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School Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents/Caregivers Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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Principal's message

Our staff have encountered a lot this term - and they have been amazing! With the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, a number of absences (staff and students) and the late finish to our administration renovations, there have been many challenges. But the staff have worked through these extremely well. Some days, when infections in the community were at their peak, classes were half full (or less in some cases). So getting to the end of the term, and to be still smiling and feeling positive about the term ahead, is huge! Thank you, thank you team!

Our parents/caregivers have been fantastic too! There has been tremendous support for the protocols we have had to implement to minimise the spread of COVID-19 at school. Without a doubt people who have supported our protocols have helped others avoid any infection. The biggest help has been the proactiveness of testing or keeping children at home if showing any signs of infection. Communication has been very clear and positive. We have felt that support all year - so thank you, thank you for your help! What an effort!

Ngā mihi nui Noho ora mai Bring on Term 2!

Richard

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COVID-19: Update

As of today, we have **2 COVID-19 positive cases currently isolating for 7 days.**

We have **4 additional cases currently isolating as 'Household Contacts'.**

Due to the decrease in cases within the community this 'Update' will be discontinued next term. But it will return if case numbers rise again in any meaningful way. Let's hope not!

Where students have potentially been infectious at school, classes will continue to be notified so we can minimise the spread within classes.

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Staff News - Farewell and “Thank you!”

Sarah Burnett leaves on Thursday after just over five years as one of our Deputy Principals. During her time Sarah has led, and worked within, the senior team (Kahu) and the junior team (Kiwi), and led and supported literacy and special learning needs across the school. A large portfolio of work! Sarah is taking up a very exciting role as a Foundation DP in a new school, so has a unique challenge ahead to set up a school virtually from scratch.

Thank you Sarah for the commitment, knowledge and ability you have brought to your different roles. You have contributed in so many ways, helping so many different people and have certainly left such a positive impact on those you have worked so closely with. All the very best!

Karen Spicer, who joined us in July last year, will also be leaving this week. Karen has made a very positive impression on Room 12 and within Tui team. She is moving to, once again, work with intermediate students and will give her passion and energy to her new role. We wish her all the best for the rest of 2022! At this stage we are still working hard to find a new teacher for Rm 12. In the meantime, Caleb Rosamond will take the role in a short term capacity at the start of Term 2.



Friends of the School: FOTS

Existing members of FOTS had a great chance to catch up last Friday morning at Fernilea. There were also a few new people there to meet and greet! Potential members possibly - or just interested in making some connections being new to the school!

FOTS would like to kickstart the year officially with their AGM in the first week of next term.

Date: Wednesday 4th May (firsts week of Term 2)

Time: 7pm (tbc)

Venue: School Staffroom

Put the date on your calendar! FOTS is a lot of fun! Fun for those who join and attend meetings - and for the rest of the school community when they organise great events! Come and have a look and be part of things this year!

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School Sports Uniform

ALL students in Year 4 and above are encouraged to purchase a Coatesville School Sports T-Shirt and school-branded skorts or shorts. It is not only for those students who play sport but will be required for any student if they represent the school, including sports events, school trips, music, and cultural events.

Please use this link to place a uniform order [Coatesville School Uniform Order Form](#).

Payment is online payment into the ***school account ASB 12 3059 0307932 00*** or cash.

There is a very limited amount of second hand uniforms available. You will however need to come to the school office to choose and purchase.

If you have any further questions please contact the school office.

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Term 2 ...

Starts: **Monday 2 May at 9am**

Queens Birthday Holiday: **Monday 6 June**

Matariki Public Holiday: **Friday 24 June**

Finishes: **Friday 8 July at 3pm**

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Longridge Kids: Lunchtime Hockey Sessions

LONGRIDGE KIDS

Lunchtime Hockey Sessions



Year 3-6 students

6x sessions

Cost - \$75

Limited spots are available.

Register via the link below

[Longridge Kids](#)



[Longridge Kids Registration Form](#)

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Community Notices



GIRLS - KEEN TO TRY FOOTBALL



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

ECB Junior Girls Programme

Run locally at Bay City Park, ECB are now running a girls only Friday night programme for 9-10 year olds in addition to our successful 5-8 year old programme.

5-8 year olds

Every Friday night through winter
Fun games and activities to fall in love with the game
Learn new skills and meet new friends

9-10 year olds

Friday competition and midweek training
Games on larger fields with larger goals
Training focused on skill development
Fun with your friends in a safe environment

REGISTER NOW

