

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*



## Welcome to new staff for 2017

The 2017 year is looking very exciting. After a very thorough employment process we were able to finalise an extremely strong and capable staff line-up for 2017.

**Sarah Burnett** will be our new Deputy Principal. Sarah comes from Upper Harbour School where she has held a number of important leadership positions. We welcome Sarah to our school and look forward to the skills and qualities she will bring to the role.

Sarah replaces **Prue Blackmore** who has resigned her DP role effective from the end of 2016. But Prue wanted to still teach part-time at Coatesville School. So we appointed her to a job-share position with **Sophie Hickmer**, so she can use her considerable teaching skills to once again benefit our senior students.

Sophie has had a very successful first year in Totara team but had asked to work part-time in 2017 due to her family commitments. So they both now have new roles which is a huge coup for us.

With **Sharleen Telford** on maternity leave in 2017 (until she opens a new Yr 1 class later in the year) **Caleb Rosamond** will be Acting Deputy Principal. This allows Caleb to take new responsibilities next year.

**Kate Thompson** returns to Auckland and to Coatesville School in 2017. Kate was a very highly regarded junior school teacher during her time with us a few years ago and she will take up the position in the Reception Room. Other new teachers to the school are **Julie Tolsma** (Yr 1), **Alysha Winson** (Yr 1), **Deidre Neill** (Yr 1-2), **Sarah Mussett** (Yr 4) and **Mark van Dam** (Yr 5-6). These teachers all bring a range of skills, knowledge and experience to their positions. We feel very grateful we were able to secure this group of excellent teachers for our staff in 2017. We all look forward to coming together in January.

## Farewell to staff

But at the same time we are farewelling several highly regarded staff members.

**Trish Alston-Fairgray** who took leave earlier in the year has resigned her position. After her time away from school Trish has decided to look at options outside of teaching. We thank her immensely for her contribution to the Reception Room over the past two years and wish her all the very best. Thank you 'Mrs A'!

**Jess Mackie** will travel in 2017 with the possibility of staying overseas longer. She has resigned her position so she has the flexibility to explore any options she has whilst overseas. Jess has contributed 3 and half years of commitment to Coatesville School in the junior school. We farewell her with all the very best wishes possible.

**Allanah Johnston** has secured a position at Torbay School next year. Allanah taught for nearly two years in the Manuka syndicate and has made positive contributions to the staff team. We hope she has a super 2017 and wish her well as she takes on a new challenge.

**Nicola Gilkison** has been granted leave by the BOT for 2017 after 6 years on our staff. Nicola gets married in February and is taking an extended honeymoon/overseas working holiday. But she is absolutely committed to return to Coatesville School in 2018. We hope she has an amazing time.

And of course we will farewell **Sheila Helleur**, who has retired from teaching, at the end of this year.

## Sheila Helleur Farewell

An official farewell for Sheila will be held in the assembly area next Tuesday 1.30-2pm (prior to school finishing early for student conferences). Please feel free to attend!

So after our welcomes and farewells our 2017 teaching staff looks like this:

Principal Richard Johnson  
Deputy Principal Sarah Burnett  
Acting DP Caleb Rosamond

### Syndicate leaders:

Keith Miller Sarah Mussett Julie Tolsma

Yr Level	Room	Teacher
Reception	8	Kate Thompson
Year 1	2	Sharleen Telford * Class to open later on 2017
Year 1	5	Alysha Winson
Year 1	6	Julie Tolsma
Year 1-2	7	Deidre Neill
Year 2	9	Amelia Macnab
Year 3	10	Andy Forsyth
Year 3	11	Melissa Blignault
Year 4	12	Sarah Mussett
Year 4	13	Caleb Rosamond
Year 5/6	1	Mark van Dam
Year 5/6	3	Sophie Hickmer/ Prue Blackmore
Year 5/6	4	Keith Miller

## **New class announcements**

Students will be informed of their 2017 class **next Monday**. They will get a brief opportunity to meet their new teacher and their new classmates.

This initial meeting will then be followed up on Friday when the classes get together for an extended session, giving everyone a chance to start building positive relationships prior to the holidays.

Some of the new teachers to the staff will be available to meet with their class on the Friday, but unfortunately not all can, due to other unavoidable commitments. The students in these classes will still meet though.

We emphasise to students that their new class is an opportunity to start the new year positively. And we encourage them to see it as such before classes are announced and afterwards. The vast majority of students embrace that.

We try and ensure everyone will have appropriate 'learning buddies' so they can learn and work effectively within the class. We asked students about 'learning buddies' to help us make decisions. There are always new friendship opportunities for students - and the ability to retain old friends due to the closeness of all the classrooms in each of our syndicates.

## **APPA Music Festival**

Last Wednesday night our students took part in the APPA Music Festival with our choir performing wonderfully well as part of a massed choir.

Our choir trainers Claire Craigie and Cherrie Leefe once again prepared our children superbly.

Thank you both for your dedication and inspiration—your input into the appreciation of music for our choir group, instrumental group and all classes is always brilliant.

Our choir was excellent – and looked fantastic in our new sports uniforms!

A great night out—well done everyone! Thank you.

## **Digital Classrooms in Action – BYOD Showcase in Year 5 and 6 Classrooms**

**This Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – don't miss this final opportunity to find out more about BYOD and our Year 5-6 Digital Classrooms

Join us for Morning Tea in the Library straight after Assembly, then from 10-11:00am our Year 5-6 classes (Rms 1, 3 and 4) will be open to parents to see learning in action. If there is **no assembly we will start at 9am** in the library.

If you are interested in attending please RSVP, by clicking this link; [Attendance Register](#). If you are unable to arrange child care for your pre-schoolers, please let us know when filling out the attendance register, and we will attempt to make arrangements for child care.

We look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, if you have any questions please visit our website.

Amelia Macnab – ICT Leader

## **Parent Helpers 'Thank you' Morning Tea**

The staff 'thank you to our parent helpers' morning tea will be held in the library this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.45am. Invitations were sent home with children but if you have been a helper this year and the invitation hasn't found its way home to you, please come if you are able to. We really value the help we receive in so many ways from our parents.

## **Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student conferences:**

Reports will go home to relevant students this **Friday 2 December (Week 8)**.

Yr 4-6 students: All students will receive an 'Achievement' report.

Yr 1-3 students: Those students who are on the Terms 2 & 4 reporting cycle will receive a 'Progress' or an 'Achievement' report, depending on the cycle they are on.

Parents can then schedule a parent-teacher-student conference.

If you had a report in Term 3 you will not receive one or have a conference with the teacher. If you are still unsure about this process please ask your child's teacher.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences:

15 minute Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences will take place in the **second to last week of term (Week 9)** on:

**Tuesday 6th December** 2:15pm and 7pm

**Wednesday 7th December** between 2:15pm and 5:30pm

**PLEASE NOTE: School will finish at 2pm on both of those days.**

**School buses will leave as usual at 3.**

## **Parent-Teacher-Student conferences:**

**Tuesday 6 December 2:15-7 pm and Wednesday 7 July 2:15-5:30 pm**

For students who received a report last week.

**Booking a conference** To book a conference please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- 2) Enter our **new** school code – **aahfd**
- 3) Enter your details
- 4) Select your child's year level
- 5) Select your child's classroom teacher
- 6) Choose your time

If you have any difficulties please contact the school office immediately.

## **School Prize giving & Picnic**

**Thursday 8 December – School Assembly area**

Prize giving starts at 5pm. BYO Picnic starts approx. 6pm.

## **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm Finish For The Last Day Of The Year**

Coatesville Schools last day of term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

School will finish at lunchtime 1pm and School busses will also leave then.

## **LAST PIZZA DAY FOR 2016 – make sure you get your orders in! - Monday 5<sup>TH</sup> December.**

An order form will go home with every child on Friday.

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

Remember – there will be no Sausage Sizzle that Monday.

### **Year 3-6 Athletics Day & Running Finals - Results**

Thanks again to everyone who assisted on the Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November - we cannot hold these sorts of events without your ongoing support!

#### **50m & 80m Sprint Results**

##### 5yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Monty Cruickshank

2<sup>nd</sup> Lucas Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> Cooper Newman

##### 5yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Natalia Calderon

2<sup>nd</sup> Maddy Doidge

3<sup>rd</sup> Jasmin Clifton

##### 6yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Bates

2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Poland

3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Williamson

##### 6yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Sienna Wharton

2<sup>nd</sup> Ariane Dawson

3<sup>rd</sup> Maia Osman

##### 7yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Harry Martin

2<sup>nd</sup> Max Seel

3<sup>rd</sup> Theo Hoban

##### 7yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Makayla Graham

2<sup>nd</sup> Mia Cadwallader

3<sup>rd</sup> Anastasia Calderon

##### 8yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Stockhammer

2<sup>nd</sup> Levi Dawson

3<sup>rd</sup> Phoenix Roycroft

##### 8yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Peacock

2<sup>nd</sup> Minka Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Wycherley

##### 9yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Lachie Cruickshank

2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Graham

3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Brown

##### 9yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Parisa Fouladi

2<sup>nd</sup> Annabel Savage

3<sup>rd</sup> Tayla Munt

##### 10yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Jono Webster

2<sup>nd</sup> Nikau Hopwood

3<sup>rd</sup> Spike Jackson

##### 10yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne Spencer

2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Bowden

3<sup>rd</sup> Amy McFarlane

##### 11yr Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Issac Lovering

2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Whittaker

##### 11yr Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Amy Paterson

2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Dagg

3<sup>rd</sup> Una Dennehy

#### **Overall Age Group Champions**

8yr Boys - Ethan Stockhammer

9yr Boys - Lachie Cruickshank

10yr Boys - Jono Webster

11yr Boys - Isaac Lovering

8yr Girls - Minka Anderson

9yr Girls - Tayla Munt

10yr Girls - Cheyenne Spencer

11yr Girls - Georgia Dagg

**Full results from all events can be viewed on the [Health & P.E Blog](#) on our website.**

We have a large team of 8yr olds and up competing at the Super Cluster Athletics Day at Kristin School today. No doubt they will have represented Coatesville with pride and excellence! Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for the results from this event.

*Caleb Rosamond – Sports Coordinator*

## Competency Bands and Gotcha Draw

Well done to all of the students receiving their Gotcha Bands at Friday's Assembly. It was an extra special accomplishment for one student, being the first ever at Coatesville School to receive their third Gotcha Band. This demonstrates the amazing Respect, Responsibility and Reflection that the students at our school show. Congratulations to all students who received a Gotcha Ticket over the last few weeks too. We had a double draw this week, so **six** deserving students received a Westfield Voucher, **thanks to Nicky White of Precision Real Estate** for her donation of the vouchers each fortnight. Please [click here](#) to see the full blog post.

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

*Richard Johnson*

Richard Johnson – Principal

## Term Four - Upcoming Events

Week Eight	Thursday 1 December	Kauri Syndicates Cultural Afternoon ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> )
Week Nine	Tuesday 6 December	Kauri Syndicate Athletics - ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> )
	Wednesday 7 December	Student Conferences 2.15-7pm
	Thursday 8 December	Student Conferences 2.15-5.30pm
	Friday 9 December	School Prizegiving & Picnic – <i>Whole school</i>
		Year 6 pool party – 11.30 – <i>Yr 6 only</i>
Week Ten	Monday 12-Tuesday 13	MERC Camp – <i>Year 3 &amp; 4</i>
	Monday 12- Thursday 15	Camp Hunua – <i>Year 5 &amp; 6</i>
	Tuesday 13 December	Kauri Syndicate Education Outside the Classroom - ( <i>Rms 5-9</i> )
	Friday 16 December	Last day of the year – <b><i>Finish at 1pm</i></b> – <i>Whole school</i>

## **From The PFA**

- **After School Cafe** - please click here for [FUNDRAISING NEWS FLASH!](#)
- **Volunteers for the upcoming Coatesville Markets - Sunday 4th Dec / 18th Dec**

Thank you so much to those who have already offered support and volunteered for these upcoming markets, **however, we still require more volunteers please!** It would be really great to have some dads to help out on the 1st and last shifts! Can you help for 1 hour between 9:30am-2:30pm on the 4th December OR between 1:30pm-6:30pm at the twilight market on the 18th December? If so, please contact Heather Seel on <mailto:hseel@coatesville.school.nz> or 021 664 749.

- Please click on this link and like the [Coatesville School PFA Facebook Page](#) to receive regular updates!
- 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!

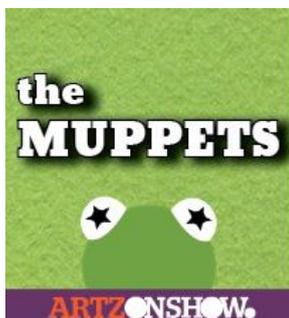
## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**North Shore Youth Music** North Shore Youth Music is a community organisation which runs a variety of orchestras and choirs for young people. Applications are now being accepted for 2017 and auditions will be held on Wednesday 7th, 14th or 21st December. See [www.nsym.org.nz](http://www.nsym.org.nz) for an application form.

**Orchestras** Stringalongs(5-8),  
Junior (9-13),  
Youth (14+yrs)

### **Choirs**

Songsters (5- 8),  
Children's (9 - 13),  
Youth (14+yrs)



### **Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years. Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

Held at Westlake Boys High School  
9 - 13 January 2017, 9 am – 4 pm daily

View our website; [www.artzonschool.co.nz](http://www.artzonschool.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either  
[artz@artzonschool.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonschool.co.nz) or 0800 667 469

### *New Zealand GIRLS CHOIR*



inspiring confidence, creativity and uniqueness in young girls of any age 5 and up. join us as we sing, dance, perform and make friends in weekly classes.

**Voice's on The Avenue** - Adults want to sing in a group? meet new people? have a whole heap of fun? sing and make music? **Voice's on The Avenue** is our adults only choir starting in 2017.

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