

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you and your family are all doing well.

We have had an eventful week!

On Tuesday we lost internet capability at school when our fibre cable was accidentally severed by workers outside the school. This resulted in us not sending out the school newsletter as planned and impacted on our ability (at school) to respond to the expected move to COVID-19 Alert Level 4.

This issue was potentially going to affect us for at least another day ... but of course with the subsequent lockdown this became irrelevant.

Alert Levels: Looking Ahead

We have now been informed the country will remain at Alert Level 4 until at least Tuesday at 11.59pm - with Auckland in all certainty to remain at that level past then.

We also know from past experience we have had a week or more at Alert Level 3 after we have moved from Level 4. During Alert Level 3 'Distance Learning' will continue for all of our students.

So, with all that in mind, we are working towards having a significant period of 'Distance Learning' for the foreseeable future.

Distance Learning: Week 1

Thank you to our staff who were able to implement our 'Distance Learning' programme so quickly on Wednesday. We aimed to finish the week with the learning plans that were already in place - with just some modification required in some cases. (Continuity with learning is very important - as opposed to lots of unrelated activities.) It was a sudden move to working online but, anecdotally, it seems teachers, students and parents have, in most instances, got on with the job quickly and worked as hard as they can to make it work.

There will always be some technical issues when being so reliant on technology but we hope after the first couple of days most issues have been able to be resolved.

Feedback to staff

'Distance Learning' programmes can support effective learning. But it does rely on a level of independence of learners and/or the availability of adults to support the learners. These, and other factors, can limit the success of the online programme for learners.

So, if you have any feedback about programmes please share this with teachers and/or Team Leaders. They do want to know how well things are working for you. If it's going well please share - positive feedback affirms what needs to continue!

If there are questions or issues please share too as staff want to help as soon as possible to make things work.



Staff in Alert Level 3-4

Staff have an important role to play in continuing the education for your children during Alert Levels 3-4.

They take that responsibility very seriously. However, also be aware of the situations in which some staff members may be working.

Individual staff circumstances differ greatly and there may be a range of factors which may impact them - they may also have their own children completing distance learning; have preschoolers to deal with; other adults working from home; or a number of other potential complications.

Staff are all aiming to give as much as they can to enable successful learning to continue. But potentially there may be some impact on the delivery of the programme or the ability to quickly follow up at times.

Distance Learning: Week 2

Teams have new plans to implement next week. These plans will involve some of the key components remaining the same but will also see teachers being available early in the day during Google Meets and will be available for group workshops to further support students - especially those who may be needing specific help gaining success.

We are also going to be experimenting with recording more Meets so they can be accessed later if that helps some families and their circumstances.

You will receive **communication from your Team Leader on Sunday which will detail the revised expectations for the coming week and beyond.**

Again, if there is any feedback please share this.

Thank you parents/caregivers

I want to thank our families for their support during a difficult week. We appreciate all you are doing to support your children and their learning when you undoubtedly have a number of factors impacting on you all too.

It is not an ideal situation but we thank you for helping make the whole process as successful as possible for your children.

I hope everyone can at least enjoy a weekend with their family making the most of the situation to have some quality time together.

I am ever optimistic I will see everyone sooner rather than later.

Go well - and take care.

Other school news:

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.**

From FoTS - Ag Day Update

Stall Co-ordinators Needed

Thank you to those who have offered to coordinate stalls. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help with this so if you can help, please get in touch with one of the contacts below. Coordinating a stall involves getting the stall ready on the morning of Ag Day, collecting the prepared float from the office, and making sure it's ready to go. There will be a team of volunteers rostered on during the day to help at the stall. You may need to help with a bit of packing up when the stall closes. You will get a set of instructions so it's really very easy.

Good quality clothing needed – time to sort out the wardrobe!

Cindy Poole has very kindly offered again this year to sell any good quality donated clothing on TradeMe. This is a huge job and a great source of fundraising for us, so we really appreciate her efforts. If you have some good quality clothing (mens/womens/kids) that you no longer want, please drop it to the office. No ripped, marked or stained clothing please (unless of course it's designer rips!). This is Cindy's last year doing this job, so if anyone is keen to take it on next year, please get in touch.

Thank you for your support with this major fundraising event for FoTS.

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A Message from Albany Junior High to parents of Year 6 children

Dear Parents

As your child is attending a feeder school to Albany Junior High School (AJHS), we would like to notify you that we are receiving an unusually high volume of out-of-zone enrolments.

We are writing to encourage those of you in-zone who are planning to attend AJHS in 2022 to enrol before 17th August as our enrolment interviews are planned to be held on:

Thursday 19th August 2021 (this will not be happening due to Level 4 COVID lockdown)

Thursday 2nd September 2021

We cannot stress enough the importance of enrolling now, as it will ensure class sizes are not overcrowded and that your child receives more support and opportunity throughout the year.

There is a three step process to enrol:

1. Enrol online [here](#)
2. Once you receive an email from AJHS to confirm your completed application has been received (instruction and booking code for your interview will be attached to this email)
3. Attend compulsory interviews (which start next week)

Your support in this matter is most appreciated. If you have any questions at all please contact AJHS directly on 415 5473 or email enrolments@ajhs.school.nz

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notices

Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket

Registrations for the cricket season are now open. **Please register online at eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz**

East Coast Bays Cricket is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels. The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable environment. We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys. The uniform comprises a club shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap or wide-brimmed hat, which are available from Players Sports online or at their Onehunga shop. The Club will have clothing available for purchase on muster day. The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own. Please contact the Club for more information at ecbayscricket@gmail.com

Kumeu Cricket

Play cricket this summer. Registrations now open. Register online www.kumeucricket.com

Marrzipan Dance Classes!

Does your child have ants in their pants? Are they a bit shy? Do they need some time to create their own crazy dance moves? Marrzipan will be running fun dance classes at the Riverhead Citizens Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. Our dance lessons are designed to develop self confidence, social skills and dance ability in an encouraging environment. These classes are for the absolute beginner to the prima ballerina! For more information or to sign your child up for a trial class please email Manon through auckland@marrzipandrama.co.nz or send a text to 027 367 3334