

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Well done - you have completed another week in lockdown. With another week of 'Distance Learning' ticked off too. If we are being very positive, we are edging closer to a return to life (and school) as we previously knew it. I hope you are all doing well and are now enjoying some fine, warmer weather. Hopefully that will continue over the next few days to allow everyone to get out a little more!

But the ongoing restrictions continue to impact everyone. Whether you are an essential worker, you are working from home, or at home caring for the children, lockdown can be a very challenging time. With people's circumstances so very different, experiences can vary hugely, as can the challenges we face. However, I hope that you, and everyone in your bubble, are coping as well as possible and making as much as you can from this opportunity to be primarily marooned at home as a family.

We are now coming to the end of the third week of lockdown at Alert Level 4. After confirmation earlier this week, we will be in Alert Level 4 until at least midnight on Tuesday 14 September. This is Week 8 of our school term. I am remaining very optimistic we will move Alert Levels at that time, with there being some evidence for the situation improving in Auckland. As such, I am planning accordingly. Seemingly the best scenario is for us to then move to Alert Level 3 for a week which will take us into Week 9, very close to the end of the term.

We are constantly receiving guidance from the Ministry of Education and will communicate with families as soon as we have relevant information to share. This will include Alert Level 3 details (with the great majority of our students and staff remaining offsite and 'Distance Learning' continuing for all) and how the last few weeks of term will look if we are in Level 2, 3 or 4.

At this stage the Ministry of Education have no plans to move the school holidays so this term and Term 4 will remain as previously planned.

So we are still preparing for ...

Ag Day - Saturday 30th October

Thank you to the **187** students that have registered their Ag Day projects. To the remaining **96 students** you would have received an email from the school office on 1 September. If you have not responded to this email by registering a project please do so now **[Register NOW](#)**. Thank you

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 15 September** - this has been extended for a week to allow as many children as possible to enter!

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.

Take care. And if there is anything we can do to help with learning or life please make contact with myself, Team Leaders or teachers. We are here to help in any way we can.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

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