have been very enjoyable and started the year successfully for everyone. The atmosphere around school has been fantastic so we feel we have had an excellent start. Well done everyone!

School Roll

The school roll reached 288 on Day 1. This would be the highest number of students ever to start a year at Coatesville School! Having healthy roll numbers allows us to generate greater staffing and additional MOE funding. So it is all very positive!

Classroom information afternoon—Tuesday 26 February

Meet your child’s teacher and hear about the year ahead:

Kiwi team classes (Rms 5-8) 3.15-3.45pm

Tui team classes (Rms 9-12) 3.45-4.15pm

Kahu team classes (Rms 1-4) 4.15-4.45pm

This is a chance for parents to hear directly from their child’s teacher about classroom expectations, our school’s learning model, the learning environment we are promoting, achievement/reporting, use of technology, communication, homework & any upcoming programmes/events.

School leaders will also be available during this time to talk and answer any questions.

“BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC” –

Friday 15 February 5pm: Family fun for everyone! More details next week!

Wastewater system upgrade

During the holidays our wastewater system was given a significant upgrade. Our old system needed to be replaced to ensure our facilities can adequately cope with our increasing number of students.

The two areas of the field most affected by the upgrade have been fenced off and are being left to settle, before having more topsoil added and tidied appropriately. The strip of the field near the road will be grassed and become a part of the field, once again, over time.

A huge thank you to Karl Sentch, our BOT Property Officer, who has spent many, many hours ensuring this project was carefully planned and implemented. Karl's knowledge, skill and willingness to take responsibility, and officially project manage the job (for no fee whatsoever), has been of enormous benefit to the school. A potentially large project management cost has been avoided and a high quality outcome has been achieved. Thank you so much Karl - your input has been invaluable.

Our wastewater system efficiency has been significantly enhanced for the benefit of everyone.

This has been a Ministry of Education funded project. The MOE provide limited funds every 5 years to schools, to ensure their property needs are met. In reality, the MOE funds often just cover infrastructure and Health & Safety priority projects (replacement of roofing is our other big project for this 5 year cycle!) with little left to spend elsewhere. This is why when we look to enhance our school (eg. redevelopment of existing learning spaces or addition of spaces - like our planned enhancement of the library/Rm 3-4 area) the funds have to come predominantly from the BOT, our community or from grants.

Or we have to wait until the next 5 year MOE fund becomes available (4 years from now!). But then we still have to ensure all essential MOE priorities are met, after condition assessments of the school, before we can allocate what is left to an 'exciting' project. Hopefully in the next funding round, we may have some funds left over to do so.

Hats / Sun safety

During Terms 1 and 4 all students must wear a Coatesville School hat when outside during school hours. If students do not have a hat they are required to play in the shade.

New students are given their first hat free. If students require a new hat they are able to purchase one for \$15 from the office. But I advise students and parents to look around before they purchase a new one. The hat may be at home, in a classroom or in the lost property (behind Rm 11 where I found 8 hats this week!)

Morning Bells

The old-fashioned **school handbell** is rung at 8.55am to signal school is about to begin.

We require all **students to be in class ready for the roll to be called at 9am** when the electronic bell will ring.

If students are not present for roll call they must go to the office to get office staff to record them as being late.

Playgrounds – after school

The adventure playground (beside the path up to school) and the oak tree playground (in the middle of the school) are available to be used after school by children - as long as an adult is directly supervising them. If they are waiting to be picked up they are not allowed to be playing on the playgrounds.

The **forest playground is out of bounds after school** as we do not want children (and pre-schoolers) crossing the driveway when vehicles are coming and going regularly. Later in the evening or the weekends are perfectly fine!

These rules are designed to ensure the safety of users as we are not able to supervise playgrounds at these times.

Chinese New Year

Today (the 5th of February) is Chinese New Year!

We are so lucky to have our Chinese Community organise some very exciting event for us! They will be sharing some items at Assembly and are making **dumplings for lunch on Friday (orders needed to be in today)**.

Chinese families also wear red clothes to celebrate as in their culture the red colour means wealth, health, luck and happiness! **We would love as many of our Coatesville children as possible, to wear red this Friday** to join in the celebrations!

Coatesville School T-shirts

We **strongly encourage ALL students in Year 4 and above to purchase a Coatesville School T-Shirt and skorts or shorts**. It is not only for those students that play sport but will be required for any student if they represent the school including class trips, at Community of Learning or music events like the CoL conferences, Bays and Marimba Festival or APPA, Marae and Student leaders events.

All T-Shirts will need to be purchased through the **School Uniform Company**.

There are still some second hand shorts and skorts available through the school office.

Uniform Requirements for 2019

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|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Netball | Years 1-4 | T-shirt and Skorts |
| Netball | Years 5-6 | Netball Dress - purchased through the school office |
| Hockey Boys and Girls | | T-Shirt and shorts |
| Touch | | T-shirt and shorts |
| Ripper Rugby | | T-shirt and shorts |
| Swimming | | T-Shirt and Cap - caps for inter-school event only - purchased through school office |
| Cross Country | | T-Shirt and Shorts |
| Athletics | | T-Shirt and Shorts |
| Performance Group | | T-shirt and Skorts or Shorts |
| Student Leaders | | T-shirt |

To place a T-shirt order

- Go to www.schooluniform.co.nz
- Go to "FIND YOUR SCHOOL" then click on COATESVILLE SCHOOL
- follow the instructions to place your order

Please note A \$5 delivery charge is automatically applied across the website platform. It will not be charged to these orders as they will be delivered to school. To remove this charge

- click on "direct credit" payment option, and deduct the \$5 from their order total.
- If you choose to pay with Credit Card, the \$5 will be automatically part of the total.

Please include your child's name and Room number in the address. Shirts will cost \$45

Orders close on February 22 and will be delivered to school in Week 7 of Term 1 (22 March).

Please be aware that shirts ordered after the February date will cost **\$55** and take up to **six weeks to arrive**.

If you have any questions please talk to Anna-Fay or Jenny in the school office or email office@coatesville.school.nz.



PIZZA DAY - Next Monday 11 September

An order form will go home with each child this Friday.

Please fill out **ONE form per child** and give to the classroom teacher on Monday before 9.00am.

Remember – there will be no Sausage Sizzle on Monday 11 September.

Sausage Sizzle Monday Lunch– Starts 18th February

Thank you very much to the sausage sizzle and pizza team last year – Natalie Bathurst, Carla Crabb, Catriona Dawson, Trudi Fairgray, Frances Farmer, Jen Farmer, Anika Henderson, Sarah Hoban, Sylvie Law, Deb Ling, Hayley Lynch, Kirsty Rorke, Frana Segedin, Kathy Servian, Janine Stanley and Kim Stewart. They have all done a great job volunteering their time to provide our hungry students with sausages and pizza on Mondays.

A special thanks to Carla Crabb for all of her help over the past **SIX** years! That's a lot of sausages!!

A big thanks to the Coatesville Dairy, who donate 5 loaves of bread every week for our sausage sizzle. It really helps us to keep our costs down and is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, if any of you are able to spare some time on a Monday (maximum twice a term), and would like to help out please get in touch. meganandbill@xtra.co.nz

THANK YOU

Options to Purchase Lunch Available at Coatesville School

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch to school, benefiting their growth and achievement, as well as reinforcing Health Syllabus teachings. Sweets and glass containers are not permitted at school and nuts and food containing nuts are discouraged in some classes due to students with severe allergic reactions. Your understanding and assistance to help us keep all our students safe at school is appreciated.

Options to purchase lunch are-

- **Monday - Sausage Sizzle**

Sausage in bread \$2 Mini packet of biscuits (eg Tiny Teddies) 50 cents The sausage sizzle is run by parent volunteers every Monday (except pizza days), starting next Monday 12th February. If you can spare an hour 1 or 2 Mondays a term to cook and serve sausages, please contact. Megan Farrington 0211206875- meganandbill@xtra.co.nz

- **Wednesday - Subway**

Parents can place an online order, by **9am each Subway® Day**, which is delivered every Wednesday. Simply visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions below to place your order. Should you have any queries over Subway® Days please contact Dhaval at Subway on 021 1801861

- **Friday – Coatesville Store**

Parents can place an order and pay for lunch through the Coatesville store for delivery on Friday.

Stationery and Swimming Payments

Thanks to everyone who has already made these payments. Remember that your child will get their stationery pack as soon as we have received their form back or an email from you saying that you have paid online.

Scholastic Book orders

A pamphlet for this Terms first Scholastic Book Orders is available at the school office. Orders must be made online by **9 am Friday 15th February**. We will distribute the pamphlets for the second Scholastic book order for the term to all students as usual when they arrive in a couple of weeks.

Pool Timetable – 2019

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| 9:00 -10:00 | | | Room 4 | Room 2 | POOL CLEANING LEE |
| 10:00 -10:30 | Room 1 | | Room 3 | Room 1 | |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Room 2 | Room 11 | Room 11 | Room 11 | Room 12 |
| 11:00-11:30 | MORNING TEA | | | | |
| 11:30 -12:00 | Room 3 | Room 1 | Room 12 | Room 12 | Room 3 |
| 12:00 -12:30 | Room 4 | Room 2 | | | Room 4 |
| 12:30 -1:00 | Room 10 | Room 9 | Room 10 | Room 10 | Room 9 |
| 1:00-1:45 | LUNCH | | | | |
| 1:50 -2:30 | Room 5 | Room 5 | Room 6 | Room 9 | Room 6 |
| 2:30 -3:00 | Room 6 | Room 7 & 8 | Room 7 & 8 | Room 7 & 8 | Room 5 |

Swimming Organisation

Unless you are notified by your child's class teacher otherwise swimming will start for all students **next week**, commencing Monday 11th February. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear for these sessions.

If you are available to help with swimming sessions, please speak to your child's teacher asap.

Library books

We still have a large number of books outstanding from last year. Please look at home to see if you can find any lost books. We always welcome new books.

I will send out an up to date list of outstanding books at the end of the week. If your book is still outstanding once the library is officially open, your child's loan amount will be lowered until it is returned or the replacement fee is paid. We have a \$20 replacement fee which can be paid to the office.

FROM FOTS:

Upcoming:

The 2019 Mizuno Coatesville Half Marathon is coming up this weekend on Sunday, 10th February and we have the opportunity to contribute and fundraise at the same time, so we are holding a stall selling sausages, bacon & egg rolls and ham rolls. Please can anyone help with donating eggs and bring them to school (Artec Room) by 3pm Friday, 8th February. We also require some help on the stand, with set up, cooking, assembling, selling, and eventually pack down. If you can definitely take a shift please contact Jace: jason.steele@transdiesel.co.nz / 021 331 733 or hseel@coatesville.school.nz / 021 664 749. We totally understand that you may be participating and encourage it, but please check in to see if help is needed when you are free. Thanks so much for your support!

TIME SLOTS

| Volunteer s | 5:00 | 6:00 | 7:00 | 8:00 | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 |
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| Jason | | | | | | | | |
| Paul F | | | | | | | | |
| Kirsten CS | | | | | | | | |
| Melissa B | | | | | | | | |
| Ben W | | | | | | | | |
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Other Upcoming Dates:

20th February

FOTS AGM (Annual General Meeting) - all welcome

5th April Kids School Disco in the Coatesville Settlers Hall

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notices