

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

*Thank you to all those people who attended learning conferences last Wednesday. Conducting the conferences under Level 2 restrictions, and with the first and the second day of scheduled conferences separated by a month, we were provided with a few extra challenges.*

*But I thank parents for their patience and participation and teachers for their commitment and preparation to ensure the conferences went ahead successfully.*

*The year has been ‘stop-start’ for everyone, which has interfered with the flow of learning for some students, but we will aim to maximise Term 4 when we will proceed with our usual achievement reporting processes (reports and conferences) in December. This will give a clear picture of achievement for the year and will describe strengths and focus areas heading into 2021 where we hope for a smoother year!*

## **New Enrolments for 2021**

We are currently starting to examine staffing needs for next year.

Our staffing needs are directly related to the number of children we have on our roll for 2021.

So it is important we are aware of all children who will be attending.

If you know of anyone in the area (**‘in zone’**) who is not on our list of prospective new enrolments please ask them to contact the school office immediately.

Anyone who is **‘out of zone’**, but wanting to come to our school next year, must go through the **ballot process which will be held in October**. Contact the school office to receive the necessary information.

Generally we take all new entrants who apply via the ballot.

## **Out of Zone Enrolment 2021 - Ballot Forms sent Home**

A ballot for out of zone enrolments for 2021 will take place on **Wednesday 21st October**. This ballot applies to siblings of current pupils living out of zone. We have sent ballot application forms home to these families. If you have not received one please call in or phone the school office.

## **Dogs at School**

As highlighted last week in a newsletter following a recent incident, the presence of dogs around the school is currently attracting greater scrutiny.

While dogs are certainly able to be on public land please be aware of the messages below, and ensure dogs are kept well away from entry/exit gates where there is a flow of foot traffic.

**Dog owners (Messages from the council):**

1. **Dogs are not permitted on our school grounds under any circumstances.** The BOT have the right to request this as the school is private property and are allowed to make regulations accordingly.
2. Being in **close proximity to a school**, especially at busy periods before and after school, places a dog in a **potentially ‘high risk’ environment**.

3. *“The key message for Dog Owners is that they MUST keep their dog UNDER CONTROL at all times. This is non-negotiable. It is all about keeping their dog safe. The unpredictability of children and/or dogs is not a defence under the Dog Control Act 1996. Neither is provocation.”*

## **Ag Day 2020**

Currently we are planning for **Ag Day on Saturday 17 October**.

However, with uncertainty over Alert Levels it is important to be clear about how this may affect Ag Day.

### **Ag Day at Alert Level 1**

At this Alert Level **Ag Day will be on Saturday 17 October**.

If this is the case it would provide very few restrictions throughout the day (unless expectations for Alert Level 1 changes) and would allow us to complete our Ag Day as we normally would. ie. a fantastic day for all!

As Ag Day is an official school day we expect all students to attend - even if it is Saturday!

To balance this, on **Friday 23 October school will be closed** giving all students and staff a four-day Labour Weekend.

### **Ag Day at Alert Level 2**

This would see Ag Day move to **Friday 16 October - during the school day**.

Animal, plant and rural tradition projects would still be presented and judged (possibly in a modified form).

The event would not be open to the public and there would be very specific ‘visitor’ restrictions shared prior to the event, along with other strict expectations (physical distancing, hand hygiene, etc.).

There would be limited food stalls and games for the children.

So the day would go ahead - and it would be a fantastic day for the children!

### **Ag Day at Alert Level 3 or 4**

Ag Day would be cancelled at these Alert Levels.

We would reschedule the presentation and judging of projects to be completed at school during Level 2 - only if it is possible to fit it into the term.

## **Ag Day 2020: Sponsors**

We always very warmly welcome any support for our school and our events.

If any businesses or individuals would like to sponsor Ag Day this year please make contact with [office@coatesvilleschool.nz](mailto:office@coatesvilleschool.nz); [rjohnson@coatesvilleschool.nz](mailto:rjohnson@coatesvilleschool.nz) or [roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz) (Chairperson of FOTS) to express an interest.

FOTS are currently calling for sponsors for Ag Day.

We will **make sure all sponsors get exposure before, during and after Ag Day** to reflect the contribution made.

We presume there will be fewer sponsors this year (due to a number of reasons) so it is likely all sponsors will get a **higher profile** than usual.

We are happy to discuss opportunities with any potential sponsor.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **‘Fun Run’**

The school cross country has been cancelled for this year.

But a ‘Fun Run’ afternoon will be held at school next Wednesday afternoon.

It will involve running for fun, with

a competitive element for those interested.

Whanau groups will support each other to earn points too.

## **Pizza Lunch - Mon 21 Sept**

There will be pizza orders next week replacing the usual Monday sausage sizzle. Orders will be delivered directly to each classroom at lunchtime. Please check your child’s bag this Friday for next week’s order form and return one for each child.

## Teacher Only Day: Friday 25 September

This is the **last day of Term 3**.

Staff will work onsite during the day to complete important planning and review.

Students are to remain at home. The school is not open for instruction.

There will also be a **Teacher Only Day during Term 4**.

The date for this day will be **Monday 23 November**.

## FoTS AG Day update

**Donations** - FoTS would like to ask for the following items for Ag Day stalls:

### **Bounty Bags**

At the end of this week your child will come home with a small zip bag which we would really like returned with some goodies appropriate for the game that all children love. If you are including sweets please ensure that they are individually wrapped.

### **Chocolate Trailer game**

This was extremely popular last year! Chocolate donations - any size or brand of chocolate bars is welcomed.

In addition, please keep an eye out for the **Ag Day T-shirt order form** which will be available online.

We are currently finalising colours but like last year there will be two choices.

Finally, our **Volunteer Roster** form will also be available online shortly. Even though this year there will be a decreased number of stalls and activities being held we still need your help to run everything smoothly.

Thank you.

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

Richard Johnson

Principal

The graphic features a blue and green color scheme with circular images of kiwi, a gecko, a frog, a classroom, a school exhibition, a group of people, a fish, and a train. Text boxes provide details for each activity and pricing information.

**KIWI FEEDING DAILY**  
AT 11AM, 1PM & 3PM  
HOW MANY GECKO IN THE KIWI HOUSE?

**ACTIVITY SESSIONS**  
Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October  
**TAKAHIWAI SCHOOL EXHIBITION**

**MEET FLASH**  
Mon & Thurs after 11.20am

**HERITAGE PARK RIDES 10-2PM\***  
**BIG TRAINS & TRACTOR**  
Weds, Thurs, Fri  
**MINI TRAINS**  
Weds Only  
\*TRAINS WILL ONLY RUN IN LEVEL 1

**Mairangi Arts Centre School Holiday Art Programme 28 Sept – 9 Oct**  
We are very excited to offer a variety of fun day long workshops this school holidays for your young artists. There are classes in clay, making a miniature diorama, drawing skills, creating greeting cards, hand making paper, painting and much more. Enrol now!

**Butterfly Creek - We're open all school holidays!**  
Butterfly Creek is the place to hang out these school holidays, there's heaps to see and do. We will be open all school holidays (7 days a week) from Saturday 26th September to Sunday 11th of October. Plus all visitors can save 10% online. Visitors will see mermaids, dragons, crocodiles, butterflies, otters and more, plus there's daily animal encounters, art & crafts and special guests. It'll be an experience the whole family will never forget.

**SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT KIWI NORTH**  
26TH SEPT - 11TH OCT  
10AM - 4PM  
MUSEUM ● KIWI HOUSE ● HERITAGE PARK

Family Pass \$45  
Individual \$20  
Couple \$40  
Senior \$15  
School children \$5  
Pre-school FREE

Instagram and Facebook icons

**GATE 1, 500 SH14, MAUNU, WHANGAREI**

ONLINE SESSIONS

CODING  
ROBOTICS  
3D PRINTING  
GRAPHIC DESIGN

BOOK FREE TRIAL

 **SCRATCHPAD**  
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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

SEP 28 - OCT 9

→ GET YOUR KIDS EXCITED ABOUT TECHNOLOGY WITH THESE 13 AWESOME HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

- ⊕ Robotics using Edison
- ⊕ Minecraft Modding
- ⊕ Android Apps
- ⊕ Graphic Designing
- ⊕ 3D Printing
- ⊕ Microbit
- ⊕ Python
- ⊕ HTML/CSS
- ⊕ Makey Makey
- ⊕ Robotics using Mbot
- ⊕ Roblox Programming
- ⊕ Let us Code
- ⊕ Develop Unity 3D Games



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