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School Newsletter 1

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

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A great first day!

Welcome to all of our new students, staff and whanau! A large, new group had a successful day today! Wonderful to have you join our school.

And welcome back to everyone else who returned to start the new school year! Fantastic to see all the eager, smiley faces this morning! Including some very happy parents!

Day 1 was busy. It was (probably) very tiring for many as we readjusted to school life once again. But people seemed to have a great first day. Very exciting to be back and to connect with everyone. Thank you to our staff who have prepared so very well for the first day - and to the students and parents/caregivers who were so supportive with the disruptions we had last week.

Coatesville School is well underway for 2023!

Conferences

If you would like to book a conference tomorrow, the **bookings will be available after 5pm today**. They will be closed off finally at 11am tomorrow.

Thank you to staff, students and parents/caregivers for your positive involvement after a busy first day. Even though they have been modified, I hope they are a valuable way to start the year.

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Powhiri - this Friday!

We are taking an exciting new step at the start of this year - with a **powhiri for new staff, students and their whanau this Friday starting at 9.15am.**

We are being supported through the powhiri process by Trish Ripi, who works with both Albany Junior and Senior High Schools. Trish will also be starting a **kapahaka group** for senior students which will weekly, starting next week.

Powhiri Attendance: As manuhiri, new to the school and being formally welcomed to the school, all new students and staff are expected to be part of the powhiri.

Please indicate on this [simple form](#) asap if **any parents/caregivers would like to join the manuhiri** during the powhiri or for light refreshments afterwards. This is to help us with us with organisation of the event.

All other staff and students will be attending the powhiri, welcoming the manuhiri.

All parents/caregivers are very welcome to attend too.



Absences / Lateness: Please support!

Please **email the office** office@coatesvilleschool.nz to notify an absence.

Or leave a message on the school phone - 09 4159218.

Every time you contact us it saves our office staff time following up. So thank you!

If a child is late to school (after 9am when the class roll is being taken) **a parent/caregiver or the child must go directly to the school office** to notify the lateness.

[HERO](#)

We have moved to a new student management system (HERO) this year. We are now examining and understanding its capabilities. Soon we will communicate with families about how we can utilise this system for notification of absences and many other things!



Swimming and Shared Stationery Costs

Most families should have received an email a couple of weeks ago with details of a couple of school costs below (Note: some new families may not have received this).

The cost for class swimming for the season is **\$50 (per child)** and the charge for stationery extras/shared stationery is **\$10 (per child)**

These can be paid online to the school account ASB 12 3059 0307932 00 using your **child's full name as a reference.**

Prompt payment of these is appreciated - thanks very much to those families who have paid already.

You are welcome to pay any or all of the **school donation (\$376 per child)** at the same time.

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Class Swimming Timetable 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 - 10:15					
10:15 - 11:00	Room 1 & 4	Room 2 & 3	Room 1 & 4	Room 2 & 3	Room 1 & 4
11.00 - 11:30	MORNING TEA				
11:30 - 12:15					
12:15 - 1:00		Room 11 & 12	Room 11 & 12	Room 10 & 13	Room 11 & 12
1.00-1.45	LUNCH				
1:50 - 2:30	Room 10 & 13	Room 5 & 7	Room 5 & 7	Room 5 & 7	Room 10 & 13
2:30 - 3:00	Room 2 and 3	Room 9 & 6	Room 9 & 6	Room 9 & 6	

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School Communication - focus for 2023

High quality communication is needed for staff and parents/caregivers to work effectively together. From the start of this year we want to encourage positive communication. We believe our school can be a leader in supporting openness and resolution.

Do you have a question? A need for more information? An issue or concern?

We have defined processes for people to use to feel clear and supported.

[Communication processes - staff and parents](#)

This document can also be found under '[Our School/Student Wellbeing](#)' on our website.

An emphasis or focus this year includes people who may be very aware of the questions, concerns or issues other people have. The more we can **support and encourage others to open up and seek resolution, the stronger our sense of school togetherness and unity ('Kotahitanga') will be.** We - staff, students and parents/caregivers - will all benefit from strengthening a culture that supports positive communication and wellbeing. A very positive and meaningful target for the year!

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Safety at Coatesville School

A very important way in which **staff, students, parents AND the community** can help support everyone's safety is through the identification of hazards or 'near miss' incidents.

Please use the form below to ensure direct information is quickly and accurately relayed to staff. There is a link on our school website under 'Health & Safety' to this form too.

Hazard Identification & 'Near Miss' incidents form

Key safety message:

All students must be dropped off and picked up inside the school grounds.

The yellow lines and graphics (right) indicate what is required to keep our students safe before and (especially) after school with the volume of traffic.



School Hats



Every child gets a free Coatesville School hat when they start.
New children should've received these today.

All children are expected to wear their school hat when outside during Terms 1 & 4.
They are not permitted to wear other hats instead.

If you **need to buy a new hat please pay online (\$20) to the school account - ASB 12 3059 0307932 00** - then bring your child to the school office for sizing.

We really want children to look after their hats and make sure they are safely placed every day.
It saves them being placed in the lost property and/or parents having to buy a new one!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

School is back and so is the sausage sizzle!

Starting **Monday 13th February**, sausages in bread and small packets of cookies/biscuits will be available for purchase - \$2.50/sausage and 50c/packet of cookies.

Limit of one packet of cookies/child.

Available Mondays at the start of lunchtime next to Room 9.

From FOTS





Important Dates: Term 1 & beyond

Key dates

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences: Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 February 2.30-5pm (rescheduled)

Powhiri: Introducing new students, staff and families to our school Friday 10 February at 9.15am

Kahu & Kiwi teams: Parent Information afternoon Tuesday 28 February 3.30pm onwards
(more details next week)

[2023 Term dates](#)