

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*



## **Reopening Schools - when will it happen?**

Auckland is moving to Alert Level 3 Step 2 next Wednesday. Retail will open with restrictions. Vaccination numbers are continuing to edge closer to the '90% fully vaccinated' target.

### **So what does this mean for the reopening of schools?**

Information from various sources does seem to indicate a clear decision about reopening for Auckland schools will be given soon. There also seems to be a feeling of 'when' not 'if'. ie. when we reopen, not if we reopen.

The indicative date for the reopening of schools is the 15th of November.

However, since that announcement there has been little information shared. But it is expected information from the government will be shared early next week (Monday or Tuesday) which will give certainty to the situation.

### **Preparing to reopen**

Once details for reopening are made available, **school leadership and the BOT will determine exactly how any expectations/guidelines will be implemented at our school.**

We will look for clarity to help staff, students and parents know how **safety concerns will be managed, how student numbers will be managed onsite and how learning will continue.**

There will be a number of things to consider.

I do support schools reopening in the near future but I understand there are differing viewpoints.

Families may have particular circumstances and reasons which they will use to make their own decisions.

I respect everyone's right to react to any school reopening date in their own way.

I will, however, look to hear and alleviate any concerns people have to get as many students as we can back to school to finish off this very disrupted year.

### **Parents/Caregivers - your feedback**

As soon as information is released by the MOE, you will be asked for an **indication of whether your child/children will attend school when it reopens.**

I would also like to hear any concerns you may have about a return to school for our children.

This information gathered from parents/caregivers will be shared with school leadership and the BOT to help the decision-making process. So timely responses will be asked for.

I am sure you have considered your options carefully already. But we will be asking for you to be definite to allow us to plan for the rest of the year.

#### **Term 4: What else will be affected?**

Last week I shared information regarding some of the activities which may be significantly affected or altered in Term 4 by COVID-19 restrictions.

Unfortunately the reopening of school is unlikely to stop the disruption of many of these events. But wherever possible we will allow them to proceed within the official restrictions.

The affected activities include:

- 'Student Achievement reporting' (this will have a revised process which will be focused on preparing students for 2022 - more information will be shared soon)
- 2021 Prizegiving
- Year 6 Graduation
- Athletics Day
- EOTC activities
- Swimming pool opening

#### **Coatesville School/Community Pool - 2021-22 Season**

The opening of the swimming pool for this season is yet to be confirmed.

Public pools are not allowed to open at Alert Level 3 Steps 1 & 2.

We will do our best to reopen the pool as soon as is practical but this will be influenced by any Alert Level or 'Traffic light' level restrictions at the time and our ability to ensure the pool and the pool environment is safe for all those who use it. This may provide several challenges.

A risk management analysis will be undertaken by school leadership and the BOT before any decision is made regarding reopening.

As with reopening of the school, to gain further information to help decision making, you may be asked whether you intend to purchase a key for the upcoming summer holidays.

The school community and previous pool keyholders will be updated about any decisions made.

#### **School Library - Books returned to school**

Could we please have all school library books returned to school in a **NAMED BAG**.

There will be a **box outside the school office** for these to be put in and we will mark them off the library system.

Please **only return them on weekdays from 7:30 -3:30**.

We look forward to refilling the library shelves before the annual end of year stocktake. Thank you in advance.

For any books that are not returned an invoice for a lost book of \$20 will be sent to you.

*Thank you for your support. Stay safe and well.*

*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

### Enjoy Tennis Now at Covid Alert Level 3 Steps 1,2,3



#### Junior Tennis “Hot Shots”

Tennis Hot Shots is the national starter tennis programme for New Zealand children. Smaller courts, shorter rackets and softer balls mean that children can play a fun game of tennis from the moment they get started.



#### Junior Tennis “Hot Shots” taking place now

At Dairy Flat Tennis Club, generally from September to March each year – taking place now in Covid Alert Level 3 with the required distancing and within the maximum permitted group sizes.

#### Saturday Mornings - 9am, 10am and 11am

If your child would like to either try tennis for the first time or grow their current skills, our qualified coach, Damir, provides Hot Shots fun tennis on Saturday mornings to help children develop their tennis skills. We have three groups running at the club on Saturday mornings:

- 9am for ages 5-7 years
- 10am for ages 7-9 years
- 11am for 9+ years

As part of the Covid Alert Level 3 regulations, we need to know who is taking part, so if you are interested, please register for Junior Coaching via: [www.dairyflattennis.co.nz](http://www.dairyflattennis.co.nz), or please contact us for more information.

#### And for Parents . . . .

Please make contact if you'd like to play some tennis with your Juniors or join some of our members with “Singles and Doubles in Bubbles”.

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