

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Moving to Alert Level 1

We have completed the first day at Alert Level 1!

All parents/caregivers once again have access to our school's site, without the need to sign in/out for contact tracing purposes.

As I shared yesterday, there was never any consideration given to continuing to restrict parents coming onsite, or into classrooms, once we moved to Level 1.

We believe in fostering very positive relationships with families and restricting access does not support that outcome.

However, as I also alluded to yesterday, through new experiences comes the chance to learn from them. We were forced into unique circumstances over the past few weeks which gave us the chance to ask staff and students for their feedback about what we have observed.

They shared some very constructive feedback.

Parents get the chance in this newsletter to share any questions or comments!

So I have taken the feedback and put it into key points for consideration by staff, students and parents/caregivers.

Any 'clarifications' or 'enhancements' below are forward thinking and aim to have widely beneficial outcomes.

The Mornings: Starting the Day!

Using the existing 'Drop-off zone' (optional)

The cones are still there!

There were a number of parents and children who have found positive outcomes when using the drop-off zone over the past few weeks. If you and your child have created a routine and it works well please continue to use it.

A lot of people did this morning and commented how well it has worked for them.

By dropping off in the zone it also minimises time in car parks and helps other parents arriving at school.

The cones may disappear sometime but the new routine could be here to stay for many!

Supporting Readiness to Start the Day

This is applicable for:

- Anxious children
- High energy children
- Late children

Most children benefit from being school well before any bell goes. (Note: We do not expect children at school before 8.15am.)

Getting to school before the bell gives children a chance to connect with other children and their teacher, and to be responsible for everything they need to start the day (eg. bags, books, devices, sausage money, brain snack, etc.)

Once they have organised these things they can relax and play or be social before the first bell.

The handbell goes at 8.55am. This signals to children, staff and parents learning time will start in 5 minutes. This gives children an opportunity to check they are ready for learning in the '**Green zone**' (calm, happy, confident) using any tools they know can help them.

The electronic bell begins learning at 9am. We want everyone to be '**learning ready**' at that time if possible. If children are not ready for learning, valuable time is lost every morning.

As a priority we will support any child/family who is having difficulty with 'readiness for the day'.

Communication between parents and staff

Staff want positive relationships with all parents in our school. This partnership is how we can best support the progress, achievement and wellbeing of our children.

8.30-9am is a time where teachers are focused on preparing for the day, welcoming children and parents as they arrive and helping children be ready for learning.

Friendly chat and smiles as people arrive is a very normal part of a teacher's morning.

The answering of any quick classroom-related questions is too.

However, to be fair to teachers at this busy time of the day, discussions about a child's progress or a specific issue are not appropriate.

There is simply not enough time to address this properly and it is not an appropriate place to do so with other children and parents around.

If a teacher or a parent would like to talk about progress or an issue then they need to follow our [communication procedures](#).

Email is an important tool as it may be used to make staff or parents aware of an issue and give them time to think about it or investigate further. It also may be hard to find a time to actually meet so resolving it via email can be desirable or to speak on the phone.

But sometimes it is important to meet face-to-face and so a meeting needs to be scheduled.

We are committed to ensuring all parents are listened to and their concerns resolved successfully.

Communication with the office

With urgent messages, or to advise the school of a sick child, please ring or email the school office.

Office staff are there to support staff and parents with communication.

The Afternoons: Ending the Day!

Using the existing 'Pick-up zone' (optional)

As per the 'Drop-off zone' info above - keep using it if it works for you and your child.

Ending the School Day

This is highly applicable for:

- Children who leave before 3pm
- Parents getting to school before 3pm

Teachers value learning time right up until 3pm. If it is not utilised a great deal of learning time is lost.

So **children should remain in class until the 3pm bell** - unless there is a special circumstance.

We understand there are sometimes reasons which require a child to leave early. We simply ask, where possible, for activities and appointments during school hours to be minimised.

Children who have a **regular offsite programme, activity or appointment**, which requires a child to leave before 3pm, must speak to their child's teacher about this well in advance.

In most cases, there is a simple, but formal, school process to be undertaken to approve it.

All children who are collected early for any reason must be signed out by a parent/caregiver before collecting them. A reason for leaving early must be recorded in the book.

We encourage our school to be a very **social place for parents**. Having parents socialising at the start and end of the day is a very valuable part of what we provide. It's great to see!

However, there can be an impact from this ... the distraction for children which can sometimes come from socialising close to classrooms!

Please be aware of proximity to classrooms if you are there before 3pm. This will enable classes to remain focused to finish the day - before being released to parents/caregivers to reconnect and talk about their day!

Any PARENT/CAREGIVER questions or comments?

[Feedback Form](#) - please share your thoughts via this simple form.

It allows us to understand how people are responding to the move to Level 1 and this information.

Meeting to discuss 'new' initiatives - this Friday

If you have any questions, comments or simply would like to hear more about the move to Level 1 please **come to the school staffroom after a FULL SCHOOL assembly on Friday morning.**

Sarah Burnett, Caleb Rosamond & I will be available to discuss any questions or issues arising from the move to Level 1.

Thank you for your support! Staff greatly appreciate it.

Ag Day

Yes Ag Day is approaching! Already! This year we will keep the changes to 'Ag Day projects' that we made last year. So again this year each child will register **ONE PROJECT** - an animal, a plant or a rural tradition project. Progress with the project will be shared in class during Term 3 and the projects will be presented on Ag Day for judging. Please read the [2020 Ag Day handbook](#) for more information. [Registrations](#) are now open and close Week 1, Term 3, Friday 24th July.

Last Years Netball Dresses

If you know anyone who played netball last year and no longer needs their netball dress the school would love to have it back. We are a couple of dresses short this season and are trying to avoid the expense of another manufacturing run. Any unwanted dresses can be donated to the school or we can sell on their behalf for a second hand price of \$40. Please get in contact with the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Orders

This term's only 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 19 June**. Orders are on-line only so please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you.

Countdown Delivery Brown Paper Bags

If anyone has any Countdown delivery brown paper bags they don't need please get your child to drop them at the school office as they are perfect for sending the book and uniform orders home in. Thank you.

Student Photos

Your child will have brought home a slip today from Photolife which contains **your unique shoot key code**, allowing you to view and order your child's photographs online. Orders need to be placed by **5 July** to be **delivered free of charge to the school**. You are welcome to make any orders after this date but they will be delivered to your home address for a fee. **This year you can create your own PhotoPack.**

1. Go to www.photolife.co.nz
2. Enter your secure Shoot Key Code: ***** (make sure you allow pop-ups for the payment process)
3. Select just one of the Portrait photo pages
4. Add to your cart and go to checkout
5. Now add any of the additional Portrait photopages.

To view and order Sibling photos

If you had a sibling photo taken you would have received a second slip with a different shoot key code on it. Repeat the above process using this code to view and order sibling photos. Please contact Photolife if you have any questions or concerns – 0800501040, 092621040 or enquiries@photolife.co.nz

ICAS Exams: Year 4-6 Students

ICAS is an academic competition that is offered as an extension opportunity for our students who are excelling in literacy, mathematics and science. ICAS requires a high level of commitment from families as students are expected to prepare for the exams at home. The school will support them by providing copies of previous exams that they can work on at home, as well as some short sessions on how to approach the exam questions.

ICAS exams are sat online in Term 3. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6, is excelling in science, mathematics, reading, or spelling and they can commit to putting in the time and effort needed to practice at home, then register for ICAS today!

Please click the [ICAS Exams 2020](#) link to the website NOW for more information and to register your child.

If you are interested, please make sure you sign up and pay for the 2020 exams by Friday 3rd July. Please note that due to current circumstances, there will be no ICAS Writing exam this year. If you have already signed up to sit this exam and paid, we will organise a refund for you.

Chess Power Coaching Programme - Thursday Lunchtime

Classes will be held during lunchtime on **Thursdays** until **2 July 2020 from 1:00 - 1:50 pm**. The fee will be \$70/student for the term. The sessions will be held in the Library. If the program is successful a new full 10-week program will be made available for Term 3. To learn more visit our website www.chesspower.co.nz and click Parents Centre. Registration and payment can be done online. www.chesspower.co.nz/register Visit our website, www.chesspower.co.nz

Message From Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - All EVENTS for Winter 2020 are cancelled.

As you will understand, with the current business climate post COVID19 impact here in New Zealand, we are not in a position to operate the mountain in its usual winter capacity. We have been working to ascertain what our modified offering both Whakapapa and Turoa will be, based on the staff we have and the feasible facilities that will be available with such a short lead time. We have lost over 3 months of trading and maintenance work which hasn't been good for any of the tourism industry, so the whole of the ski sector are having to be innovative with how they manage this winter.

We have looked at many scenarios for this winter and even though our events team is in the country and we have all the resources to deliver events it comes down to budget and longevity for RAL. It is with a heavy heart that we have had to make the decision to not run any events at Mt Ruapehu this winter and focus on the core skiing and boarding offerings for our customers. This means RAL, clubs or other organisations will not be operating or running any events this year at Whakapapa or Turoa.

This winter for RAL is just about getting people out there and enjoying the snow! Like most pro-athletes that take the odd year off from competing this is what winter 2020 will be for us at Ruapehu. We will come back even stronger next year to deliver you outstanding events at Whakapapa and Turoa.

Stay safe and enjoy the winter. Whakapapa Events Team events.whakapapa@mtruapehu.com

FOTS (Friends of the School)

Meeting Wednesday, 17th June at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

If you are unable to come but would like to help with any activities throughout the rest of the year please contact Roslyn on 021 161 5066 or email roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz

Thank you

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused!

VENUE: St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, Tuesday July 14th, 10.00 – 3.00pm. Cost: \$55 (includes all materials)
Bookings: eion@eionbryant.com, mob 0211327033 or 021 0606641



**6TH / 7TH JULY
HOLIDAY CAMP**

9AM - 3PM | \$80 FOR BOTH DAYS | AGES 5-14

\$60 EARLY BIRD PAYMENT

COME JOIN RODNEY BASKETBALL FOR TWO DAYS FULL OF BASKETBALL GAMES, SKILLS AND FUN! THESE ALWAYS FILL UP SO REGISTER NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT! PAY BEFORE THE 24TH JUNE AND ONLY PAY \$60.00. CONTACT TRACING AND HYGEINE MEASURES ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIROMENT FOR ALL.

FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS GO TO
WWW.RODNEYBASKETBALL.CO.NZ/REGISTER

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