

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Dear Parents

ERO visit - thank you for a successful week!

Our visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) last week was extremely successful.

It started on Monday with long discussions involving the senior leadership team (SLT) and ERO, as they listened to, and asked questions regarding, the support of equity and excellence for students within our school. We shared a number of plans, targets and initiatives introduced over the past few years and talked to them about the progress we have made. We finished a long day by meeting with the BOT & ERO to discuss the BOT's processes and successes.

On Tuesday the ERO team were taken around classrooms by team leaders. They interacted with students and got a feel for every class, especially looking at how we were implementing our learning model and our support for student wellbeing. They also met with a great group of parents who talked to them about our school and shared their experiences. And a group of teachers spoke openly regarding our school's progress and their feelings of working within our environment.

They spoke with a group of students on Wednesday as they focused on getting data for a national evaluation topic - 'Bullying'. Teacher registration/appraisal information was carefully examined; learning support processes reviewed; and Health & Safety systems evaluated. ERO and the SLT then separately evaluated our school's strengths and possible next steps, which were discussed and constructed collectively ready for sharing with the BOT.

The final day concluded with the BOT where we discussed the outcomes of the review from the previous day. These outcomes – which were very affirming and reflected extremely well on the school – will form the basis for the final ERO report. The draft report will be out in a month and the final report will be made available online in a few months.

So it was a long and quite intense week for myself, the SLT and staff, but we feel the outcomes were overwhelmingly positive. We got plenty of feedback regarding our many strengths and we were in agreement over the next steps for development – which were all existing within our current plans for this year.

What we said we were doing was reinforced by all groups across the school. They saw high levels of alignment and shared understanding. They know we have even greater plans to maximise this too. We have set very high standards for ourselves and our school and are focused on ensuring we reach those where there is still room for growth.

It was a very valuable week – a great time to reflect, discuss and clarify with external reviewers, to drive the school even further ahead. So, fittingly, the whole school community were awarded the 'Tomato Dude' at assembly on Friday for their contribution to the success of the review!

Thank you everyone for your input – especially the SLT who have worked tirelessly over the past few months, and to the teaching staff for preparing so well this year and showing our school off so positively to our visitors.

Back to school picnic

Thank you to all our families who came and enjoyed the picnic on Friday. It was a lovely event and gave many people a chance to catch up early in the school year.

Thank you to those staff members who were able to stay after a very big ERO week.

And FOTS did a super job with the 'Hungerball' and other items they organised. Thank you! Well done!

Burglary!

Early on Monday morning we had a burglary in the school. Several ipads were stolen from between Rms 6 & 7.

Dairy Flat School lost a large number of digital devices an hour or so before our incident too.

It is extremely frustrating to be targeted like this. It is the children who miss out on access to those devices as we sort out this issue.

We will be very vigilant to ensure we don't have any more unwelcome visitors! If you notice any suspicious activity please report it. Thank you.

Lateness to school

We are still examining the late arrival of some children to school very carefully. It is an issue affecting teaching staff, office staff and students. On Monday there were over 20 students late to school.

We feel lateness does have a real impact on learning for children. Not having time to feel prepared for the day prior to the bell is an issue for some children. Missing notices and instructions means they are always 'playing catch-up' during the day.

If lateness is an issue for your child/children we will speak to you about it and try and work out how to best resolve this issue. We want to help in any way we can.

Inter-School Swimming Sports – next Tuesday

If your child has qualified to represent Coatesville School at next week's Inter- school swimming sports, Tuesday 20th March you will receive an email from Caleb Rosamond and Mark Van Dam in the next couple of days.

Your child will need a sports uniform, which can be purchased from the school office, as the school no longer distributes them. ***There will be no class swimming on Tuesday 20th March.***

Coatesville School Rugby Registration (Yr 4-6)

This is a great opportunity for Year 4-6 boys and girls to take part in three inter-school Rippa and Tackle rugby tournament days. The tournaments are held at Helensville Rugby Club during school time and are great fun!

[For more information and to register click here!](#)

E- Award

At assembly, the E-award monitors, Evie and Sophie, commented 'well done classes for lining up your shoes in your cloak bays. This week's awards went to

1st Room 13

2nd Room 4

3rd Room 10

From FOTS (Friends Of The School): AGM – this Thursday, 15th March, 7pm

Save the date for our upcoming AGM - this Thursday, 15th March, meeting in Staff Room from 7pm with kick off at 7:30pm. Secretary and other roles up for grabs! Please email for any enquiries:

<mailto:friendsofcoatesvilleschool@gmail.com>, otherwise see you there! If you cannot make it in the evening but want to know how to help or keep informed, please join us in the staffroom on Friday after assembly for a catch up! Please subscribe to our FOTS updates/email subscription service if you haven't already - see the top of our webpage:

<http://www.coatesville.school.nz/friends-of-the-school1.html>

Do you require any **firewood**? We are also looking for families who are able to help with **firewood deliveries** - to order or help please contact Jace on 021 331 733 or send us a message via: [Friends of Coatesville School Community Group](#)

Community Notices



Can You Help? Easter Egg Collection for Ronald Macdonald House

Two local mums, Debbie Skillcorn and her friend Clover, who volunteers at Ronald McDonald House, are collecting Easter Eggs for Ronald McDonald House. If you wish to make a donation (of Easter Eggs) meet them at the school carpark this and next Wednesday after school drop off.

Music lessons at Coatesville School

At Coatesville School, we offer private music lessons in a variety of instruments and teach all levels. If you are interested in starting your child on an instrument, please contact Claire Craigie at clairecallister@hotmail.com