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School Newsletter 23

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Ag Day 2023! Registrations are open!

Ag Day is the biggest day on our Coatesville School calendar! **It is less than 10 weeks away!**

A fantastic day for sharing children's projects (animal, plant or rural tradition) as well a whole lot of fun and entertainment with a gala day atmosphere!

Saturday 14 October 9am - 2pm

Student Projects: What do you need to know?

Please have a look at the handbook to understand the **options and the requirements.** [Ag Day 2023: Handbook](#)

When you and your child have **finalised their project** for Ag Day then **register asap:**

[Ag Day 2023: Registration](#)

Well done to those who have already registered!



FOTS are a huge part of the organisation of Ag Day, providing an amazing experience for everyone. It is the highlight of the year for the children - and plenty of adults!



Progress Reporting Review: Have your say!

We have plans to evolve the way we use HERO to report - as shared at the end of last term:

[Student Progress Reporting: What to expect from HERO!](#)

We have now completed Phases 1 & 2 of this implementation. Online reports and conferences!

Before we go further it is a **perfect time to get feedback from our parents & caregivers.**

Your feedback will help us to clarify the way forward.

Please **share your thoughts** to enable us to have a wide range of voices to consider.

[Progress Reporting Review 2023: Parent/Caregiver Survey](#)

This survey will **remain open until Friday 11 August at 3pm.**

Please have your say - we look forward to your feedback.

We will also gather feedback from staff members and students as we clarify the next steps to formulate a new and highly effective reporting system.

Working together ('kotahitanga') will allow us to achieve this!



Attendance: Justified vs Unjustified Absences

The MOE & ERO are currently very focused on maximising student attendance across the country, due to the concerning amount of learning time that can be lost over time.

So we are doing our best to make attendance expectations clear to our parents/caregivers.

With HERO your child's attendance record is now very visible.

This includes all half-days 'present' and all 'justified' and 'unjustified' absences.

Justified absences: Medical reasons, doctor/dentist appointments, funeral or tangi

Unjustified absences:

- **Explained but unjustified reasons** (ie. not school policy or principal approved)
- **Holiday during term time** (Note: Holidays of 5 school days or more, a parent/caregiver must complete an official '[Leave Form](#)' - found also on our school website)
- **If no reason is given**

Please use HERO to report any absences - it is the easiest way to do it! For you and our staff!

Student Wellbeing

Classes are all focused on delivering a structured 'Student Wellbeing' programme this term. The aims of the programme are to empower students to support their own wellbeing and to know what to do when they need support for themselves or others.

The [Student Wellbeing page](#) on our school website includes important information on the following:

- **Student Behaviour: Classroom procedures** - support for promoting positive behaviour
- **Student Behaviour: Playground procedures** - support for promoting positive behaviour
- **Differentiating behaviours:** Conflict, rude behaviour, mean behaviour & bullying
- **Dealing with Bullying procedures**
- **Child Protection policies**
- **Communication / Complaints procedures:** Guidance for resolving questions, issues, concerns

If you need any further information please make contact with school leaders or teachers and we will be glad to help.



School Assembly: Postponed

We were scheduled to have a school assembly this Friday morning.

But due to circumstances (including many senior students away at sports events over the next two days) this has been postponed as it is not possible to finalise our assembly organisation.

So we will have our **next school assembly on Friday 18 August**, with another one on Friday 25 August (Wk 6), as we revert back to even weeks.

The next assembly will focus on 'Whanau' groups introducing all students new to their whanau this year. Each student will be introduced individually, given a whanau wristband and celebrated as a group. We are catching up so this 'whanau' process which will then only take place 1 or 2 times per term, as we welcome groups of new students.

Touch Rugby - 2023/24

The 2023/24 Touch Rugby season starts next term for Year 0-6
Girls & Boys!

The module at Riverhead is extremely popular, and only a limited number of teams can register, so it is important that you register your child(ren) NOW so they don't miss out!

FEES & REGISTRATION:

- Fees are yet to be confirmed, but are expected to be approx. \$40 per player.
- Please register using the [Touch 2023 Registration form](#) by Friday 17th August

Further information can be found on the [Touch page](#) of our website





Important Dates: Term 3 & beyond

Winter Sports Tournament Yr 5-6 Wednesday 9 August

Rippa Rugby Tournament 2 Thursday 10 August

School Photos Thursday 24 August

End of Term 3 Friday 22 September

First Day of Term 4 Monday 9 October

Ag Day 2023 Saturday 14 October 9am - 2pm

Labour Weekend (4 days) Friday 20 October (Day in lieu of Ag Day) and Monday 23 October

School Prizegiving Thursday 14 December 5pm

End of Term 4 Friday 15 December at 1pm

Learn to Sew

Term 3
Albany



Term 3 Classes (Located at Pinehurst School) - Ages 8+
See website for all sewing classes:
www.threadroom.co.nz

thread room



Northcross Intermediate: 2024 Enrolment

Out-of-Zone Students:

2024 ballot applications are currently open, with the **ballot closing on Wednesday August 30th.**

Year 6 Orientation Visits:

Space's are limited for out of zone students to visit Northcross on **Thursday 17 August.** This is a first come first serve basis, space's are limited to 100.

For further information please see [Northcross Intermediate Enrolment page.](#)