

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences: Tomorrow

The rescheduled Parent-Student-Teacher learning conferences will be held tomorrow (9 September) between 2.15pm and 5.30pm.

School will finish at 2pm for all students tomorrow.

Students who are on buses, going to After School Care or cannot be picked up at 2pm, are to go straight to the library/Rm 2 where they will be supervised until 3pm. Buses will run as usual at 3pm.

Under Alert Level 2 we are able to hold important face-to-face meetings but we obviously want to make sure the health and safety of teachers, parents/caregivers and students remains a priority.

So please support us with the following aspects.

Sickness

If you are sick please do not attend conferences.

Physical distancing

Up to 2m distance is required between teachers and parents/caregivers.

The conference space will be set up accordingly.

Masks

These are not compulsory but are optional if teachers or parents/caregivers feel they are necessary.

Hand Hygiene

Please use hand sanitiser before starting the conference.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Conference length

Please be ready to start the conference on time.

Each conference will be 15 minutes long.

A bell will signal the end of the previous conference and the start of the next.

Please note: School will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 9 September.

School Buses will leave at the normal time. Bus & afterschool care students will go to the library until 3pm.

New Enrolments for 2021

We are currently starting to examine staffing needs for next year. Our staffing needs are directly related to the number of children we have on our roll at present along with those who will enrol for 2021.

So it is important we are aware of all children who will be attending. It shapes our class structure for the year.

If you know of anyone in the area ('in zone') who is not on our list of prospective new enrolments please ask them to contact the school office.

Anyone who is 'out of zone', but wanting to come to our school next year, must go through the **ballot process which will be held in October**. Contact the school office to receive the necessary information.

Generally we take all new entrants who apply via the ballot.

Students at other year levels may be accepted via the ballot, depending on numbers of students on the roll at the time.

If you have any questions about enrolment please ask.

Dogs at School

Last week we had an incident immediately after school where a child was bitten by a dog. As a result the child required medical treatment, which caused a great deal of anguish for the family involved.

The dog owner was also very upset by the incident.

The incident occurred outside the school grounds, near to one of our exit points. The dog was on a lead and a child approached the dog without the owner being aware.

An Auckland Council Animal Management Officer (Stephanie) was notified and, subsequently, investigated the incident. She has since had a presence around school and has used the opportunity to share some key messages for our school community - for dog owners and for supporting children to stay safe around dogs.

Stephanie's messages:

Dog owners

1. **Dogs are not permitted on our school grounds under any circumstances.** The BOT have the right to request this as the school is private property and are allowed to make regulations accordingly.

2. Being in **close proximity to a school**, especially at busy periods before and after school, places a dog in a **potentially 'high risk' environment**.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dogs-animals/Pages/default.aspx>

3. *"The key message for Dog Owners is that they MUST keep their dog UNDER CONTROL at all times. This is non-negotiable. It is all about keeping their dog safe. The unpredictability of children and/or dogs is not a defence under the Dog Control Act 1996. Neither is provocation."*

Child safety around dogs

"This is the best clip I have for keeping children safe around a dog. 'Pat, Pet, Pause' and 'Make Like A Tree'. It starts about 2:11 into the video. I do not agree with asking parents about petting a dog – ONLY ever ask the Dog Owner. If the dog is unattended, like tied up outside a shop or under a café table, NEVER approach. Also, the only safe place for a child to pet a dog is on the back, between the shoulders/withers and hips. NEVER on the head or under the chin/chest."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VzwZHjBsc>

*"And reading dog behaviour – the **most dangerous** misconception by children and adults is that a wagging tail means 'happy'. It does **not**. It is the dog expelling energy, which may include aggression, anxiety, nervousness etc."*

Ag Day 2020

Currently we are planning for **Ag Day on Saturday 17 October**.

However, with uncertainty over Alert Levels it is important to be clear about how this may affect Ag Day.

Ag Day at Alert Level 1

At this Alert Level **Ag Day will be on Saturday 17 October**.

If this is the case it would provide very few restrictions throughout the day (unless expectations for Alert Level 1 changes) and would allow us to complete our Ag Day as we normally would. ie. a fantastic day for all!

Ag Day at Alert Level 2

This would see Ag Day move to **Friday 16 October - during the school day**.

Animal, plant and rural tradition projects would still be presented and judged (possibly in a modified form).

The event would not be open to the public and there would be very specific 'visitor' restrictions shared prior to the event, along with other strict expectations (physical distancing, hand hygiene, etc.).

There would be limited food stalls and games for the children.

So the day would go ahead - and it would be a fantastic day for the children!

Ag Day at Alert Level 3 or 4

Ag Day would be cancelled.

We would reschedule the presentation and judging of projects to be completed at school during Level 2 - only if it is possible to fit it into the term.

Ag Day 2020: Sponsors

We always very warmly welcome any support for our school and our events.

If any businesses or individuals would like to sponsor Ag Day this year please make contact with office@coatesvilleschool.nz; rjohnson@coatesvilleschool.nz or roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz (Chairperson of FOTS) to express an interest.

FOTS are currently calling for sponsors for Ag Day.

We will **make sure all sponsors get exposure before, during and after Ag Day** to reflect the contribution made. We presume there will be fewer sponsors this year (due to a number of reasons) so it is likely all sponsors will get a **higher profile** than usual.

We are happy to discuss opportunities with any potential sponsor.

Thank you for your consideration.

School Cross Country: Cancelled / Modified 'Fun Run': Confirmed

The school cross country has been cancelled for this year.

With the country remaining in Alert Level 2 for at least another week, and restrictions regarding the granting of a permit to hold the event on council reserve, we are unable to proceed with this event.

We decided that unless we could complete the event this term we would have to cancel. Term 4 is already very full with events (Ag Day, Athletics) and other commitments so it was not an option to reschedule.

A 'Fun Run' will be held at school during the last week of term. It will involve running for fun, with a competitive element for those interested. Whanau groups will support each other to earn points too.

This replaces the 'Fun Run' concept which was to be run in conjunction with the cross country.

As such, fundraising for the KidsCan Charitable Trust has also been cancelled.

We may look to make this a fundraising focus next year with an associated Fun Run.

Scholastic Book Orders

This term's Scholastic Book Order pamphlet went home last week. If you wish to place an order, please complete the on-line order form by following the prompts at: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. by **9 am Friday 11 September**. Orders are **on-line only** so please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you.

Pizza Lunches are back - Mon 14 & Mon 21 Sept

There will be pizza orders next week and the week after, replacing the usual Monday sausage sizzle. Orders will be delivered directly to each classroom at lunchtime. Please check your child's bag this Friday for next week's order form and return one for each child.

Teacher Only Day: Friday 25 September

This is the last day of Term 3.

Staff will work onsite during the day to complete important planning and review.

Students are to remain at home. The school is not open for instruction.

Thank you.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Principal

Chess – Term 4 - at school

Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are pleased to start a Chess Coaching Programme at the school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to the children.

Why Chess?

- * Improve concentration and focus
- * Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- * Tactical & Strategic thinking
- * Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- * Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At the completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

Q Where can I learn more?

A Visit our website, www.chesspower.co.nz and click Parents Centre

Chess Class Details

A 9-week chess coaching program will run on Thursdays from 15 October 2020 till 10 December 2020 from 1-1:50 pm in Room 2. The fee is \$110/student for the term.

If the program is successful a new full 10-week program will be made available in Term 1 next year.

Registration

If your child would like to be part of this please visit our website. Both registration and payment can be done online

www.chesspower.co.nz/register

Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket Club

Registrations for the cricket season are now open online at eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz

East Coast Bays Cricket Club is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing Cricket for all ages and all levels. The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable competitive environment.

We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys. The uniform comprises of a club polo shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap or wide-brimmed hat, which are available from Players Sports online or at their Newmarket shop. The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own. Please contact the Club for more information at ecbayscricket@gmail.co

Keep active this summer and come join Dairy Flat Tennis Club's Junior Hot shots coaching sessions!

Starting Saturday the 12th of September kicking off with the: JUNIOR SQUAD (AGE 5-7 YRS) - Saturdays 9am - 9.45am, followed by the INTERMEDIATE SQUAD (AGE 7-9 YRS) - Saturdays 10am - 10.55am and finishing with the SENIOR SQUAD (AGE 9-12YRS) - Saturdays 11am - 12 midday.

For more info please visit <http://www.dairyflattennis.co.nz/> or contact Mike Renwick - 021 422 968



- Walk or cycle to school with your kids if you live within 5-10 minutes to school
- Park a little further away from the school gate (400m) and walk your kids to the school, like the local church carpark, supermarket, quiet street or a park. This way you are not surrounded by people and helps maintain social distancing.
- Use the pedestrian or signalized crossing and encourage kids to do the same, remember to use your elbow or sanitize your hands afterwards.
- Follow road rules by not parking on broken yellow lines, or double parking or parking in an unsafe manner.
- It is important to keep all kids safe around school.



WHAT ARE ETHOS ACADEMY SCHOOL PROGRAMMES?

Ethos is the brainchild of two PE teachers, Peter and Jamie. They saw a gap in New Zealand's current offering of school holiday programmes. So, they decided to create one.

Their teaching experience taught them that sports and games are incredibly important for kids as they learn to navigate the real world.

Simply put, Ethos Academy school holiday programs are a fun way to entertain and educate your kids during the school holidays.

We take sports and combine them with values to ensure kids are not only having a blast, but learning how to navigate the world in a positive way.



THE DETAILS

TIMING

- Drop off from 8am
- Programme runs from 9am - 4pm
- Pick up before 5:15pm



COSTS

- \$55 per day or \$129 for 3 days
- First week 29th September - 1st October Long Bay College
- Second Week 6th - 8th October - Hobsonville Point Secondary School

BOOK ONLINE:

SIGNUP.ETHOSACADEMY.CO.NZ



WHAT HAPPENS AT ETHOS ACADEMY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES?

CONTACT US

We understand you may have questions about our programme and encourage you to get in contact with us.

We'd love to answer any questions that you have!

jamie@ethosacademy.co.nz

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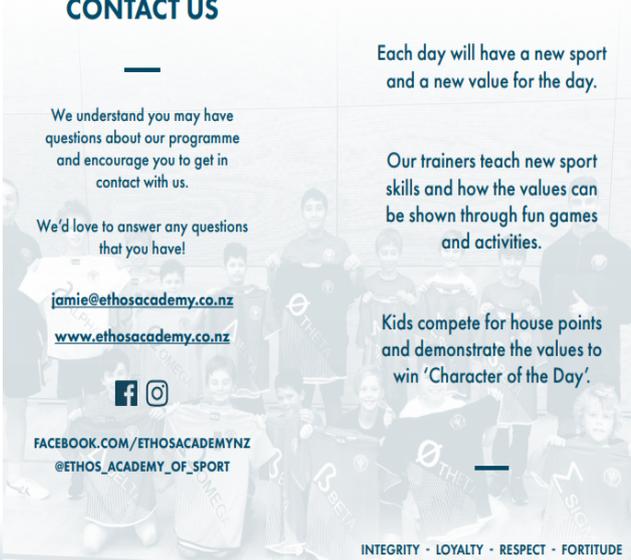


FACEBOOK.COM/ETHOSACADEMYNZ
@ETHOS_ACADEMY_OF_SPORT

Each day will have a new sport and a new value for the day.

Our trainers teach new sport skills and how the values can be shown through fun games and activities.

Kids compete for house points and demonstrate the values to win 'Character of the Day'.



INTEGRITY - LOYALTY - RESPECT - FORTITUDE

Want To Learn How To Sail?

Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October 2020 school holidays | 8.30 to 4.30

Monday 5th October to Thursday 8th October 2020 school holidays | 8.30 to 4.30

Sundays 11th October to 13th December 2020 8 mornings | 8.30 to 12

Monday 18th January to Thursday 21st January 2021 school holidays | 8.30 to 4.30

Sundays 14th February to 11th April 2021 8 mornings | 8.30 to 12

Ages 9 to 13 Cost: \$400 pp

Cost includes season membership and boat hire for the duration of course



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www.torbaysailing.club/LTS



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