

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

*What a brilliant day we had on Saturday! The children presented their ‘projects’ wonderfully well; the school looked fantastic; the weather was perfect; the organisation/preparation was tremendous; and the help on the day was superb.*

*It was so lovely to be able to complete the day without restrictions - a ‘normal’ Ag Day was appreciated by all. As is the case after such an event, we have so many people to thank for being part of another successful Ag Day. There is the main FOTS team who took the responsibility for organising Ag Day; the magnificent co-ordinators of different stalls and essential jobs; those who supported the co-ordinators so well before and during the day; the judges of children’s projects; staff members played significant parts, parents/relatives who supported the children with their projects; and everyone who attended the event and helped make it a success.*

## Ag Day ‘Thank you’ list!

### Main Organising Team

<b>Roslyn Sentch</b>	FOTS Chair and chief organiser of the event
<b>Julie Wall</b>	Organising Shopping/Cooking/Booking/Collecting
<b>Belinda Finlayson</b>	Organising/General everything helper
<b>Megan Farrington</b>	<b>Financial Co-ordinator</b> EFTPOS/Float coordinator/Banking/Everything financial
<b>Frana Becker</b>	<b>Food Co-ordinator</b> Organised all the food stalls/Shopping/Set up day before and worked all day on the day
<b>Tania Mclennan</b>	<b>Ribbon Co-ordinator</b> Worked all through last term to print ribbons/Organised Meals/Co-ordinated printing team ( <b>Cindy Polle, Gabriela Rozenberg Michelle Watt and Roslyn Sentch</b> )
<b>Angela van der Watt</b>	<b>Co-op Co-ordinator</b> Packaging and set up the day before/Worked on the stall all day/Pack down
<b>Alanah Dando</b>	<b>Silent Auction Co-ordinator</b> Sourced all of the donations for Silent Auction/Set up the classroom the day before and worked all Ag day on the stall.
<b>Adam Evans</b>	<b>Plant Stall</b> Sourced all the plants and manned the stall all Ag day

## **Stall/Activity Co-ordinators**

Thank you so much for your energy, time and inspiration! We are very appreciative.

**Janine Stanley** (Chocolate Trailer)

**Jo Windust** (Bounty Bags)

**Linda Hughes** (Fishing Game/Lucky Dip)

**Cindy Poole** (M & M Count and Trademe items)

**Polly Joseph** (Pony Rides)

**Scott McPhee** (Bouncy Castle)

**Cherrie Gao and her amazing team!** (Jumping Dumplings ())

**Kirsten Chapman-Smith** (Nachos)

**Paul Smith** (Parking)

## **Judges**

All our judges did a terrific job. It is always very difficult to make decisions after the children work so hard - so and 'thank you' and 'well done' to you all:

*Sue Greenslade, Grant McCullough, Tarnia Harman, Lynn Low and members of the Auckland Farm Bird Club, Wendy Taylor, Nicola Ridley, Paul Tyack and his daughter Ashley, Paul Arundel, Emma and Brent Olson, Gail Dugmore, Amelia Macnab, Sharleen Telford, Sheila Helleur, Stephanie Carr, Helen Cato, Prue Blackmore, Chris Boulden, Ron Mahon, Phil Smith, Mark Van Dam and Adrian Whatford*

## **Staff**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Anna-Fay Hinton:** Staff/School co-ordinator - supporting FOTS, the staff and families wonderfully over many week, taking on many roles and ensuring so many aspects were finalised and ran smoothly

**Adrian Whatford:** Fulfilling caretaker responsibilities so well, supporting many people to prepare

**Jenny Beguely:** Office support for FOTS

**Debbie Skillcorn:** FOTS/Staff liaison

**Other staff:** being stewards and supporting FOTS before and on the the day

## **Board Helpers**

Sandy Hitchcock Helped out with cash the day before and on the day

Karina Mitchell Helped out day before, on the day and day after for counting and banking

Karl Sentch Helped set up, on day and pack down

## **Other Helpers**

Sarah Hoban Sorted through volunteer responses and put together the roster timetable

Bryan McLennan Trusty Electrician responsible for tagging and testing

## **Returning parents**

Jacky McCoy Came with her mum to help in the Co-op and provided props for the stall

Leanne Holder For putting up her festive bunting, car parking signs and the market rubbish bag holders

Heather Seel Helped with bunting, donation of a marquee and the loan of various items for the day

## **Signs**

Ross Patterson BIG thank you to Ross for handing over the signs that he has created for past Ag Days. These are a hugely valuable part of the day.

**Seabreeze Apparel** who did an amazing job to translating the winning designs into a professional logo and printing our Ag Day T-Shirts so quickly.

**All 'The volunteers'** – who worked tirelessly in the days preceding, on stalls during Ag Day and helping pack up after the event– including family members and former students!

And to **everyone who donated goods, prizes, time, ...** you are all wonderful! Thank you.

If we have missed anyone out please accept our apologies - I am happy to share more 'thank yous' next week!

## **Ag Day Sponsors: Thank you!**

We did not actively source sponsors for this year's event but still got a number of generous donations from businesses and individuals for the silent auction and for stalls and general organisation.

These will be acknowledged via our newsletter and where appropriate on our website as a sponsor.

A couple of sponsors to highlight today include:

**Stanley Black and Decker & Jett Small (Rm 8) - Tools valued at \$1500**

Thank you!

**The Ungaro family - a very sizable donation - Thank you!**

**Branche Landscapes** - Donated a landscape consultation and book. Thank you to Christina Duthill!



Order your Gardens of the Greats copy and support the Arts Foundation of New Zealand

**Lollipops Coatesville** - Thank you!

More sponsors to come next week!

## **'Day in lieu' - School closed Friday 23 October**

As we were open on Saturday for Ag Day, **school will be closed on Friday 23 October.**

**This is a designated 'day-in-lieu' for the Ag Day event.**

Enjoy a four-day weekend as **school will also be closed on Monday 26 October for Labour Day.**

## **Scholastic Book Orders**

This term's first catalogue will come home with your child today. If you wish to place an order, please complete the online order form by following the prompts at: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) by 9 am Friday 6th November. Orders are online only - please do not send any money or forms to school - Thank You.

## **THANK YOU**

A very big thank you to Diana Wilson and family for their very generous donation of 6kg of sausages. They will be put to good use at our sausage sizzle. Thank you.

## **Lost Watch**

A Fit bit watch was lost on the school field yesterday afternoon. Please hand it in to the school office.



## **Important Term 4 Dates**

Thursday 19 November - School Athletics Day

Monday 23 November - Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction

Friday 4 December - Student Achievement Reports issued

Tuesday 8/Wednesday 9 December - Student Achievement Conferences

Thursday 10 December - School Prizegiving (5pm)

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

Richard Johnson

Principal

## Chess Power Coaching Programme- Thursday Lunchtime

**Why Chess?** Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

\* Improve concentration and focus \* Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making

\* Tactical & Strategic thinking \* Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools

\* Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

**What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?** Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way. Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

Visit our website, [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) and click Parents Centre

**CLASS DETAILS** This is a 9 weeks chess coaching program running on **Thursdays** from **15 October 2020** till **10 December 2020 from 1:00 - 1:50 pm**. The fee will be \$110/student for the term. The sessions will be held in Room 2. If your child would like to be part of this please visit our website. Both registration and payment can be done online. [www.chesspower.co.nz/register](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/register)