

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa



2018 School Prizegiving & Picnic

Tuesday 18 December – School Assembly area

Prizegiving starts at 5pm. BYO Picnic starts approx. 6pm

Yes we are having a prizegiving this year! The 'prizegiving issue' was certainly debated in the media last week. It was an interesting topic for discussion. But we remain committed to an end of year event so we are able to:

- acknowledge the academic, sporting and cultural progress and achievement of our students
- acknowledge specific students who have shown excellent/outstanding progress across the year
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- acknowledge people who have contributed to the school's progress and achievement during the year
- celebrate the progress and achievement of our Yr 6 students as they leave our school.

We would like all students and their families to be a part of this event! It will be a wonderful way to bring the school year to an end and celebrate a successful 2018 at Coatesville School.

Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Reports/Conferences:

Achievement reports will go home with students on **Friday 30 November (Week 7)**.

15 minute **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences** will take place in Week 8, prior to camps, on:

Wednesday 5 December 2:15-6pm and Thursday 6 December 2:15-5.15pm

Bookings for the conferences will be open next Tuesday.

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

End of school year

School finishes on **Wednesday 19 December at 1pm**.

Scholastic Book Orders

If you wish to place an order, please complete the online order form by following the prompts at: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. by 9 am Friday 30th November. Orders are online only please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you.

Tabloid Sports Day - Thursday 29th November

Next Thursday the whole school will participate in a Tabloid Sports day, which has been organised by the Student Leaders. All the Year 6's will be running an activity, which each team will visit from 9:30 - 1pm (with normal break time for morning tea). Each student has been allocated to a team, which is going to be identified by a specific colour. Each student's team colour will be shared with families by the end of this week, as we would love for them to come dressed in something that represents their team colour if possible. During the event, teams will be awarded points based on respect, resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork. We're looking forward to a fun day!

Plan for Supporting Positive Behaviour/Tackling Bullying

A review of school procedures was conducted by Coatesville School Senior Leadership Team (October 2018). The following actions for 2018-2019 arose from the review:

Student wellbeing survey

- Complete online survey for Yr 3-6 students / structured group discussions for Yr 0-2 students
- Compare results with survey earlier in the year
- Identify areas of positive performance and aspects for improvement
- Follow-up with individuals identified as needing support

Meet parents with unresolved issues

- Invite parents with unresolved issues to meet with SLT

Refine class placement process

- Ensure student, teacher and parent views on peer relationships are carefully examined

School leadership and staff support

- Clarify student wellbeing responsibilities for DPs & Principal - and for teachers and other staff
- Spread positive behaviour messages about - **‘Let people play!’**, **‘Spread Kindness!’**, **‘Use my Kidpowers’** and **‘Be an Upstander’**
- Support students to understand who to tell when they have a problem - **‘Tell someone!’**
- Support students to understand why it is important to tell when they have a problem and differentiate ‘narking’ or ‘telling tales’ from helping someone in trouble
- Share consequences for behaviour

Parent discussion forum: Strengthening home/school partnership

- Strengthen partnership between home and school to empower students
- Clarify best practice using BullyFreeNZ guidelines
(Date to be advertised next week)

Guidelines for supporting students & parents to “Tell someone!”

Support students and parents to:

- Differentiate conflict from rude, mean and bullying behaviours
- Identify designated staff members to talk with
- Tell another adult if necessary - and together talk to staff
- Understand outcomes of ‘telling’ and consequences for different behaviours

Guidelines for parents communicating with children re. bullying

- Use BullyingFreeNZ document to guide process

Staff guidelines for interviewing children

- Ensure consistency and sensitivity of approach from all staff

Staff guidelines for discussing issues with parents re. bullying

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Learning: Integration of Competencies and Student Wellbeing

- Capture the 5 student wellbeing ‘targets’ under the established Coatesville Competencies
- Create ‘learning modules’ with guidance and resources for each competency

[Tackling Bullying: A Guide for Families and Schools](#) from ‘BullyFreeNZ’

Please **read the document and the actions listed above** and share any comments or questions you have via this [link to a simple ‘Tackling Bullying’ feedback form](#).

The form will be open until Monday. Please share your ‘parent voice’.

Thank you so much for your time.

Year 3-6 Athletics Day & Whole School Sprint Finals - Thursday 15th November

We had a very successful Athletics day last Thursday with perfect weather and lots of student enthusiasm. A big thank you to the parents who gave up their Thursday to help run this event, we could not do this without you. Certificates and overall year group champions will be announced at this week's assembly and in next week's newsletter.

Caleb Rosamond, Sports Co-ordinator

Swimming Pool

The pool is currently being prepared for opening in late November/early December. At this stage **the opening date for the pool will be Monday 3 December** but it may be open during the week prior if all goes to plan. (A sign will be placed on the gate to indicate the pool is open earlier.)

All families will have received an application form last week via your eldest child with the details about how to renew or apply for the first time. Existing community key holders forms have also been posted last week.

If you have not had a pool-key and are interested in purchasing one for the summer these will be available from **Monday 19th November from the school office**. Keys can only be purchased from the school office. Please be aware that there is a limited number of keys available and we do sell out.

E- Award

At last week's assembly, the E-award monitors, Evie and Sophie, commented that you have all done a great job this week keeping your cloak bays tidy. So well done. The results were:

3 rd place	Room 9
2 nd place	Room 11
1 st place	Room 10

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notice

Good as New Pre Loved Kids Market

Orewa Community Centre Saturday 01 December 9am - 12 noon
50+ stall selling pre loved kids; clothes, toys, books, nursery furniture, buggies and lots more Let's all get behind recycling in Auckland [Good as New Christmas Pre Loved Kids Market](#)

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon - Hibiscus Coast

Coatesville School has been registered as a participating School at this Years Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

TRYathlon is on Sunday 24th of March 2019 and Manly Park, Whangaparoa, Hibiscus Coast

This means that we will assist in coordinating some pre TRY training, for those interested, and will have a site visit prior to the event to show interested participants what is involved. By registering as a school it also means

- linked to school individuals receive a discounted school price
- we are permitted to have a Marquee set up on the day to meet
- we will have an onsite team school photo
- we will be eligible for some amazing prizes!
- Have fun being part of the school group

To be linked to the school registration you will need to register and pay for your child/s entry on the following link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31849&G=78318>

Any queries at all please contact Tracy Ellingham 021399162 or tracy.ellingham@xtra.co.nz



COATESVILLE SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY INITIATIVE



On behalf of the children's charity, *Foster Hope*, **Coatesville School** is collecting new, unwrapped Christmas presents for children (aged 0-18 years) in foster care throughout New Zealand. Sadly, the festive season is a peak time for child protection agencies that are faced with the reality and severity of child abuse, neglect and crisis in local communities.

Many children enter into emergency service facilities over the Christmas period, and we would love your support to bring a bit of sunshine and hope to some of the country's most vulnerable children when often hope is lost, and grief and depression invade their little lives.

Please note the guidelines below:

- * *New toys only.*
- * *Gifts must not be weapon or food-orientated.*
- * *Gifts are to be up to the value of \$30.*
- * *The toys must not mention mum, dad or families.*
- * *There is no size limit.*
- * *No gifts requiring batteries.*
- * *Please do not wrap gifts so social workers can best match the gifts to children in their care. (Gift bags or cellophane are acceptable.)*



The children come from a wide range of backgrounds and there is generally always a shortfall of presents for 0-4 years and 12-18 years. There are some gift suggestions on their website www.fosterhope.org.nz/christmas-gift-drive.

Let's show how much we care for others less fortunate than ourselves and see how many gifts we can provide for these kids! Thank you in advance.

Please bring your gifts to the big box in the school office by:

Monday 3rd December.

*Any questions, please contact Kirsten Wharton (coordinator):
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