

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

There are now less than five weeks left of this term and this school year! It becomes an incredibly busy time for everyone so please keep up with all the events and dates we share. But also please do ask questions if you are unsure of anything. We are here to help.

And on a very positive note ... what a wonderful amount of money raised by FOTS at Ag Day! Read about it later in the newsletter! But for a seemingly scaled back event our FOTS group, co-ordinators and all the helpers did a superb job. Well done everyone - brilliant result!

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 .

Teacher Only Day: Monday 23 November (next Monday!)

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.

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 1.45-5.30pm and

Wednesday 9 December 1.45-5pm

PLEASE NOTE: School will finish at 1pm on both of those days.

Children will be able to be picked up at 1pm from their classroom. If not they will have lunch as usual and at 1.45pm they will go to the library to be picked up for a conference or to go home at 3pm.

School buses will leave as usual at 3pm.

Marimba Festival

After two postponements (and nearly a cancellation on Friday!) our children performed at the Marimba Festival on Saturday at Milford School.

The children performed extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of a great event.

Well done to all our marimba players for your enthusiasm and dedication - and to Mrs Craigie for once again coordinating and motivating our students to enjoy performing. Great job everyone!

Swimming Pool - opening Tuesday 1 December

The pool is scheduled to open on Tuesday 1 December. An email with a link to an electronic 2020/21 pool form will be sent to all school families and last year's community key holders next week.

If you had a pool key last year - \$135 allows you to use the pool for the 2020/21 swim season.

If you did not have a pool key last year there is also a non-refundable charge of \$40 to purchase one on top of the usage fee of \$135. Once the online pool form has been completed pool keys will be available from the school office.

Please be aware that there are a limited number of keys available and we do sell out. Also keys cannot be purchased once the school office closes at 1pm on 18th December.

2020 School Prizegiving & Picnic

Thursday 10 December – School Assembly area

Prizegiving starts at 5pm. BYO Picnic starts approx. 6.15pm

We would like all students and their families to be a part of this event! It will be a wonderful way to bring the school year to an end before senior classes go to camp and celebrate a successful 2020 at Coatesville School. We hope you can all attend.

Scholastic Book Order

The last book order for the year will go home with your child tomorrow. This issue's "Teen Reads" has age sensitive content that has resulted in criticism of Scholastics - and whether it is appropriate in a predominantly primary school booklet. The school takes no position on this. We draw your attention to this only so that you are aware and able to make your own decision that is appropriate for your family.

As always orders are online only (mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) and close 9am on Wednesday 25th November.

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

FOTS Meeting – tomorrow night at 7pm in the Staffroom. Everyone welcome!

Ag Day 2020 – the FoTs team would like to thank everyone who supported our Ag Day fundraising this year.

We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did planning and organising it.

The total amount raised on the day was \$16,000 and will be put to good use by the School.

Again, thank you to everyone.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson
Principal