

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*



## **BYOD in Year 5-6 in 2017**

As mentioned last week, after very careful consideration of feedback from staff, students and parents the BOT has decided to extend the trial of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) at the Yr 5-6 level into the 2017 school year.

We feel the introduction of the BYOD policy has given staff and students greater access to important learning tools. We feel it is absolutely necessary to continue the momentum we have with our newly developed learning model and the ongoing review of how to use digital tools to achieve success with learning.

An information pack will be sent out all parents of Year 4 and 5 students this Friday, to take home. Included in this pack will be information regarding our BYOD and Cyber-safe Policies as well as a flyer from leading retailers, for parents wishing to purchase chromebooks (our preferred device) for the 2017 school year.

In the meantime please visit our [ICT page](#) on the website for the most relevant and up to date information including [BYOD Information and FAQs](#).

## **Digital Classrooms in Action – BYOD Showcase in Year 5 and 6 Classrooms - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

We are giving the parents of all **Year 3-5 students** the opportunity to see our Year 5-6 digital classrooms in action. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to learn more about our BYOD journey so far, and to ask any questions you may have about BYOD, as we continue our trial into 2017 for our Year 5 and 6 classes.

***Join us for Morning Tea in the Library and brief introduction, after Assembly (approx. 9:45am), followed by Year 5-6 Digital Classrooms in Action Showcase in Rms 1, 3 and 4 from 10-11:00am.***

Our Year 3-4 students will also be given the opportunity to visit the Year 5-6 classes at this time, to answer any further questions they may have.

It will be another very exciting year in the Year 5-6 syndicate at Coatesville School in 2017.

*Amelia Macnab - ICT Leader*

## **Student Class Placement for 2017**

The placement of students into classes for 2017 will happen very shortly.

Classroom teachers hold the most relevant, up-to-date information about your child's learning progress and achievement. They are at present completing 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 to formally share individual student information, regarding **academic progress, 'Coatesville Competency' achievement and social needs/effective learning buddies**.

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 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 split between syndicates and/or have different configurations (eg. Year 3s are in a Yr 2/3 class and Yr 3/4 classes).

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 feel we are very well-placed heading into the class placement process for 2017.

### **Confirming student numbers for 2017**

It is the time of year when we look at our class numbers for next year so it is very helpful if we know of any changes to your circumstances.

If your family is moving and changing schools please contact the office as soon as possible so we have accurate information for 2017 classroom planning.

Thank you for your help.

### **To the Coatesville School Community**

The last few weeks have been extremely difficult for my family and I, as we have dealt with the reality of Layla's leukaemia. We are, however, very fortunate Layla has the best care possible in Starship and will be given the best chance to beat this disease.

So we are staying very positive and hopeful for the best possible outcome. She is a brave little girl and is certainly doing her best to overcome the challenge ahead. The situation is very challenging for all of us but we are prepared for the very long journey ahead.

Throughout the past couple of weeks my family have been overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity shown by our Coatesville School community.

The staff have been amazing. Their support with running the school in my absence has been wonderful and much appreciated. I have also received many, many meals packaged ready to eat or freeze for Jesse, the girls and myself. And last week I also found two large boxes on my desk packed with all sorts of fantastic goodies for Layla and the rest of us – contributed by a superb group of people.

But we have also been completely stunned with school families who have donated extremely generously to help us in this time of difficulty. It was very unexpected but was an utterly fabulous gesture. Layla's room is filled with toys and decorations now – some from home but many from the kindness shown by you people. And we will use your donations wisely to support her over the coming months.

I thank you all so much and please know that your support means a huge amount to us. It has certainly helped us through the initial shock and given us strength for the fight ahead.

Thank you.

*Richard Johnson & family*

### **Year 3-6 Athletics Day & Whole School Sprint Finals - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9:15am Start**

The Athletics Day for children in **Years 3-6** is on this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9:15am start. **This day concludes with the running finals for all age groups (5-11yrs) starting with the 5 year old girls at 2.30pm.** Further information about the day can be found in the [Athletics](#) section of our website.

**We still require parents to help teachers with the running of the field events from 10:30am - 1pm.** If you are able to assist with this (or with the supervision of an age group) then please register your availability using the form in the [Athletics](#) section of our website.

Unfortunately the weather forecast over the next few days is not very positive, therefore **a decision to postpone will be made by 8:15am on the day of the event** with this decision also being posted on our website. The 'rainsaver' date will be confirmed at this time also.

## **SUBWAY – online ordering this week!**

We're excited to announce an easier way to place orders for our Subway® Days; **online ordering is now available!** Coatesville school will be moving across to new online ordering for our Subway® lunch Day. Starting now you can order for **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

To place an online order, simply visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools) and follow the instructions below to place your order by **9am each Subway® Day**.

**Should you have any queries over Subway® Days please contact Wayne at Subway on 021 667 069**

### **STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR ONLINE ORDERING:**

<p><b>Step 1</b> Visit <a href="http://www.subway.co.nz/schools">www.subway.co.nz/schools</a> and select <b>SUBWAY® School Lunch Programme</b></p> 	<p><b>Step 2</b> Either create an account or login by following the prompts</p> 
<p><b>Step 3</b> Select your school and complete the 'student name' and 'class' fields. You can then choose to start a <b>New Order</b> or choose a favourite order from the list below.</p> 	<p><b>Step 4</b> Follow steps 1 to 3 to build your sub and add any drinks or sides – remember to select the ingredients you want on the sub in step 2</p> 
<p><b>Step 5</b> Confirm your order and pay via Credit Card (<i>Credit Card payment only is accepted</i>) <b>Please note that any orders received after 9am will NOT be processed until the following week</b></p> 	

*Note: if you are placing multiple orders for multiple children, you will need to finalise payment for the first order before starting the process over again for any subsequent orders.*

## **Scholastic Book Orders**

This terms second and last Scholastic Book Order pamphlet for the year went home with your child on Friday. If you wish to place an order please complete the on-line form by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November for issue 8.

### **North Harbour Schools Trampoline Competition**

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, a number of our students represented Coatesville at the North Harbour Schools Trampoline Competition at the North Shore Events Centre. Our team which included; **Cooper Cruickshank, Josh Cotterall, Lachie Cruickshank, Peter Morley, Max Neunz & Lily Watson** all performed extremely well considering many had not competed in trampolining before, so well done on your achievement!

Results:

**Year 0-4 Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Cooper Cruickshank**

**Year 5-6 Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Morley**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lachie Cruickshank**

**Year 5-6 Level 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily Watson**



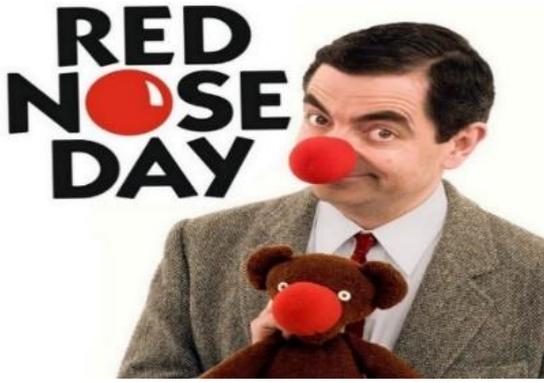
## **School Prizegiving & Picnic**

**Thursday 8 December** Prizegiving starts at 5pm. BYO Picnic starts approx. 6pm.

Please book the date now.

## **Ag Day and Centennial Photo Gallery**

View the beautiful photos taken by professional photographer Jemma Stanley, a past Coatesville School student, at Ag Day and the Centennial celebrations. The first tab on her website has the pricing, order form and gallery link [Photos](#)



### **Red Nose Day- Friday 18th November**

On Friday 18th of November the Student Leadership team will be fundraising for Cure Kids! As a school, we are aiming to raise as much money as we can to support children with cancer.

Students will be encouraged to come to school dressed in red. The Student Leadership Team will be taking Zumba classes with each class during the day on Friday.

We will be selling red noses and badges for \$3 dollars each on Friday morning, near the lost property from 8.15 am. Students will also be able to pay 50 cents to guess how many jaffas are in the jar. The person with the closest guess will win the whole jaffa jar.

### **Save The Planet And Bring A Spoon**

Students that paid their money for ice cream sundaes and ice blocks, will receive this on Friday at lunchtime. If you are having an icecream please bring your own spoon into school as this will save us a lot of money that can go to child cancer and saves resources

Thank you, Student Leadership Team and Miss Gilkison

## **Board of Trustees News November 2016**

### **Finance**

Income and expenditure is as expected. We have received donations from 87 percent of families. These donations help us provide a range of activities for children we know are valued by our school community.

### **Property**

We expect to meet with the Council shortly before submitting a consent application to carry out the work necessary for the new Septic System and field drainage. We are still hopeful this project will go ahead over the Christmas holidays. If not, it will take place during the holidays at the end of term 1 next year.

### **Health and Safety**

The Board has contracted health and safety firm All About People to conduct two pieces of work for the school. The first is a full health and safety risk assessment of the school and the second is further training for our grounds keeper.

### **Vehicle Safety**

The safety of children arriving at school, departing from school, and playing during school hours is of utmost importance to the Board. We will shortly have new electronic gates installed on the school driveway to ensure the safety of children crossing the drive to use the forest playground.

We are working with Auckland Transport and others to look at ways we can make our drop off and pick up zones safer for all families. In the meantime we ask you to please turn engines off when dropping and collecting children.

### **Richard, Jesse and Layla**

We would like to thank our school community for the support and respect shown to Richard, Jesse and Layla at this time. We have received almost \$1000 for Richard and Jesse to use towards parking and petrol. Thank you all for your generosity.

The Board would also like to thank our dedicated staff, led by Prue Blackmore and Sharleen Telford, for continuing to do their best for our children and school at this time.

The Board will meet again at 6.30pm on Tuesday 6 December in the Staff Room. Anyone is welcome to attend but only Board members have speaking rights. Contact details for Board members can be found at:

<http://www.coatesville.school.nz/board-of-trustees.html>

## **Term Four - Upcoming Events**

Week Six	Thursday 17 November Friday 18 November	<b>Athletics Day – Yr 3-6 only</b> <b>Athletics Day - Rainsaver</b>
Week Seven	Tuesday 22 November Wednesday 23 November Friday 25 November	APPA Dress Rehearsal, Town Hall – <i>Choir only</i> APPA Performance 6.30, Town Hall – <i>Choir only</i> Reception Parents Information Afternoon Tea – <i>Rm 8, 2.00</i>
Week Eight	Tuesday 29 November Thursday 1 December	Super Cluster Athletics – Kristin School Kauri Syndicates Cultural Afternoon ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> ) Super Cluster Athletics – Kristin School - <i>Rainsaver</i>
Week Nine	Tuesday 6 December  Wednesday 7 December Thursday 8 December Friday 9 December	Kauri Syndicate Athletics - ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> ) Student Conferences Student Conferences School Prizegiving & Picnic – <i>Whole school</i> Year 6 pool party – 11.30 – <i>Yr 6 only</i>
Week Ten	Monday 12-Tuesday 13 Monday 12- Thursday 15 Tuesday 13 December Friday 16 December	MERC Camp – <i>Year 3&amp;4</i> Camp Hunua – <i>Year 5 &amp; 6</i> Kauri Syndicate Education Outside the Classroom - ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> ) Last day of the year – Finish – <i>Whole school</i>

## **2017 School dates**

Term 1: Tuesday 7 Feb – Thursday 13 April

Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Term 4: Monday 16 October – Wednesday 20 December

*Thank you everyone for your ongoing support. We have a wonderful school.*

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

*Richard Johnson*

Richard Johnson – Principal

## **From The PFA**

- Please click on this link and like the [Coatesville School PFA Facebook Page](#) to receive regular updates!
- Bring cash to athletics day next week (17th Nov) as it is possible to buy the cook book and other Centennial merchandise including the drink bottles (with water inside)!
- If you want to order the cookbook or other merchandise in the meantime, please contact Heather on <mailto:hseel@coatesville.school.nz> and pay into the PFA account: 12-3059-0341655-00. Click here to view: [available merchandise](#)
- Please see the 'Donations' section on the [Sponsorship Scoop](#) in support of our Centennial Celebrations and Ag Day!
- **Market Day – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - can you help for 1 hour between 9:30am-2:30pm? If so please contact Heather on <mailto:hseel@coatesville.school.nz> or 021 664 749

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **AG Day Vegetable Seedlings for sale**

There are some left over Vege Plants from Ag Day. Please email Angela Simmons On [angela@ekiwis.net](mailto:angela@ekiwis.net) if you would like to order any of the following. \$2.50 each.

We have tomatoes, zucchini, red peppers, chili peppers, apple cucumbers, eggplants, pumpkins, parsley

**Kidslink** are hosting a Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes Event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7 - 9pm. Three great speakers in the educational field will discuss how children's physical needs can have a direct and profound impact on a child's learning. Tickets are \$20 each. Email [carolyn@kidslink.co.nz](mailto:carolyn@kidslink.co.nz) or call 09 959 0531 to book.



### **Creative Matters Art Workshops after school, run by teacher/artist Mandy Jakich.**

Visual art workshops in Coatesville Settlers Hall will be starting in term 1 of next year, on Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 5pm (with optional pick up from school/supervised afternoon tea), for years 2-6. Book now to secure a place!

For more info on Creative Matters and Mandy see our website <http://www.creativematters.co.nz/>

For the term 1 programme and to book <http://www.creativematters.co.nz/term-workshops.html>

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### **Riverhead Craft Market - Christmas Market!**

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