

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

## Ag Day – a huge success!

What a day we had on Saturday! Everything worked so well – great competitions, lots of people and lots of fun! As usual so many people contributed to this year’s event – leading up to the day, on the day and afterwards.



Check out photos on the [Ag Day website!](#)

Our community is full of wonderful people - please accept our huge gratitude for your contribution.

It is the biggest day on our school calendar and the event only ever works due to the massive number of excellent helpers (parents, extended family, staff and students) we have – people who collected items/marquees/etc. prior to the event; judges of classroom displays, animals and plants; stall volunteers; people who donated goods; our superb sponsors; people who packed up and cleaned up afterwards; people who spent all Friday setting up.

And many, many more contributions!

Your generosity of time and effort is what makes our school special. Thank you all!

Many people were involved but some were involved in leadership/co-ordination positions requiring significant time and responsibility need individual mentions (apologies if anyone has been inadvertently missed):

**Jace Steele** - co-ordinator of FOTS and Ag Day preparations

**Heather Seel** – heavily involved in Ag Day preparations (many, many different contributions!)

**Anna-Fay Hinton** - heavily involved in Ag Day preparations (many, many different contributions!)

**Tara Murrie** - roster co-ordinator, Co-op co-ordinator and much, much more

**Roslyn & Karl Sentch** - co-ordinated the Ag Day tee-shirts, made new signs and many other jobs

**Julie Wall & Alanah Dando** - co-ordinated the silent auction

**Cindy Poole** – co-ordinated the book stall, helped with the silent auction, recycled boutique and much more

**Frana Becker & Anika Henderson** – co-ordinated all the food

**Karina Kuzmanic & Shelly Black** – co-ordinated the Co-op

**Adam Evans** – co-ordinated the plant stall

**Kirsten Chapman-Smith & Robyn Robertson** – co-ordinated the recycled boutique

**Tania Maclennan** - co-ordinator of ribbon printing and Group Day rep

**Nicki Gibson** – communication and Facebook



**Pete Savage** - helped with the silent auction

**'Past Parents'** – especially Leanne Holder and Ross Paterson for all their help

**'The Dads'** – who worked tirelessly to set up and pack down (including Nick, Adam, Karl, ...)

**'The volunteers'** – who worked tirelessly in the days preceding and on stalls during Ag Day – including ex-students!

And to everyone who donated goods, prizes, time, ... – you are wonderful! Thank you.

Please read more from FOTS later in the newsletter for other “thank yous” including our magnificent sponsors!!!!

Please support them!

### **Day in lieu of Ag Day**

School will be closed on **Friday 3 November** as a day-in-lieu of the Ag Day event.

### **South Kaipara Schools Group Day - Friday 3 November - Venue Change**

Calling all Lambs, Calves & Goats! If you won a red, blue or yellow ribbon at Ag Day with your Lamb, Calf or Kid you are eligible to represent Coatesville School at the inter-schools event South Kaipara Schools Group Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Due to the wet conditions and forecasted rain for Friday there has been a change of venue – it will now be held at the **Kumeu Showgrounds**. If Friday is a wet day they will still go ahead using the indoor spaces available at the showgrounds. Entrance to the grounds is on Access Road in Kumeu (turn left into Access Road at the traffic lights, over the railway crossing and approximately 300m on the right hand side.) [Click here](#) for map.

It's a great opportunity to show off all your hard work plus represent our school. It's a fun day out including sausage sizzle & cafe – the chance to meet other kids from local schools and see heaps of cute lambs, calves & kid goats.

If you are interested let the office know **TOMORROW** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If you have any queries please contact Tania Maclennan [btmac@ihug.co.nz](mailto:btmac@ihug.co.nz) or 021 446 903.

### **Welcome back Mrs Telford!**

Mrs Sharleen Telford will be back fulltime in 2018 as one of our two Deputy Principals.

It will be great to have her back as we head into a big 2018 year!

But in preparation for next year she is working one day a week this term in a part-time leadership position, involved in development and review across the school. She has joined the senior leadership team as we look to review and clarify a number of aspects regarding the school curriculum and student achievement.

However, Sharleen is not taking over any of her previous roles during this term so please ensure communication regarding any current issues goes through the classroom teacher and other leaders as necessary for the remainder of this year. Welcome back Mrs Telford!

### **Confirming student numbers for 2018**

Are your pre-schoolers enrolled at school?

Do you know anyone else who intends to enrol their child in 2018?

Do you have any plans to move from the area in 2018?

We are at present trying to get a clear indication of student numbers for 2018.

It is extremely important we have an accurate picture of the number of students at each year level so we can arrange classes and class numbers with the right balance. This is especially important with our Year 1 student numbers.

So if you have any additional information regarding your children in 2018 please let the office know asap. Thank you for your support.

### **Did you know? Student Class Placement for 2018**

The placement of students into classes for 2018 will happen in the coming weeks.

Classroom teachers hold the most relevant, up-to-date information about your child's learning progress and achievement. Over the coming weeks teachers will complete all final assessments for end of year reporting - for those Yr 1-3 students due for Term 4 reports/conferences and all Yr 4-6 students.

Teachers will meet after that to formally share **individual student information, regarding academic progress, 'Coatesville Competency' achievement and social needs.**

The information, and in-depth discussions arising ensure each child's class placement is considered carefully.

We have clear guidelines to follow:

### End of Year Class Placement Process

The student's current teacher holds the most relevant information for class placements. Parents, through their discussion and feedback with the teacher during the year, will certainly have their ideas and views considered. Teachers will bring all information about a student to the 'student placement' process.

After considerable consultation with teachers, the Senior Leadership Team will draft preliminary class lists. Consideration must be given to gender and year group ratios, and individual academic ability/progress and 'Coatesville Competency' achievement. After further consultation with teachers, lists will then be finalised by the Principal and Senior Leadership Team.

Parents are to be consulted if there is any potential issue regarding their child's placement.

Communication with parents will be undertaken when year groups are to have different configurations (eg. Year 3s are in a Yr 2/3 class and Yr 3/4 classes). With the predicted roll numbers we have for 2018 so far it appears we will have a different classroom structure from the one we have this year.

Every year the structure can look quite different because of the significant variation in numbers of students at each year level. As such there will be a number of composite classes but the exact structure has yet to be confirmed.

We do our utmost to ensure all students are placed appropriately. We are, at times, restricted by numbers of students at each year level and the respective options we then have, but do be assured that we conduct a very robust and thorough process and we are very well-placed heading into the class placement process for 2018.

### **Cohort Entry Policy At Coatesville School**

At Coatesville School, we are investigating the possibility of introducing a Cohort Entry Policy for our children starting school.

Cohort Entry is about helping children to settle better at school. There is evidence that starting school alongside other children, helps children build relationships and supports a smoother transition to school life. Some schools are already doing Cohort Entry, as they believe it offers their children the best start to their school life. This can also mean less disruption for the other children in the class and the teachers, who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date rather than on an individual basis throughout the year.

Children will be able to start at a school with Cohort Entry at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday, or the beginning of a later term. This means that some children, depending on when in the term their birthday falls, will be able to start school up to two months before they turn five, while other children will have to wait up to two months after their fifth birthday before they can start school.

We value our community's thoughts and opinions on this option. If you are able to complete [this survey](#) by Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, this will help contribute to our decisions moving forward.

[More information about Cohort Entry can be found here](#)

Thank you Sharleen Telford

### **Parent Surveys – final opportunity! What do you want from our school?**

Please take the opportunity to have your say! Surveys will close on Friday.

I have received several replies already to the surveys below - but we definitely need more.

I have constructed 3 (small) surveys to complete. They won't take long. And you don't have to answer every question if you don't want to! We want to hear from you about the things that matter.

#### **Survey links**

['Our Vision, Our People, Our Environment' Survey](#) – what does our school stand for and aspire to?

['Our Competencies' Survey](#) – what learning & life expectations do we have for our students?

['Our Targets' Survey](#) – what targets do we have to support effective learning?

The links and more background information relating to these surveys are also found on our school website under 'Our School/School Charter' – or directly at [www.coatesville.school.nz/school-charter](http://www.coatesville.school.nz/school-charter)

Thank you so much for your time.

### **Student Leader Project – Cans for Good**

The student leaders are organising the Cans for Good initiative, which asks students to bring a can of food to school that will be added to the Salvation Army food parcels. Have a look at the [Latest School News](#) on our website for more information. Cans need to in school by this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



## **Pizza Day – Next Monday 6 November**

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

Please fill out **ONE form per child** and give to the classroom teacher on Monday before 9.30am.

Remember – there will be no Sausage Sizzle that Monday.

## **North Harbour Primary Schools Trampoline Competition – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

The North Harbour Primary Schools Trampoline Competition is coming up on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. **This competition is open to all year levels and abilities** and there is a free practice session on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Further information can be found on our [school website](#) or by contacting [Caleb Rosamond](#). If you wish to enter your child through the school then please use the [online entry form](#). Entries close this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## **Year 3-6 Athletics Day - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

The date for the Year 3-6 Athletics Day has changed from what was previously listed on our school calendar and website. This event will now be held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. More information about this event can be found on the [Athletics](#) page of our website.

## **Our Special Weekly Awards**

Every week we recognise people who have made a meaningful contribution to our school.

We rightfully acknowledge them at our Friday assemblies each week in front of hundreds of people.

The winners certainly deserve every bit of recognition and plenty of thanks and applause for jobs well done! The winners of the awards for the last two weeks were:

**Cool Kiwi** - for a positive contribution to the school environment:

- Mr Roycroft for getting the grounds looking so good! (Wk 1)
- Everyone who helped prepare for Ag Day! (Wk 2)

**Tomato Dude** – for a special class/group/individual of the week:

- Cheyenne Spencer for making the New Zealand Junior Cheerleading squad (Wk 1)
- Students who entered the MADE awards (Wk 2)

**Cracker Jacks Award**- for an individual/group/class that has shown great sportsmanship:

- Yr 1 touch team who played their first game last week (Wk 2)

## **Upcoming Events**

Please check the [school calendar](#) for upcoming dates and events!

**From FOTS LATEST NEWS:** Please click here to find out about the latest grant awarded to Coatesville School: [FUNDRAISING NEWS FLASH](#) ↗

**AG DAY SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS:** Thank you so much to our sponsors and supporters for Ag Day - it is difficult to run the day successfully without you so we really do appreciate all of your support! Please support our supporters:

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**OTHER SUPPORTERS BY WAY OF SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS:** Baby Barns; Born to Build; Coast; Heletranz; House of Hair & Beauty; Miss Lolo; RD1; Silk & Steel; Towezy Trailers; Urbis Landscapes

Please click here to view our sponsors and Ag Day donations: [SPONSORSHIP SCOOP](#). Thank you so you much for all the kind donations to our silent auction and other stalls like Co-op, Books, & Recycle Boutique.

**HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT ON AG DAY!** There are so many people to thank for the lead up to arranging Ag Day, the set up the day before, set up on the day and everyone helping on various stalls and activities as well as all the people helping pack down and clean up. It was so super to see the amount of people helping at the end of the day and a BBQ was enjoyed at the end of the day by a lot those people helping - thank you so much from the FOTS to the BOTS (Board of Trustees) for putting on the BBQ - their kind way of showing their thanks and appreciation!



A special thank you to our wonderful co-op helpers, Anne-Marie Janssen and Karina Kuzmanic. We really appreciate everything you did to keep the co-op running smoothly on Saturday.



Please pop down to Mitre 10 MEGA Albany, one of our other supporters of Coatesville School to see their newly opened Garden Centre - click here for more information: [Mitre 10 MEGA Albany](#)

Thank you  
*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

*Richard Johnson*

Richard Johnson – Principal



## COMMUNITY NOTICES