

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Cupcake Sale - Friday 13th November



Just a reminder that there will be a cupcake sale after school on Friday 13 November - please remember to send some money to school with your children so that they can be a part of this!

The **Kiwi and Takahe families** are our bakers this time around. Thank you to all! Please can you drop your cupcakes off in the Artec room on the 13th November before 14:30.

Kids for Kids

Last Tuesday night the Coatesville choir performed as part of the massed choir at the Kids for Kids 2020 show, at the Bruce Mason Centre. Schools from all over the North Shore and Whangaparaoa Peninsula took part in this nationwide annual event. We performed as backing singers to Jackie Clarke and Nathan King and sang Kiwi songs including Don't Dream It's Over, You're In My Head and Happy Unhappy. Everyone had a great time and we are very proud of Carly Cameron who made it through to be a Dance Exponent.

Thank you choir for helping to make this such a memorable event.

Mrs Craigie

(And thank you Mrs Craigie for your wonderful guidance and support for our students!)

Teacher Only Day: Monday 23 November

School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Last year when the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement was signed, each school was given eight days to designate as 'Teacher Only Days' to help alleviate teacher workload. There was acknowledgement that teachers required more designated, uninterrupted and collaborative time to meet and complete important responsibilities.

This TOD will directly support student progress and achievement. **Teachers will be working with each other to finalise assessment information which will be used to complete achievement reports** for our students.

'Skip Off' and Talent Quest: Fun Competition

Children are being encouraged to show how long they can skip on Friday during the whanau 'Skip Off' competition. All year groups will get a chance to skip for whanau points and the title of 'Skipping Champ'!

And later this term (Wk 8) children of all ages who have a particular talent will be asked to perform to the school in our annual competition.

Auditions will be held in Wk 7 for individuals or groups wanting to take part.

The 'finals' will coincide with a whole school dress up day too!

Parent Help Needed - Year 3-6 Athletics Day - Thursday 19th November

We are urgently looking for parents to assist the school run a successful athletics day for children in Years 3-6 and whole school sprint finals in the afternoon. If you are able to help, even for part of the day could you please email krichardson@coatesvilleschool.nz.

Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Reports/Conferences:

Achievement reports will go home with students on **Friday 4 December (Week 8)**.

15 minute **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences** will take place in Week 9 on:

Tuesday 8 December 2:15-6pm and

Wednesday 9 December 2:15-5.15pm

PLEASE NOTE: School will finish at 2pm on both of those days. School buses will leave as usual at 3pm.

2020 School Prizegiving & Picnic

The end of the year is looming but we want all students and their families to be a part of this event!

Thursday 10 December – School Assembly area

Prizegiving starts at 5pm.

BYO Picnic starts approx. 6.15pm

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.

End of school year for 2020

School finishes for the year on **Friday 18 December at 1pm**.

Start of school year for 2021

School starts on **Tuesday 9 February** at 8.55am. This follows the long Waitangi Day weekend.

From FoTs

Calendar Art - Orders have closed!

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Principal

