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School Newsletter 2

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Powhiri - this Friday!

We will have a **powhiri** for new staff, students and their whanau this Friday (16 February).

Powhiri starts at 9.15am.

We are being supported through the powhiri process by Whaea Trish Ripi, who worked so wonderfully well with our **kapa haka group and our school** last year.

Powhiri Attendance:

All those new to the school are being formally welcomed to the school.

Please indicate on this [simple form](#) asap if **any whanau would like to be welcomed** during the powhiri - or for light refreshments afterwards.

This is to help us with us with organisation of the event.

All other staff and students will be attending the powhiri too.

All parents/caregivers are also very welcome to attend.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT

Nau mai, hoki mai students, staff and whānau!

We hope you all enjoyed a fabulous summer and are as excited as we are about the year ahead! The Board met in January for the first of our strategic planning evenings this term, and used your feedback to agree and draft our key priorities for the school for 2024 and beyond.

The **4 key priorities** we've identified are:



- 1: Teaching & Learning:** Clarity and consistency of practices across the school
- 2: Communication of Student Progress and Achievement:** Strengthening communication to ensure clarity and consistency
- 3: Supporting Staff Wellbeing:** Promoting and maintaining a healthy and safe working environment for all staff
- 4: Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** Promoting and providing opportunities for staff, students and whānau to engage in Te Reo and Tikanga Māori

Thank you to all who contributed feedback and ideas last year. It has been hugely valuable and we welcome your on-going dialogue as we fine-tune our strategic plan over the coming weeks.

Next BOT Meeting: 22 Feb, 6.30pm.



Our Priorities: Action in 2024

The 'BOT Spotlight' - shared once again for those who may not have read the newsletter late last week - highlighted our school's key priorities for the year.

The staff are busy finalising implementation plans, working towards fulfilling these priorities. Next week we will be sharing some key information regarding:

- **Learning programmes:** What are our key learning programmes this year?

The BOT will review also the school's **Home Learning** policy late next week.

After this we will share more information, including how can you support learning at home.

Then, soon afterwards, there will be **opportunities for parents/caregivers to hear more detail and ask questions** about our learning programmes, home learning and much more.

We will take parents/caregivers on a journey with us as we implement some of these exciting developments this year! Thank you!

Swimming - Water Skills for Life!



Our school swimming programme started this week!

All classrooms will have two 45 minute sessions per week in our school pool with student learning focused on the [7 competencies](#) contained in the [Water Skills for Life](#) programme.

We therefore greatly appreciate your support with ensuring your child brings their togs, towel, goggles (if needed) on their scheduled days.

If your child is unable to swim on particular day due being unwell or for other reasons, please contact your child's classroom teacher to let them know.

Swimming Timetable 2024

Room	Swimming Days	Room	Swimming Days	Room	Swimming Days
1	Monday & Wednesday	5	Thursday & Friday	10	Monday & Friday
2	Monday & Wednesday	6	Thursday & Friday	11	Tuesday & Wednesday
3	Monday & Wednesday	7	Thursday & Friday	12	Tuesday & Wednesday
4	Monday & Wednesday	9	Monday & Friday	13	Tuesday & Wednesday

Basketball - 2024



Last year, Coatesville School had one Year 5 & 6 team play in the Harbour Basketball Primary School competition on Wednesday evenings. **The core of this team would really like to continue playing in 2024, but they need a few more interested boys or girls to join them.** If your Year 5 or 6 child would like to play, then please contact Paul Downes (p.w.m.downes@gmail.com) for more information.

There is also potential for students from Year 2-4 to get involved this year if there is enough interest to form new teams and we have parents available and willing to take on the key roles of managing and/or coaching .

You can find out more information about the competition structure, days, locations and rules on [the Harbour Basketball website](#). Entries for semester one close soon, but there will be another opportunity to enter teams in the second half of the year for semester two.

If your child is interested in playing then please contact Caleb Rosamond (crosamond@coatesvilleschool.nz)



Swimming and Shared Stationery Costs

The cost for class swimming for this year is **\$50 per child**.

The cost for class stationery extras/shared stationery is **\$10 per child**.

These costs 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.

These costs will be soon showing on the HERO statement for your child/children.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Sausage sizzle is back! Every Monday sausages in bread and small packets of cookies/biscuits will be available for purchase at the start of lunchtime on the deck next to room 9. \$2.50 for a sausage and 50c for a packet of cookies. Limit of one packet of cookies/child.

If you are interested in helping with sausage sizzle, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Tanya Ungaro or Sarah Spence:

tanya.ungaro@hotmail.com / thespencies@gmail.com





Coatesville Playcentre Parking

This is a friendly reminder for those parents and caregivers who use the carpark next to the reserve and school pool to drop their children off in the morning.

There are designated car-parks directly in front of the Playcentre which are specifically reserved for Playcentre parking only.

Please refrain from parking here from 8.50am every weekday morning.

Thank you from Coatesville Playcentre