

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers



***Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa***

*The days since reopening have ticked by quickly ... Day 8 already ... and everything is going extremely well! Students and staff are still very happy to be back and the general mood around school is positive and relaxed! This is in part due to being back in a routine, with friends and colleagues, and connecting once again. Another reason is that the end of the school year is in sight and the excitement of a less restricted summer is probably attractive for many of us! So what does the next few weeks hold for all those who have returned to school? It now seems the current restrictions we have in place for schools in Auckland will not be affected by the change to the 'traffic light' system. It appears our current procedures will, most probably, remain until the last day of this year. The MOE have signalled this to ensure more changes are not again placed on schools. It does make sense as we are so close to the end of the year. But changes will be made for 2022! Next year WILL look very different! Thank you once again everyone for your support as we negotiate this unusual time.*

## **Start of the school day: Change from Monday!**

Change for the rest of the year:

**From Monday 29 November we will revert back to our normal start to the school day.**

**ie. Handbell at 8.55am (indicating 5 minutes until school starts)**

**Electronic bell will ring at 9am and the roll will be taken at 9.05am)**

This change is being made because of the fantastic way everyone has naturally helped the 'drop-off' flow successfully each morning. There is now no need to elongate the window for arrival.

School leadership will monitor the drop-off zone from 8.50-9.05am.

**Students are not able to arrive at school later than 9.05am.**

Anyone who is not able to get to school by that time is encouraged to stay at home for the day. This includes being late because of appointments - unless prior approval has been given by the principal.

With the current restrictions, an exemption will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

Normal sign-in procedures are not able to happen at present - parents/caregivers are not able to come onsite and students are unable to walk up by themselves safely.

## **Looking towards 2022**

With a very successful return to school, we are now looking towards preparation for a great start in 2022.

There are a number of processes to be completed this year which will directly impact the start of the 2022 school year. These include this year's modified achievement reporting and student class placement process for 2022.

## **Achievement Reporting 2021**

Last week I outlined the reasons for changes to our usual reporting system at the end of the year.

The **'Learning Summary Report for 2021'** will summarise learning in 2021 and will act as a starting point for learning in 2022. These will be issued on Monday 13 December.

The **'Learning Summary Report for 2021'** will include:

- A personal 'General Comment'
- 'Positive Progress' in learning - for each of Competencies, Literacy & Mathematics
- 'Next steps' for learning - for each of Competencies, Literacy & Mathematics
- A personal 'Final Comment'

### **Student Reflections**

Over the next week teachers will gather each child's perspective on their own progress this year - the "Things I am good at" and the "Things I can improve".

This 'student voice' aims to get the children thinking about how their learning is progressing. This will be recorded to be used for reference next year and will also be shared with parents.

### **Parent/Caregiver Feedback**

After the issuing of the **'Learning Summary Report' and the 'Student Reflection'**, parents/caregivers will be asked to share any comments and questions they have. This feedback will be made available to the student's current teacher and team leader and the 2022 teacher and team leader.

Parent/caregiver feedback will be an extremely important contribution to any targets/goals for each child to be determined very early in 2022.

### **Learning Conferences: Early 2022**

We want to start 2022 with clarity and urgency for each child. We want momentum from the start of the year, as we all hope for minimal disruption to learning after the past two, very challenging, years.

So we will schedule conferences in either Week 2 or 3 of Term 1 next year. These **conferences will give parents, the student and the teacher an opportunity early in the year to finalise learning targets** for the first half of the year.

## **Confirming student numbers for 2022**

Currently we are confirming student numbers for 2022.

We completed a ballot for out-of-zone students for 2022 last month.

Now 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.

The process for confirming classes for 2022 will begin shortly.

So if you have any additional information regarding your children in 2022 please contact the office asap ([office@coatesvilleschool.nz](mailto:office@coatesvilleschool.nz)).

## **Did you know? Student Class Placement for 2022**

The placement of students into classes for 2022 will happen in the next two weeks.

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

Teachers and team leaders will ensure every child's class placement is considered very carefully.

Parents, through their discussions with the teacher and leader during the year, will have their views considered too.

Teachers start the 'student class placement' process providing specific information about each student.

The school's senior leadership team will then draft preliminary class lists.

Consideration for each class 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 will have one 'outdoors' opportunity to meet with their new teacher and class before the end of this year.

### **Classroom Structure for 2022**

With the predicted student roll numbers for 2022 we will have a slightly different classroom structure from this year.

Every year the structure can look quite different because of the variation in numbers of students at each year level.

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 already heading into the class placement process for 2022.

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

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

But the signs are promising that we will be able to open - with some restrictions for users.

We will reopen the pool as soon as is practical but this will be influenced by the details provided by the 'Traffic light' level restrictions at the time and our ability to ensure the pool environment is safe for all those who use it.

### **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 when school is not open from 7:30 -830 and from 3:15-3:45.**

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.

### **End of school year for 2021**

School finishes for the year on **Friday 17 December at 1pm.**

### **Start of school year for 2022**

School starts again on **Tuesday 8 February** at 8.55am. This follows the long Waitangi Day weekend.

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

*Enjoy a lovely weekend.*

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

***Richard Johnson***

Richard Johnson – Principal

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