

Coatesville School Newsletter

“Aim! Strive! Achieve!”

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to Term 3

Students and families

Welcome to all of our new students and their families who have joined us at the start of a very exciting term for our school.

And we welcome back to all of our current students and their families, as we enter the second half of our school year.

Staff

Coatesville School gives a huge welcome to **Miss Parker who has started a new class in Rm 2!**

Our classrooms are all full now so our new class of Yr 1s are being accommodated up in the 'senior' part of the school. But not too far from everyone else in the juniors!

Playgrounds

Once again there has been plenty happening around school!

Before and during the holiday period there was refurbishment work completed on the 'old' playground. There is more about this in the 'BOT News' (thank you Belinda) so do read about it!

But a huge thanks to **Jace Steele and the Friends of the School** plus the **great group of helpers** who made that all happen.

And we got some brilliant publicity out of the action too – front page of the local paper; a main story online on 'Stuff'; and Jace doing a marvellous job starring on Newstalk ZB last week!

Well done everyone!

Student progress and achievement

Thank you to the parents who attended student progress and achievement conferences in the last week of term.

I hope you felt they were valuable and gave you important information and insight into your child's progress and achievement.

Thank you to students who were such a critical part of the process and to staff who had a two nights of conferences at the end of a busy term.

After my absence I am using the next three weeks to again feel up-to-date with the progress and achievement of all staff and students across the school.

My main objective is to review progress with our new **Coatesville School learning process**. I will be visiting classrooms and talking to the children about their success with learning. It is a really important opportunity for me to accumulate data so we can continue to support the implementation of this exciting - and potentially highly effective - learning process across the school. Essentially it involves establishment of a clear path for the learning process and the understanding of the roles and responsibilities required to maximise learning opportunities. We are aiming big!

Later in the term we will be having a parent information evening where sharing more about our learning process will be a high priority. I look forward to the opportunity to share what we are trying to achieve and the success we are gaining from implementation of this school-wide process.

Board of Trustees News July 2017

Welcome to our new families and to our new staff member Katie Parker who opened Room 2 this week. We hope you all enjoy your time at Coatesville School.

Health and Safety

A number of parents as well as staff have made use of our new health and safety notification system. Several new hazards were identified last term which have now been addressed, for example, a classroom door which was shutting too fast, putting fingers and toes at risk. Six students received treatment for minor injuries. No hazards were identified. The old playground was closed for a short time as a precautionary measure.

If you notice any health and safety issues around the School please report them via our new system:

<http://www.coatesville.school.nz/health--safety>

Property

During the holidays a number of school families were involved in refurbishing the old playground. The working bees were coordinated by the Friends of the School and it was great to see so many turning up despite the miserable weather. Over the next few weeks a few smaller alterations will be made and in time it will receive a paint lift and new climbing ropes. The playground is now back open and ready for the children.

A huge thank you to Jason Steele for organising it all, Matt Ellingham for sharing his building expertise, and all the dads, mums and kids who helped at the various working bees. We are extremely grateful.

Student progress and achievement data

The key priority of the Board of Trustees is to monitor and oversee improvements in student achievement. Earlier this month, we reviewed the progress and achievement data for the year to date. Individual student data is used to inform discussions at parent/teacher/student conferences. At a Board level, we analyse this data in a range of ways, for example, by: year level, core curriculum subjects, gender, age and year groups. The results are reviewed against our own targets for National Standards as well as for already identified target groups. We also use this information to identify and inquire about new target groups. The Board is really pleased with the results so far which indicate we are on track to meet our targets for National Standards. Teachers, syndicate leaders and the Senior Leadership Team have already put a huge amount of effort into inquiring into these results and planning next steps for all our students.

Community Information Evening

There will be a community information evening at School later this term to update you on the Coatesville Learning Model, BYOD, and property plans for the School over the next five years. The Board will organise child care at School to enable as many of you as possible to attend.

Finances

Thank you to those families who have paid their school donations in part or in full. These donations help us to provide the children with a range of opportunities not covered by our Ministry of Education funding as well as help us stretch our MoE funding further. For example, the Ministry funds each class for 1-29 students. We use your donations to help keep class numbers well inside these figures, something we know is important to our parent community.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday 1 August at 6.30pm in the staff room. Anyone is welcome to attend but only Board members have speaking rights. Contact details for Board members can be found at:

<http://www.coatesville.school.nz/board-of-trustees>



E Award results for Week 10 (Term 2)

3rd place is Room 3

2nd place is Room 12

1st place is Room 5

'Thinking Caps' – building confidence in maths Yr 3-5

'Thinking Caps' is an organisation offering small group lessons in mathematics during school time for Year 3-5 students who are 'below standard' or at risk of being below standard. If you feel your child's mathematics is needing greater confidence and you are interested in utilising 'Thinking Caps' as a way to get your child to the National Standard, **please talk to your child's teacher immediately**. This will be the first step in examining whether the programme might be able to work for your child. If it is suitable then we can help make the connection with 'Thinking Caps' and take it from there. (Please note: Payment for sessions is made directly to 'Thinking Caps')

Ag Day 2017 - Saturday 28th October - Focusing on our rural identity

GROWING & NURTURING - Animals and Plants

RURAL TRADITIONS – Kitchen, Art & Craft, Handyperson

AG DAY ACTIVITIES – 'FUNdraising'

Ag Day is a school day and all students are expected to participate. **Requirement for students**

Year 3-6 students are to fulfil the following:

- **one animal OR one plant**
- **one rural tradition project (STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)**

Year 0-2 students are to fulfil the following:

- **one animal OR one plant**
- **Miniature Garden (this happens at school the day before Ag Day)**
- **one rural tradition project (COMPLETELY OPTIONAL)**

For more information go to our [Ag Day page](#)

Term Three - Upcoming Events

Wk 1	Thursday 27th July	Rugby Day 2 – Helensville – Rugby teams
Wk 3	Friday 11th August	Kristin winter Sports day – Yr 5-6
Wk 4	Thursday 17th August	Rainsaver Day - Kristin winter Sports day – Yr 5-6
Wk 7	Thursday 7th September	Rugby Day 3 – Helensville – Rugby teams
Wk 9	Saturday 23rd September	General Election Voting – Artec Room
Wk 10	Friday 29th September	Last day of Term 2 – <u>Finish at 3pm</u>

Term 4: 16 October – 20 December

Thank you

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The Artisan Workshops

Last winter fruit tree pruning workshop Sun 30th July 1-4ish, \$45 or 2 for \$80.

Master that Machine - Sewing for Beginners, Sun Aug 27th 9.30-3.30, \$80.00. Go to www.theartisanworkshops.co.nz to look/book.

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)



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fun brushing up on your performance skills and be involved in our
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017, 7 to 9 pm
At Albany Stadium Pool, Don McKinnon Drive, Albany

TICKETS \$10 per person.
Bring Gold Coins for raffles, competitions and gala.
Entertainment. Rock climbing wall. Large Inflatables.

PAYMENT via PayPal (email tpparkar@gmail.com) or
into this bank account 03-1318-0164501-000.
PLEASE ADD Name, number of tickets and PoolParty,
when paying, (e.g. "Tuljai Parkar", "Five", "PoolParty").
ENTRIES LIMITED due to Pool Capacity.

50 % of the funds raised through this event
will support Variety - the Children's Charity.
The remaining 50 % will go towards my
journey in Miss Universe NZ.



VOTE for Tuljai at <http://bit.ly/2pl05cs> or by
scanning the barcode. Votes cost \$1 - for every
\$5 bundle sold, \$1 will go to the SCOT
Foundation to help children & orphans in need!