

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We have a very full two weeks ahead! Please find out what is happening over the coming days!

Digital Classrooms in Action – BYOD Showcase in Year 5 - 6 Classrooms (Friday 8th Dec)

This Friday after assembly we will be 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 the digital direction we have already embarked upon. **Join us in the staffroom after assembly for a brief introduction, (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.

Digital learning: BYOD in 2018

As mentioned last week, after careful consideration of feedback from staff, students and parents during a trial period over the past two years, the **BOT has decided to adopt BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy at the Yr 5-6 level** in the 2018 school year and beyond. **(At this stage those Yr 4s placed in a Yr 4/5 class for 2018 will have the option to bring their own device** but this will be discussed with those students/parents after class placement).

We feel the introduction of the BYOD policy over the past two years has given staff and students greater access to important learning tools. We also 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. 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 2018 school year.

Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Reports/Conferences:

Reports will go home to relevant students on **Friday 8 December**.

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 for the following week (see below).

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 12 December 2:15-6 pm and Wednesday 13 December 2:15-6pm

Note: Kauri syndicate conferences will be **Monday/Tuesday** as previously advised.

[Guidelines for conferences](#)

(please click the link to see the expectations we have for these conferences)

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.

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

- 1) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- 2) Enter our **new** school code – **qm9ue**
- 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.

New class announcements

Students will be informed of their 2018 class **next Monday**. They will get a short opportunity to meet their new teacher and their new classmates.

This first meeting will then be **followed up on Friday when they get together for an extended session with their new class again**, giving everyone a chance to start building positive relationships prior to the holidays.

We emphasise to students that their new class gives them an opportunity to start the new year afresh positively. We encourage them to see it as such. The vast majority of students embrace that.

We try and ensure everyone will have at least one identified friend (in some cases more) so they can learn and work effectively within the class. We asked students last week about 'friends' to help us make decisions.

But there are always new friendship opportunities for students - and the ability to retain old friends in other classrooms.

Parent Helpers 'Thank you' Morning Tea

The staff 'thank you to our parent helpers' morning tea will be held in the library next Tuesday 12th December at 11am. 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.

School Prizegiving & Picnic

Thursday 14 December – School Assembly area

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

All students are expected to attend the final official event of the year.

We want to encourage as many students and their families to attend.

Please note the start time as we will have our **formal prizegiving** for the whole school in the assembly area first, followed by a **BYO picnic** as we celebrate the end of the school year.

There will be **classroom awards for every class, trophies, Yr 6 graduation, and much, much more**. We will move through things quickly at assembly so everyone can then really enjoy the picnic.

It will be wonderful to have the whole school come together to end the school year.

Bring food, drink, a rug and smiles and enjoy the formal and the social side of school life!

Class awards

Our class awards system recognises the progress and excellence of our students across the curriculum.

Up to 6 students from each class will be acknowledged – with 'progress' or 'excellence' awards presented for a specific aspect(s) of the curriculum.

APPA Music Festival

Last Tuesday night our students took part in the APPA Music Festival at the Auckland Town Hall. Our choir performed wonderfully well as part of a massed choir, including a number of other primary/intermediate schools.

In addition some of our children starred as instrumentalists - **Christopher Tsai** performed on the violin and **Jordan Stanley, Lucia Holloway, Claire Glasson, Parisa Fouladi and Chantelle Maxwell** on ukulele.

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 wonderful.

Our choir was excellent – and looked fantastic in their sports uniforms. (Some children had even been at athletics for hours earlier in the day so did extremely well to last the distance!)

It was a really great night out—well done everyone!

From FOTS

Order your **Christmas Organic Hams** from [Blackforest Gourmet Butchery](#) (please click for website details), who kindly donated a ham towards Ag Day. They are free range and preservative free from a Wanaka Farm, so order directly from them **before the 14th December** for \$20/kg and mention you are from Coatesville School. Contact details: tel: 415 5400 or blackforestalbany@clear.net.nz

Re-useable Bags (some sold on Ag Day) are available for purchase for **till this Friday, 8th December**, then they will be returned! **\$5 each** and \$2 comes directly to Coatesville School. They make great gifts and help lower the use of plastic bags in our environment too! To purchase please contact Heather by email or text: <mailto:hseel@coatesville.school.nz> or 021 664 749. Pay directly into the Coatesville School PFA account: 12-3059-0341655-00 quoting name & reusable bags and let Heather know how many for her to leave in the school office upon payment.



Also up for grabs are our cookbooks - **\$20 per cookbook or 2x for \$30?** Again contact Heather to confirm purchase.

Thank you

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Here for you! Coatesville Resident & Ratepayers

Hi Guys – we are your committee, voted in annual at our AGM in June to represent the interests of our ratepayers and residents. We meet monthly at the Hall and would LOVE to hear from you.

We are broadly split into 4 sub-committees in an attempt with support from the Local Board to drive positive change in our area. These are: **Greenways** (the safe creations of access ways for recreational use) **Area Enhancements** (Community pride; clean & green: roadside verge management **Transport & Safety** (working both with Local Board & Council for improved development of local roads; speed reduction etc. & Civil Defence) & finally **Communication**. We report regularly in the Chronicle and have a FACEBOOK PAGE we would really like you to support & share info with us on www.facebook.com/Coatesville-Residents-Ratepayers or email us at information.crra@gmail.com

If you have a skill you would like to share or become more involve we would love to co-opt people onto these sub-committees. Thanks guys – we need to hear your voices to make sure we are pushing for what you would like to see.

Jacqui Cantell, Secretary

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 2018 and auditions will be held on Wednesday 13th, and 20th December. See www.nsym.org.nz for an application form.

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

Choirs Songsters (5 - 8yrs), Children's Choir (9 - 13yrs), Con Brio Choir (10 - 16yrs), Youth Choir (14+yrs)



On Sunday December 10 Fonterra invites you and your family to come to one of the farms we're opening around the country to see what happens down on the farm. You can talk to a farmer about what they're doing to care for New Zealand's waterways, see where milk comes from, and enjoy a fun day out with activities for kids and a free ice cream for everyone. Book your visit at www.opengates.co.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.