

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

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## **Progress Reports - this Friday!**

Student Progress Reports will be issued to students this Friday at 3pm.

Reports share overall progress with reading, writing and mathematics against a year level expectation.

Each of those areas has explicit indicators eg. Writing includes vocabulary, sentence structure, content, ...

Progress has been assessed against all the indicators (except in mathematics where the child might not have been taught that area yet).

‘Coatesville Competencies’ examines progress across all learning areas.

‘Engagement Comments’

Each learning area has a comment box which uses a ‘generic’ statement to describe each child’s level of engagement within the area:

- *a high level; an expected level; or a low level of engagement*

We have chosen this process as we are tracking levels of engagement of students across the school this year and this allows us to measure levels for each year group. We have an ‘Engagement’ criteria which has been used to determine these evaluations.

The change has enabled teachers to provide the level of reporting we felt necessary, while remaining achievable within very tight time restraints.

I thank the teachers for all their commitment to completing assessment and reports during this disrupted year.

If you have questions arising from reports these can be answered by booking ...

## **Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences**

**Tuesday 11th August 2:15-7 pm and Wednesday 12th August 2:15-5:30 pm (next week)**

‘3-way’ conferences are an essential component of the annual reporting process as they support, clarify and enhance the information contained in the student progress reports.

[Parent/Student/Teacher conference guidelines](#) - please read the guidelines for the conferences. This will help you know what to expect and how you can contribute before & during the conference.

**Booking a conference:**To book a conference please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- 2) Enter our new school code – **abza5**
- 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.

**Please note: School will finish at 2pm on both days.**

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

## **Teacher Only Days: Term 3 & 4**

Last year when the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement was signed, each school was given eight days to designate as 'Teacher Only Days' to help alleviate teacher workload. There was acknowledgement that teachers required more designated, uninterrupted and collaborative time to meet and complete important responsibilities.

This initiative was proposed by the Ministry of Education for all schools to be used over three years.

We have yet to use any of these days (one year down already!) but we intend to use one this term and one next term to support our teachers to fulfil responsibilities directly supporting student progress and achievement..

Confirmed TOD in Term 3:

### **Friday 25 September (last day of this term)**

The day will be very effectively used for:

- Review of Term 3 learning programmes
- Planning process for Term 4 learning programmes

A date in Term 4 will be confirmed soon before the 2nd TOD but this will most likely be a Monday during the term, which will allow for in-depth inquiry into school-wide student achievement data for the year and to allow student achievement reports to be formulated.

We appreciate your support with these TODs, which are essential in helping our teachers' wellbeing.

## **Scholastic Book Orders - close this Friday**

On-line orders by **9 am Friday 7 August** please do not send any money or forms to school. Thank you.

### **Chickens For Ag Day 2020** Orders Close - **Tuesday 11 August 2020** delivery on **Friday 14 August**

[Order Form](#) at a cost of \$8.00 each - . Payment online - Fots Account 12-3059-0341655-00. or cheques payable to Friends of Coatesville School or cash to the school office. **No orders will be accepted without payment.**

**Heritage Chickens** If you would like to raise Heritage Breed chickens for Ag day please contact [Kaimua Farm](#).

## **Winter Terms - spare clothes please!**

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag over the next two terms. The school does not have clothes available if they get muddy or wet. Thank you for your help with this.

## **Shoes – compulsory for Terms 3**

Students are required to wear shoes to school and when outside the classroom in Term 3. This significantly reduces the amount of mud and wetness that is brought into the classrooms and the number of stubbed toes. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## **Paper Bags**

Thank you to everyone who sent them in. We now have plenty and have no need for any more for quite a while!

## **E-Award**

At assembly last week the E-award monitors, Ivy and Erin, said that they would like to see you all improve keeping your cloak bays tidy. You have all done a great job this week with only putting paper into your recycling bins. Well done.

This weeks E Award Champions are:

2nd - Room 9

1st = - Rooms 10 and 12

Congratulations to our winners this week.

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

**Richard Johnson**

Richard Johnson – Principal