

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

The 'Red' Traffic Light - no change for school!

Today is the day! Auckland is now into the new 'Red' setting!

This will be positively embraced by many, with an altering of the previous restrictions, and steps forward for our Auckland-wide community and across the country

How does this affect schools?

There will be **no change to the current restrictions for schools**. This directive has come from the MOE.

The restrictions we had three weeks ago, when we first reopened our school, will remain for the rest of the year. These restrictions are being maintained to avoid unnecessary confusion and to allow certainty and confidence for the remaining two weeks of the school year.

The restrictions for schools under each of the 'Traffic light' settings will be clarified and communicated well before the start of the 2022 school year.

Here's hoping the summer is successful for the country and we open school in February with a 'Green' light!

Coatesville School/Community Pool - 2021-22 Season

The pool will officially **open for the community on Monday 13 December!**

Despite the uncertainty around COVID-19 restrictions, we have decided to open the pool to the community - with important additional restrictions for this season.

Current school families, and existing Coatesville community members with an existing key, will be offered the opportunity to purchase a key for this season. To manage the number of pool users, and their health and safety, no one else outside of these two groups will be offered a key this season.

We believe, with the restrictions on users, we can manage the pool safely and allow our community to have the benefits of the pool being open this season.

We do, however, need compliance of all users to ensure the health and safety of all users is upheld.

[Pool key applications 2021-22 season](#)

Please complete the form asap. Your **application and payment must be received by Thursday 9 December**. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

[Coatesville Pool User Rules 2021-22](#)

Please ensure you have read the above rules before completing the application.

Confirming student numbers for 2022

We are still looking to confirm student numbers for 2022.

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 be completed shortly.

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

Did you know? Student Class Placement for 2022

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.

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