

#### 19 September 2023

#### **School Newsletter 29**

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## Reading Communities & Storytelling Celebration

This term both Kahu and Kiwi team have been exploring reading and writing a range of different texts and topics so that they can understand the different texts and topics they like to read and write about.

To celebrate this learning, all students will share with their whānau (in small groups) on **Thursday 21st September** what they like to read and piece of their own writing.

To support this sharing, we are also strongly encouraging all students to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book OR as a character from a story they have written themselves.

Equally, they could also come dressed in a costume that represents a favourite topic or theme that they like to read and/or write about e.g as an animal, scientist, detective, sportsperson etc.



#### **Author Visit - Tessa Duder**



Last Tuesday, the students in Kahu Team had the privilege of the renowned NZ author, Tessa Duder visit as part of the <u>Storylines</u> National Story Tour.

Tessa's most well known titles include **Night Race to Kawau** and the **Alex** series of books.

Tessa joined staff for morning tea before signing copies of her books for our school library as well as a 'kickboard memento', painted to match the cover of her latest book, *The Sparrow* (carefully crafted by our multi-talented caretaker Mr Whatford!)

Following a fantastic welcome led by our Kapa Haka group, Tessa spoke to the students about her many and varied life experiences before becoming a published author (such winning a silver medal in swimming at the 1958 Commonwealth Games) as well as the inspiration, research and revision she dedicates to writing all of her books.



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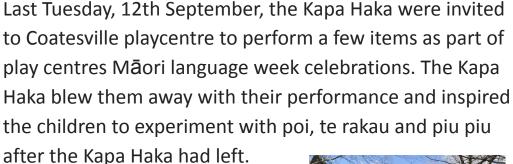






#### Kapa Haka performance at















#### **Student Enrolments for 2024**

We are currently trying to finalise our student numbers for 2024. It is essential we have an **up to date list of current and prospective students** before we formulate classes for next year (a process that will begin next term).

<u>'Out of zone' enrolments</u> at our school in 2024 are being managed through an <u>online ballot form</u>. We accept all new entrants via the ballot and a number of children at other year levels.

For other student enrolments use: Enrolment Enquiries or contact Imckinlay@coatesvilleschool.nz

If you know of **any other families wanting to enrol at our school next year** please direct them to the links above!



#### **School Donations - Thank you!**

Thank you to those who have already paid or partially paid the school donation this year.

Our 'School Donation' has been set at \$376 per year per student or \$94 per term per student.

School bank account: ASB 12 3059 0307932 00

We really do appreciate your support - it is extremely valuable.

You can now see all payments due & money received now via the HERO app.

Click on the 'Finance' tab!

HERO can generate statements and School Donations receipts (which are tax deductible). If you have not paid your donation - or were not aware of the amount - an individual reminder will be sent shortly. Thank you once again.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT**



The Board has signed off a provisional design for our new playground! Over the course of 12 months we've reviewed a number of different designs, so we're really excited about the chosen plans. All the money you've fundraised this year is going towards a really awesome new playground and there will be an opportunity to share the plans with you next term.



As a board we've been learning about our new planning and reporting cycle which will replace our old school charter. We're looking forward to consulting with you to hear your thoughts on priorities for our school, so please keep an eye out for your invitation to be part of this process.

Just 4 weeks until Ag Day! A huge thank you to FOTS for everything they're doing to get us ready. Remember, this is a fun family day out, so invite your friends and rellies and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Next BOT Meeting: 2 Nov, 6.30pm.





Online registrations for Ag Day projects have now closed!

If you are still wanting to register a project or change a project you must do so at the school office.

Rural Tradition projects will be judged on Friday 13 October (the day before Ag Day).

Children with **Arts & Crafts, Kitchen and Handyperson projects** are to bring them to school on the **Friday morning** and prepare for judging later in the day.

These projects will all be on display on Ag Day - after the animal and plant competitions finish.

Animal and plant projects will be judged on Saturday 14 October (Ag Day) starting at 9am!



## CLASS HAMPER WEEK

We have extended this until FRIDAY remember to drop in new / unused items to your class room today to create the ultimate class hampers for our silent auction...

Class with the best hamper gets iceblocks!

Thank you for your generosity and support!



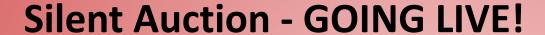














We are very excited to announce that this year's silent auction for Ag Day will be online! We will be going live THIS FRIDAY!.

Watch out for further details on Hero, including how and when you can start your bidding.

There is something for everyone - toys, hampers, tools, accomodation etc - make sure you get your bids in!



#### Ag Day Roster - HELP NEEDED!



We are in the process of finalising the roster for Ag Day and are quite short of help.

Without parent help we are limited in the amount of stalls that can operate. If you haven't already, please could you consider volunteering just one hour of your time on Ag Day-LET'S MAKE AG DAY OUR BEST YET!

Use the link below to select your preference for stall and time slot.

We really do appreciate every bit of help- thank you in advance!

Ag Day roster 2023



# THANK YOU!



Thank you so much to our Ag Day sponsors. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!











And and additional thank you to all of our generous silent auction donations.



## Ag Day Trophies from last year - return please!

Thank you very much to the students who have already returned last year's Ag Day trophies to the office.

We still have a number of outstanding trophies needing to be returned and we would really appreciate it if you could hand these back into the office asap please so we can get them ready for this year's Ag day winners!

Linneah McKinlay

Administration Office Manager

## Next Pizza Day: Monday 16th October



We wanted to give all of our Parents/Caregivers a suitable heads up of our next scheduled Pizza Day beginning again in Week 2 of Term 4.

This is the first Monday after what is going to be our AMAZING Ag Day - so it will be a perfect time for the students' to grab a few a hot slices of pizza for lunch!

A pizza order form will go home with each child in the first week back at school after the holidays.

Pizza is \$2 per slice.



### **Teacher Only Day: Friday 24 November**

Earlier this year two TODs were designated as mandatory by the Ministry of Education.

"These teacher-only days will provide schools and kura with dedicated time to understand, prepare and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum refresh, the redesign of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and shifts to strengthen NCEA. They are opportunities for kaiako to share ideas and expertise, and to grow their confidence in implementing the upcoming curriculum and assessment changes."

The first of these days was taken at the start of Term 2 - doubling with our Kahui Ako Conference (an event already on our calendar so we chose not to take an additional day).

The second day is required to be taken during a two week window in November. We have chosen Friday 24 November as our 2nd Teacher Only Day.

**School will be closed for instruction and supervision of students**. Staff will be working onsite.



## Important Dates: Term 3 & beyond

**Assembly** Friday 22 September 9am

Winter Sports Prizegiving Friday 22 September 2pm

End of Term 3 Friday 22 September

First Day of Term 4 Monday 9 October

Ag Day 2023 Saturday 14 October 9am - 2pm

Labour Weekend (4 day break) Friday 20 October (Day in lieu of Ag Day) and Monday 23 October

**Teacher Only Day** Friday 24 November

**School Prizegiving** Thursday 14 December 5pm

**End of Term 4** Friday 15 December at 1pm



An event for parents of toddlers to teens

#### WED 8 NOV | 7 - 9 PM

Tickets \$35 from Eventbrite Coatesville Settlers Hall 4 Mahoenui Valley Road







CHILDREN'S CENTRE

#### Where Children and Families Thrive Together

New Shoots Coatesville feels like a sanctuary, with cosy spaces, carefully curated resources, and warm, experienced teachers who are ready to welcome you and your family.

We would love to invite you to explore our centre. To book a tour or learn more, please get in touch or visit our website: newshoots.co.nz/coatesville



We offer session fees for ages 3+ taking up 20 hours from 8:30am – 3:30pm







Phone: 09 304 0030







## **AJHS Host Families Wanted**



#### **Curious about hosting an International Student?**

We are starting to recruit local homestay families for our January 2024 intake of International students

- Long Term families needed from January December 2024
- Short Term families (2 weeks) arriving in week 2 of Term 1, 2024

Host families to provide a friendly, supportive and caring home environment and will receive a homestay payment of \$350-\$370 per week.



For more information or to request an information pack, please contact Sarah Reid, International Homestay Coordinator

Email: homestay@ajhs.school.nz or call 415 5473 Ext. 660



## Creative Matters

## AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT YOUR SCHOOL

#### **BOOK NOW FOR TERM 4**

EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE TERM'S THEME,

NO LATE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FIRST

SESSION OF THE TERM

for more info and to book:

creativematters.co.nz



