

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

I hope the long Labour Weekend was hugely enjoyed by everyone.

A chance to have fun and/or recharge, for the busy pre-Xmas time ahead, after another wonderful Ag Day.

A massive “Thank you” once again to all those who contributed considerable time, energy, goods, services, ... to our Ag Day. Without your input the day would not be anywhere nearly so successful. We appreciate your support greatly - and I hope you understand the importance of your contribution. Thank you!

Term 4 is a sprint - we are already in Wk 3 - so information about camps, trips, athletics day, achievement conferences, school prizegiving, new classes for 2021, and much, much, more will be shared.

A big term ahead!

Confirming student numbers for 2021

Currently we are endeavouring to confirm our student numbers for 2021.

We have just completed a ballot for out-of-zone students for 2021.

It is extremely important we have a very accurate picture of the number of students at each year level so we can arrange classes and class numbers with the right balance across the school.

So if you have any additional information regarding your children in 2021 please let the office know asap. Thank you for your support.

Did you know? Student Class Placement for 2021

The placement of students into classes for 2021 will happen in the coming weeks.

Teachers will shortly complete all final assessments in preparation for end of year achievement reporting for our students (those who have been at school for over one term).

Teachers will meet together after assessments to formally share individual student information - academic progress, ‘Coatesville Competency’ achievement and behavioural or social needs.

This information, and the in-depth discussion, ensures every child’s class placement is considered very carefully.

We have clear guidelines to follow: **End of Year Class Placement Process**

The student’s current teacher holds the most relevant information for class placements.

Parents, through their discussion and feedback with the teacher during the year, will have their ideas and views carefully considered.

So teachers will bring all information about a student to the ‘student class placement’ process.

After considerable consultation with teachers, the senior leadership team will draft preliminary class lists.

Consideration for each classroom must be given to gender ratios; year level ratios (in composite classes); and the individual academic ability and ‘Coatesville Competency’ achievement of students.

After further consultation with teachers, lists will then be finalised by the senior leadership team.

Parents are to be consulted if there is any potential issue regarding their child’s placement.

Students then will have two opportunities to meet with their new class before the end of this year.

Classroom Structure for 2021

With the predicted student roll numbers we have for 2021 it appears we may have a different classroom structure from the one we have this year.

Every year the structure can look quite different because of the variation in numbers of students at each year level. The exact structure has yet to be confirmed but we will ensure we finalise the best option possible.

We do our utmost to ensure all students are placed appropriately. We are, at times, restricted by numbers of students at each year level and the respective options we then have, but do be assured that we conduct a very robust and thorough process, and we are very well-placed heading into the class placement process for 2021.

Summer Sun Safety

We require all children to **wear their school hats during Terms 1 & 4** whenever they are outside.

The first hat students are given upon enrolment is free and subsequent hats can be purchased from the office.

We have a 'No hat, no free play' policy, which requires anyone without a hat to be in the shade at morning tea and lunch times.

We also encourage children to have their own sunscreen for use during the day and to wear appropriate clothing which will not unnecessarily expose them to the sun.

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 by 9 am Friday 6th November. Orders are online only - please do not send any money or forms to school - Thank You.

Important Term 4 Dates

Thursday 19 November - **School Athletics Day**

Monday 23 November - **Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction** (Teachers working on finalising achievement information for reporting to parents)

Friday 4 December - **Student Achievement Reports issued**

Tuesday 8/Wednesday 9 December - **Student Achievement Conferences**

Thursday 10 December - **School Prizegiving** (5pm)

From FoTs

Calendar Art

Your child's art is now available to purchase in the form of Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. An **order form will come home today for you to complete**, pay into the FoTs account not the school account please! and return to the school by Wednesday November 4th.

Meeting tomorrow night

FoTS have a meeting tomorrow night Wednesday 28 October, which everyone is welcome to come to.

We will be in the Staff room at 7pm. Please drive up the school driveway to park.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Principal

Marrzipan Drama - Back to Thursday's After School 3.00-4.00pm in the Artec Room.

Trial Lesson Thursday the 29th, open to all ages!

Kia Ora all, Classes are starting back for Term 4 at Coatesville, **3.00-4.00pm on Thursday's in the Art Room.** This term we will be performing a Christmas play! If you think your child would benefit and are interested in signing them up for a trial session tomorrow, please send me an email at jack@marrzipandrama.co.nz. If you are unaware of what we do ... please see a blurb below! Marrzipan has gained a huge reputation in NZ for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions. **Spaces are limited.** So please get in touch to secure your child a space. Flick me an email or sign up directly at www.marrzipandrama.co.nz



Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195/\$165 per person
14-18 Dec | 21-24 Dec | 4-8 Jan | 11-15 Jan | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz
www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz





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- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts: Wed 11th Nov
- Time: Morning tea
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$49 per child
\$24.50 per extra sibling

Register on enrolmy.com/msports-northshore



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