

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 2 of the lockdown has come to an end. I hope the children are all being kept busy with their learning and that life for your household in lockdown is working well for you all.

While the weeks and months ahead are currently uncertain, we are optimistic for a return back to school at Level 2, and then onto Level 1, in the foreseeable future at least.

Looking ahead ... Ag Day is a big event on the horizon! I have added our annual 'Ag Day Artwork' competition to the newsletter today to give the children something else to focus on. Last year we had the day in Level 1 and let's stay positive we will again.

Alert Level 4

We know Auckland will remain at Alert Level 4 until another decision is made next Monday. However, it has been announced that it is highly likely we will remain at Alert Level 4 for at least another two weeks.

As soon as we know when we will move to Level 3, and the Ministry of Education confirms what that will look like, I will share the next steps for our school community.

At this stage, during Alert Level 3 'Distance Learning' will continue for all of our students.

Thank you!

Once again I want to thank our families for their support this week. Staff appreciate all you are doing to support your children.

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have shared feedback with staff. There have been plenty of positive messages amongst the feedback too, acknowledging the effort that staff are putting in. Thank you for taking time to share!

And a huge thank you to staff for ensuring learning continues under significant restrictions for everyone. Great job staff! We are very appreciative of what you are doing.

Ag Day - Saturday 30th October

Thank you to the 120 students that have registered their Ag Day projects. It is important that students register now because we are booking judges and need to know numbers in each category so that we can ensure that students are able to be judged in a timely fashion on the day.

Register NOW

Ag Day is a school day and every student is expected to register **ONE PROJECT** - an animal, a plant or a rural tradition project. Please read the [2021 Ag Day handbook](#) for more information.



Ag Day Artwork Competition 2021 - an activity for the kids!

Every year we run a competition for students to **create a design for our Ag Day t-shirts, posters and cards.**

This is open to all children.

The entry form: [Ag Day Artwork Competition 2021](#)

With us currently at Alert Level 4 you will have to print a form out. Or simply use a blank A4 piece of paper.

The most successful entries are the simpler ones. The design does not require lots of intricate detail - in fact this is often difficult to reproduce. Designs should be simple, bold and capture the essence of Ag Day!

Entries are to be completed by **Wednesday 8 September**. Collection of final entries will be confirmed next week.

Ag Day Sponsorship: Anyone interested?

We are currently looking for sponsorship for Ag Day. Complete the [Ag Day Sponsorship form](#) to record an interest in being a sponsor for 2021 Ag Day.

Ag Day sponsors get considerable exposure before Ag Day, during Ag Day and afterwards.

They are acknowledged on official Ag Day information and are promoted heavily throughout the day.

They also are given the [privileges of official School Sponsors](#) according to the level of sponsorship they provide.

This can be a 1-2 year school sponsorship as opposed to simply being promoted around Ag Day - although that is part of the overall package.

Heritage Chicks Available for Ag Day

Auckland Bird and Poultry Club have notified us that one of their members had purebred chicks available. If you are interested please contact Raewyn Norton of Heritage Farm 47 Township Rd Waitakere City on 09 810 8690 Email heritagefarmnz@gmail.com Contactless payment and pick up can be organised over the phone.

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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2022 Out Of Zone Enrolments

Our annual out of zone ballot process has begun for enrollment in 2022. The number of places has not yet been determined but applications at all year levels are invited.

All families who have already registered with us have been sent an email outlining the ballot process and dates.

If you have not received this email and live outside of our school zone please email the school office. office@coatesvilleschool.nz. In early September a ballot paper will be sent to you. Completed ballot forms need to be sent to the school office by 29th September. The Ballot will be drawn on Wednesday 20th October and will be notified by email.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notices