

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to everyone for getting to the end of another week in lockdown!

The days/weeks continue to tick by quickly, and with a definite familiarity, so do relish any change to your routine or achievements you may gain!

I am still hopeful the end of Alert Level 4 is in sight and that next week may see some change for us all.

And Alert Level 3 gets us closer to Alert Level 2 - when all students, staff and parents are able to come back to school (although there are a number of onsite restrictions which will be shared closer to the time).

An extra special “well done” to the parents/caregivers and staff members who have continued to work throughout Level 4 and have been supporting their children with distance learning and/or entertaining preschoolers too!

After more than four weeks of that you deserve a special award for showing strength, resilience, patience, persistence ... and many other qualities!!! Do not be too hard on yourself if you haven't always shown those things consistently! I'm not sure it is possible! I acknowledge how challenging peoples' circumstances can be and appreciate the commitment you all have shown as parents/caregivers to make things work for your family.

Make you do something this weekend to reward your hard work!

School Holidays confirmed

The Ministry of Education has confirmed this morning the school holidays will remain unchanged. The message:

Kia ora koutou

The Education Minister will announce that school holiday dates will remain unchanged, starting from Saturday 2 October.

The Minister has carefully considered advice on how moving term dates presented challenges that would have had a wider and long-term impact by disrupting curriculum and activity plans already in place for students, whānau and educators.

Keeping the holidays as they are will avoid adding stress and anxiety to children and their education and wellbeing. The Minister was also aware that an extended length of Term 4 for Auckland would add to fatigue among your students and staff at the end of a school year.

Ngā mihi maioha

Iona Holsted - Secretary for Education

Note: Term 4 starts: Monday 18 October



Reopening at Alert Level 3: Date to be confirmed

We are still unsure when Auckland will move to Alert Level 3, although it has been signalled this may happen on Wednesday 22 September.

A decision to move Alert Levels, or remain at Level 4, will be made by the government on Monday.

However, we need to start preparing for an Alert Level 3 outcome.

Alert Level 3 is not for the majority of children to return to school.

It is specifically for children who need to be at school. ie. parents/caregivers are unable to work from home and are unable to organise any childcare options.

In last week's newsletter Alert Level 3 organisation/expectations were shared.

Information for those families likely to send children to school at Alert Level 3 is [available via this link](#). (The document will also be attached to the newsletter email today.)

Ag Day - Saturday 30th October

[Register your Ag Day project NOW](#)

Ag Day and Alert Levels

Ag Day will continue as normal at Alert Level 1. Let us hope we are well in Level 1 by then!

At **Alert Level 2 Ag Day will not be able to proceed as planned** as we cannot be open to the public or allow large gatherings. **But the day will be modified and completed on a school day (probably a Friday).**

If we are at Alert Level 3 or 4 close to Ag Day, with no chance of getting to Level 2 in the near future, Ag Day would be cancelled for the year.

Parents/caregivers will receive communication regarding any decision.

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

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

Entries are now due!

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!**

If your child has an entry please copy the entry (with their name) as well as you can so it can be judged and email it to office@coatesvilleschool.nz.

Please do so by Wednesday 22 Sept (next week).

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. Important dates

- ballot closes **Wednesday 29th September**
- Ballot drawn **Wednesday 20th October.**

Please email the school office. office@coatesvilleschool.nz if you need a ballot form.

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.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Look forward to a step forward next week!

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

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