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School Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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An unforgettable first week!

What an eventful week! We had such a brilliant start last week. It was a perfect beginning!

An undoubted highlight occurred on **Friday with our pōwhiri**. We formally welcomed all of those new to the school - students, staff and whanau. The pōwhiri was a tremendous experience, one which will lead to greater understanding and confidence for all involved.

Whaea Trish Ripi supports two local schools with their development of tikanga Māori. She is exactly the right person to **empower our staff, students and whanau to embrace tikanga Māori** and incorporate it into our school's protocols. It is an exciting step we have taken and, with Trish guiding us, we are ready to take other big steps forward. Thank you Trish!

Trish will soon be starting a **kapahaka group** for senior students which will be an excellent opportunity to learn and share tikanga Māori protocols with the rest of the school.

And then we had this week! We are **back after an enforced two-day break**. It has been a terrible time for so many people in our region and in other parts of the North Island. Those of us lucky enough to have emerged with little impact have huge empathy for those who have lost so much.

At school we can only look ahead and regain momentum - here's hoping for an uninterrupted rest of Term 1. Thank you for your **support and patience**.

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Pōwhiri - the highlights!

Our special supporter Whaea Trish helped us throughout our powhiri. With a karanga Whaea Trish led our new students, new staff and their families to the assembly area. She led the whole school in song several times throughout the pōwhiri, generating fantastic engagement from the whole school and guests.

Miss Sophie Gallagher wonderfully shared a karakia with the school, before Carlow Wainui welcomed our new group formally to our school. What a star you were Carlow! Brilliant!



Pōwhiri - more highlights!

Our school sang to welcome the group, before Mr Damian Schade, new Rm 12 teacher, confidently accepted the welcome on behalf of our newcomers. Supported by Whaea Trish the group sang to the school before we all shared a song together as the new group joined with us as one.

While some of the manuhiri and school leaders met in the staffroom to share some kai, the rest of the school went back to class to enjoy kai and drink too. A super experience - great job everyone!





Absences / Lateness: Please support!

Please **email the office** office@coatesvilleschool.nz to notify an absence.

Or leave a message on the school phone - 09 4159218.

Every time you contact us it saves our office staff time following up. So thank you!

If a child is late to school (after 9am when the class roll is being taken) **a parent/caregiver or the child must go directly to the school office** to notify the lateness.



Buses - Ticket increase

This message from Ritchies Bus Company is for all students who use the bus and **are not eligible to ride the bus for free:**

*“With the increase in fuel and wages we will be **increasing the price of the yellow clip tickets to \$28 for 2023.** This is in line with the annual % increase per Transport Price Index from Waka Kotahi.”*

For \$28 you get a 10-ride ticket. These tickets must be paid for in cash to the driver.



Scholastic Book Club

Your child should have brought home this term's Scholastic Book Order pamphlet.

If you wish to place an order, please complete the online order form by following the prompts at: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. by 9am Friday 24th February.

Orders are online only please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you.

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Subway Lunch: Wednesdays!

A Lunch Option

Parents can place an online order, by **9 am each Subway® Day**, which is **delivered every Wednesday**.

Simply visit www.subway.co.nz/schools and follow the instructions to place your order.

Should you have any queries over Subway® Days please contact Dhaval at Subway on 021 1801861.



Swimming and Shared Stationery Costs

The cost for class swimming for the season is **\$50 (per child)** and the charge for stationery extras/shared stationery is **\$10 (per child)**

These can be paid online to the school account ASB 12 3059 0307932 00 using your **child's full name as a reference.**

Prompt payment of these is appreciated - thanks very much to those families who have paid already.

You are welcome to pay any or all of the [school donation](#) (**\$376 per child**) at the same time.

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School Hats



Every child gets a free Coatesville School hat when they start.
New children should've received these already.

All children are expected to wear their school hat when outside during Terms 1 & 4.
They are not permitted to wear other hats.

If you **need to buy a new hat please pay online (\$20) to the school account - ASB 12 3059 0307932 00** - then bring your child to the school office for sizing.

We really want children to look after their hats and make sure they are safely placed every day.
It saves them being placed in the lost property and/or parents having to buy a new one!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

School is back and so is the sausage sizzle! Next week!

Starting **Monday 20th February**, sausages in bread and small packets of cookies/biscuits will be available for purchase - \$2.50/sausage and 50c/packet of cookies.

Limit of one packet of cookies/child.

Available Mondays at the start of lunchtime next to Room 9.

From FOTS





FOTS News - Meeting next week!

FOTS (Friends Of The School) is the parent run fundraising arm of the school, and we are excited to kick the year off with our AGM next Wednesday evening . All parents are welcome to attend, even if it's just to have a look at what we do. We'd love to see some new faces!

Date: Wednesday 22nd February

Time: 7 pm

Where: School staffroom.

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School Communication - focus for 2023

Do you have a question? A need for more information? An issue or concern?

We have defined processes for people to use to feel clear and supported.

[Communication processes - staff and parents](#)

This document can also be found under '[Our School/Student Wellbeing](#)' on our website.

How can you help others?

If you are aware of people who may have questions, concerns or issues you could help them.

The more we can **support and encourage others to open up and seek resolution, the stronger our sense of school togetherness and unity ('Kotahitanga') will be.**

We will all benefit from strengthening a culture that supports positive communication and wellbeing.

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Safety at Coatesville School

A very important way in which **staff, students, parents AND the community** can help support everyone's safety is through the identification of hazards or 'near miss' incidents.

Please use the form below to ensure direct information is quickly and accurately relayed to staff. There is a link on our school website under 'Health & Safety' to this form too.

Hazard Identification & 'Near Miss' incidents form

Key safety message for the start of the year:

All students must be dropped off and picked up inside the school grounds.

The yellow lines and graphics (right) indicate what is required to keep our students safe before and (especially) after school with the volume of traffic.





Important Dates: Term 1 & beyond

Key dates

Kahu & Kiwi teams: Parent Information afternoon Tuesday 28 February 3.30pm onwards

School Swimming Sports Tuesday 7 March

Inter-School Swimming Sports Thursday 16 March

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