

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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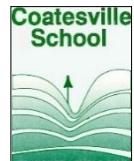
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Dear Parents/Caregivers



*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

## Our amazing new 'oak tree' playground

The new playground is now officially open!

In the first two days it has been so popular we have had to control the number of classes getting access at any one time! To make it fair so everyone has a turn to experience the fun!

Check out the '[Oak tree playground opens!](#)' blog filled with photos of the journey (Find it under 'Latest School News').

The playground is a superb addition to the school. Once again we thank Polly Joseph and Ingrid Graham for the hours of thought and labour that has gone into this project.

They have seen this project through to start to completion and should be extremely proud of their enormous efforts. It is a fantastic achievement!

Thank you also to **Supercity Property Services** and everyone else who has been part of the journey from initial idea to wonderful playground! The children of Coatesville School thank you immensely (and we have the forest area playground to open soon too!)



## Health & Safety: update & developments

The Health & Safety at Work Act now makes H & S everyone's responsibility.

The Act has generated a large amount of publicity this year – in regards to clarifying what is and is not acceptable in this new age of H & S.

For us the message is clear - we need to encourage an active culture amongst ALL at our school – promoting responsibility on different levels, actively managing risks so that everyone remains safe.

Obviously the BOT and I have the overall responsibility for ensuring policies and procedures promote highly effective practices and for ensuring those practices are evaluated and modified wherever appropriate. It is a hugely important task and one we take very, very seriously and give considerable thought to.

But everyone – staff, students, parents, volunteers, visitors – has a role to play in supporting the safety of everyone.

### How can you support us?

Primarily volunteers, parents and families should:

- take reasonable care for their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that their behaviour does not adversely affect the health and safety of others

### Hazard identification and 'near miss' incidents

Another very important way in which you can help is through the identification of hazards or 'near miss' incidents. Staff, students, parents AND the community will now be given the opportunity to 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.

### Current projects arising from previously reported or potential hazards:

**Pads for netball court posts** (should receive these soon)

**School driveway** (investigating electronic gates to restrict users)

The **new playground** is operational and we will be enlisting staff & students to formulate guidelines for safe use

**Carpark** (still investigating options but need people to support us - see above and below)

### Road safety

On the final note above, I received the following last week from a parent:

*"I drove away from school the other day I noticed a school parent in a 4wd ute reversing back off the pavement in front of the swimming pool. This was at 8.55am so again, fortunately no one was hurt. Both front wheels had mounted the pavement. I suspect they had driven in from the opposite side of the road and just gone too far."*

Please feel free to give people feedback if you observe behaviours like this or please use the form above and it will be followed up.

I also received feedback from a parent regarding the **safety of children being transported to and from school**.

Please click on the link I found below so you are absolutely clear about the laws and what is strongly recommended when it comes to transporting school children. [www.kidshealth.org.nz/car-safety-school-aged-children](http://www.kidshealth.org.nz/car-safety-school-aged-children)

It would be great if everyone understood and implemented this information.

## **Learning at Coatesville School – an information evening not to be missed!**

*Thursday 8 September at 7pm in the school library*

This is a perfect opportunity to hear more about the future of education – the ongoing evolution of effective learning at Coatesville School. Main areas of focus:

- our newly reviewed model for supporting learners to have greater ownership of learning
- how we use ICT to effectively enhance learning
- where we are presently with these developments and where we are headed

Put the date in your diary now!

## **Coatesville Olympics 2016**

The 2016 Coatesville Olympics will be held this Friday, starting at 11.30am. This will run for the entire middle block. All students have been placed in a country and will be encouraged to wear these colours for that day (clothing, wigs, face paint, etc). To see what team your child is in [click here](#). All classes have this table displayed in their classroom window. Students will participate in 6 events as a team. Each team is aiming to work on the Olympic values (**Friendship and Respect**). Medals (bronze, silver and gold) will be presented to the country that demonstrates the values above. The medal ceremony will be held straight after lunch. [Olympic Promotional Video from the Student Leadership Team](#) If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the members of the Student Leadership Team or Nicola Gilkison.



### **Daffodil Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Daffodils available before school.

The daffodil is one of the first flowers of spring, whose bright yellow blooms remind us of the joys the new season will bring. It represents hope for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer. Daffodil Day is a major funding source for the Cancer Society, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness of cancer in New Zealand.

## Ag Day Registration

For Ag Day in 2016 we would like each child to be involved in the **nurturing** of an **animal OR a plant**. We realize that this is a commitment for students and for parents but Ag Day is a special feature of our school and a big part of our learning for the year. Ag Day is a school day and **all** students need to complete the [online registration form by Monday 22<sup>th</sup> August](#). (A paper version of this form is available from school office if you are unable to complete it electronically). More information about Ag Day is available on the [AG Day page](#) of the school's website. If you still have questions please ask your child's teacher or the School office.

## Ag Day Old Fashioned Games

This year the teachers are running 3 old fashioned games to tie in with the Centennial theme.

These will be: **Egg and Spoon Race, Horse Shoe Throw and Sack Race**.

We will require a number of items for these, such as; large brown hessian sacks, horse shoes, hay bales, wooden tent poles.

Please contact Prue at [pblackmore@coatesville.school.nz](mailto:pblackmore@coatesville.school.nz) if you are able to assist with supplying any of these items.

## Coatesville School Garden Club

Does anyone have any surplus mulch, shell chip, soil (garden mix), chicken wire or orchard trees they can please donate to the Coatesville School Garden Club? The Garden Club (students & a couple of mums) is working towards sorting the garden for the Centennial Celebrations and will produce items for the much loved Co-op on Ag Day! If you can help us out please contact [Heather Seel](#) or [Victoria Cadness](#).



## Coatesville School Centennial Celebration Friday 14 – Sunday 16 October 2016



[Check information on school website](#)

**Tickets for events on sale online NOW!**

## Term Three - Upcoming Events

Week Four	Friday 19 August	Olympic Celebration 11.30-1 – Run by the student leaders - <a href="#">Whole School</a>
Week Five	Friday 26 August	<b>Daffodil Day</b> – NZ Cancer Society Fundraiser – <a href="#">Whole School</a>
Week Six	Wednesday 31 Aug	<b>APPA Rehearsal 3</b> – Departs 8 30 for Remuera Intermediate - <a href="#">Choir</a>
Week Seven	Thursday 8 September	<b>Rugby Day 3</b> - <a href="#">Rugby teams only</a> 'Learning at Coatesville School – Information evening' 7pm
Week Eight	Tuesday 13 September Friday 16 September	<b>Rugby Day 3 Rain saver day</b> <b>Jump Rope For Heart</b> – <a href="#">Whole School</a>
Week Nine	Friday 23 September	<b>End of Term Three</b> – <a href="#">Whole School</a>

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

*Richard Johnson*

Richard Johnson – Principal

**Sponsorship and Fundraising** Please click on: [SPONSORSHIP SCOOP](#) for the first GOLD SPONSOR joining us!

## From The PFA

Thank you so much to those who have filled in the Ag Day Roster form - this is a reminder to do so if you haven't already please: [Ag Day Roster Form](#)! Remember it is an **official school day** (there is a day in lieu on Friday 21 October when school will be closed) and therefore the expectation is that **all families will contribute 1 hour of their time** on an activity or stall during our Ag Day. Get in quickly to secure the activity or stall you would like to be rostered on - we'll do our best!

For those new to the day some examples of activities & stalls are: book stall, plant stall, fishing game, bouncy castle, Recycle (clothing) Boutique and Co-op (locally produced food products).

We are delighted to announce that Milford Asset Management has become a **Gold Sponsor** of Coatesville School!



Our upcoming Coatesville School Centennial Cookbook will also be produced with the assistance of Milford's sponsorship.

Milford is a New Zealand owned investment management firm, with a strong history of investing in New Zealand companies. The firm also has strong ties to the Coatesville community as two members of staff, Mike Cruickshank and Jonathan Windust both have children at Coatesville School, and former Managing Director Anthony Quirk's two children were previous attendees.

Milford is an award winning fund manager that offers a range of investment products and services designed to help clients with their specific investment objectives. Their Unit Trust PIE Funds and Private Wealth advice service can assist

individuals, family trusts, charities, community trusts, and foundations.

Milford also offers a KiwiSaver Plan, providing funds that consistently deliver returns well above the average. Milford was named the Morningstar KiwiSaver Fund Manager of the Year in three of the last four years (2013, 2014 and 2016).

Milford also won the INFINZ NZ Equity Manager of the Year Award for five years in a row between 2010 and 2014 and was a finalist again in 2016.

As always, we'd love you to support our School's sponsors and in doing so you are not only choosing a provider with a proven track record but also supporting one of the very few NZ owned investment companies.

If you'd like to know more about Milford please click on the link below. [www.milfordasset.com](http://www.milfordasset.com)

## Community Notices

### Free composting workshop - Saturday 20 August, Albany House (on the Domain), 2-4pm

An introduction to three basic composting methods; traditional bin, worm-farm and Bokashi. Already composting? Cool, come along if you have questions. All participants will be offered a \$40 discount coupon towards a composting system. Booking essential - 482 1672 (office hours) or register online [www.compostcollective.org.nz](http://www.compostcollective.org.nz)  
**Compost Collective aims to get Aucklanders composting and is supported by Auckland Council.**



### Retro Sci-Fi at the Stardome

The Stardome is putting science fiction and science fact head-to-head for one night only! Watch the cult classic film "When Worlds Collide" or "Red Planet Mars" in the planetarium and then, if the weather is clear, take a look at the real thing through the telescopes. Included

in the ticket are retro snacks and a glass of wine for the adults. We've also brought back the arcade machines so you can catch a quick game before the show. Book your tickets below and enjoy some retro-fun! Keep looking up, The Stardome Team Contact us on (09) 624 1246 or General Enquiries [info@stardome.org.nz](mailto:info@stardome.org.nz)

**When Worlds Collide:** When scientists discover a distant planet is on a catastrophic collision course with Earth, the government refuses to believe the evidence. It's now up to private citizens to finance and build a spaceship to carry a limited number of people and animals to another planet to begin a new civilisation. Massive tidal waves, earthquakes, the impending destruction of our world and deciding who gets to live or die brings out the best and worst in people. **6pm and 7.45pm** Please note this film is rated G – suitable for General Audiences. This is not a 360-degree show. **When at the Stardome website select Saturday 20th from the calendar on the left and click "Book Now". On the ticket screen select the show time and continue through to payment.**

[Buy Tickets](#)

**Red Planet Mars:** An American scientist contacts Mars by radio and receives information that Mars is a utopia and that Earth's people can be saved if they return to the worship of God. Revolution sweeps the Earth, including the Soviet Union. But there remains doubt about the messages being genuine, as an ex-Nazi claims he was duping the Americans. Please note this film is rated PG – Parental Guidance Recommended for Younger Viewers. This is not a 360-degree planetarium show. **When at the Stardome website select Saturday 20th from the calendar on the left and click "Book Now". On the ticket screen select the show time and continue through to payment.**

