

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a productive two week holiday period.

An extra special welcome to new students and families who have joined our school this term!

And a wonderful welcome too for our two new teachers **Mrs Karen Spicer (Rm 12)** and **Mr Peter Ryland (Rm 8)**.

Looking forward to everyone having an excellent Term 3!

Reporting Review

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who were able to attend **student-parent-teacher conferences** during the last two days of Term 2.

A big thank you to the teachers who facilitated a number of conferences at the end of a busy term.

Anecdotally, the teachers felt conferences were very positive and particularly useful heading into their planning process for Term 3.

Now you have an **opportunity to share your thoughts on the Progress Reports and conferences**.

What comments or questions do you have? Please be specific and if possible keep comments brief as this allows us to collate viewpoints more effectively.

There is an option to include your name with your feedback. I recommend you do as sometimes it is useful for leaders or teachers to follow up with someone if they have a question or comment that needs to be acknowledged.

[Progress Reporting Review 2021: Parents](#)

Home Learning Review

Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who gave feedback about Home Learning last term.

Staff have also been surveyed and shared their views.

The school's senior leadership group considered the feedback very carefully and have drafted a revised Home Learning proposal in response. With a range of views on the topic it is difficult to fully satisfy everyone but we feel a fresh look at it will clarify expectations and be beneficial for everyone.

The proposal will be initially discussed with teachers next week and the outcome of those discussions will be then shared via our newsletter. This process may take a few weeks but we want to ensure we get the best outcome from this review.

Ag Day: New and exciting competitions? Not for the kids!

To enhance the Ag Day experience for everyone and have wider community participation, there has been a suggestion made that we could hold **Ag Day competitions for past students, parents/caregivers, teachers & general Coatesville community for the Ag Day events**. Teenage and adults only!

This will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest and if it can work logistically. That depends solely on responses!

If you want to formally express an interest please fill in this form immediately:

[Ag Day: Expression of Interest!](#)



PIZZA DAY - Next Monday 2 August

An order form will go home with each child this Friday.

Please fill out **ONE form per child** and give to the classroom teacher on Monday before 9.00am.

Remember – there will be no Sausage Sizzle on Monday 2 August. Please note that the price for pizza is now **\$2 for each slice**.

Ag Day - Saturday 30th October

Ag Day is a school day and every student is expected to 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 [2021 Ag Day handbook](#) for more information. [Registrations](#) are now open and close Week 4, Term 3, Monday 16th August.

School Donations

If your family pays the school donation by term we welcome this term's contribution. It can be paid online to ASB 12 3059 0307932 00. An updated summary of your contribution will be sent home sometime this week. If you haven't contributed this year, and are now able to, the requested donation is \$352 per child for the year or \$88 per term. Your donations are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax-deductible.

Coatesville Olympian

As we mentioned in a newsletter last year, ex-pupil Erica Dawson was selected in the sailing team (Foiling Nacra class) for the Tokyo Olympics. If you would like to follow Erica's progress her first three races are on tomorrow (Wednesday 28 July) at 5.35pm, 6.30pm and 7.25pm. We wish her all the best.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal



Tuesday 3rd August
4.00pm - 7.00pm



SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITIES

We warmly invite prospective students and parents/caregivers to our annual open evening, where you will discover the wide range of unique opportunities available to your children when they join our Albany Junior High School (AJHS) community.

We take pride in what our students have access to, and the most meaningful way to show this is to take you on a personalised tour of our school to explore, interact and engage with our curriculum and culture.

You'll visit areas such as;

- Science labs
- Maths rooms
- Language rooms
- Technology rooms
- Library
- Whanau atriums
- Homerooms
- Gymnasium
- Green room
- Music studios
- Dance studios
- Visual arts studio
- Performance Art Centre

Your tours will be led by one of our student leaders and our current Year 7's, who can share their AJHS experience with you.

School tours:

4.00pm - 6.45pm

Parents Address:

6.45pm - 7.00pm

Location:

19 Appleby Road, Albany.

On arrival please approach the high-vis school personnel who can guide you from either the performing arts centre by reception, or the gymnasium from the bottom car park to begin your tour. If you have any accessibility needs please let us know in advance.

For further information please contact us on 415 5473 or email office@ajhs.school.nz. (There is no need to register for this event.)

We look forward to welcoming you to Albany Junior High School.

To enrol your child at AJHS, please visit the website and click 'ENROL NOW'.

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