

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. In a very surreal, unique way!
It is still very busy with plenty of activity. It is just very, very different to a 'normal' end of the school year!
But some things do stay the same! We share teaching teams at this time of the year, as we lead up to announcing new classes for next year. (More information on the next page.)
This process is often eagerly anticipated by students and parents as their focus moves towards understanding what next year will look like. It is exciting to find out prior to the holidays!
And at this time of the year we report to parents ... even though this year it will be markedly different!

Learning Summary Report 2021

The 'Learning Summary Report' will be issued next Tuesday afternoon.
This is a unique way of reporting - very different to how we usually report at the end of the year. But due to factors beyond our control we have tried to provide some information to compensate
So we see this report as an opportunity for teachers to provide a brief summary of each student's learning after a very disrupted year.
It will be a **starting point for next year's teacher** at the beginning of 2022.
This report is not an attempt to 'guess' achievement for the year.
The mid-year 'Progress Report' was the last official measure of achievement.
We will restart in 2022, with all students (hopefully), and with a very clear focus on wanting to understand the strengths and immediate learning priorities for all of our learners.
This year hasn't been ideal from our perspective at all but we view the current situation as a positive challenge.
We will, once again, restart the process of gathering information early next year to fully gauge the progress and achievement (and engagement and wellbeing) of every child and to respond accordingly.

Learning Summary Report: Supporting Information

This report has been created for the particular circumstances we have at the end of this year.
The document linked above is designed to support your reading of the 'new, one-off' report.
It is also being made available to support your general understanding of what is contained within our 'learning progressions'. These outline what is to be taught across the stages of learning in our curriculum.
When we teach and assess we use these progressions to clarify students' progress, to describe their learning pathway and to report stages of achievement.
We will include a copy of this document for reference with the report when it is issued next Tuesday.

Teachers in 2022

Kiwi Team: Year 1-2 Leader: Mrs Sarah Burnett		
Year Level	Rooms	Teachers
Year 1	Rms 5 & 6	Makayla Lawson Rachel Littlewood (new to the school in 2022)
Year 1-2	Rm 7	Kate Thompson
Year 2	Rm 9	New teacher (still to be confirmed)

Tui Team: Year 2-4 Leader: Mr Caleb Rosamond		
Year Level	Rooms	Teachers
Year 2-3	Rm 10	Peter Ryland
Year 3-4	Rms 11, 12 & 13	Sarah Mason Karen Spicer Melissa Blignault

Kahu Team: Year 5-6 Leader: Mrs Sharleen Telford		
Year Level	Rooms	Teachers
Year 5	Rms 1 & 4	Julie Prebble (new to the school in 2022) Andy Forsyth
Year 6	Rms 2 & 3	Nicola Fitzgerald Matt Reyland (new to the school in 2022)

Other staff news

We also have teachers departing our school at the end of this year.

Mark van Dam, Alysha Winson, Briarna Haigh and Lisa Anderson will be leaving our school at the end of next week. We wish them all the very best for the various next steps in their lives!

Their contributions will be acknowledged appropriately and we will certainly thank them for all they have done for the students, staff and parents/caregivers of our school.

Confirming Staffing for 2022

Confirming our staffing structure for 2022 has been a long process.

This has been because of a set of factors which include staff who will take leave in 2022; staff moving to other schools or other locations; and staff leaving due to personal circumstances.

But even though it has taken longer than usual, we are very happy with the end result.

We have an extremely strong teaching group for 2022, utilising the strengths of our existing staff members, with the fresh input of three teachers new to our school (and one further appointment to be added).

Classroom structure

The classroom structure each year is strongly influenced by the numbers of students at each year level but has a number of other factors too which make up the final structure for each year. This is why it can look very different year to year in a school of our size.

Teachers are very comfortable teaching single year level or composite classes (eg. Yr 3-4). Each class has a range of abilities and needs which must be accommodated.

Students will find out their 2022 class, and will have a brief opportunity to meet with their new class and teacher, early next week. This will occur within existing restrictions for intermingling of students across classes. We usually like to follow up the brief new class meeting with another 'team building' session later in the week. But due to restrictions we won't be able to do so this year. We will just wait for the first day of next year!

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 (within our school zone) 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. So if you want a key please read the rules before applying.

Pool key applications 2021-22 season

Please complete the form asap. Your **application and payment must be received by Monday 13 December at 1pm**. This deadline has been slightly extended to give any other potential user a final opportunity to apply. 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.

Lost Property - please have a look!

The shed behind Rm 11 is full of clothing and other assorted items!

Please come up outside school hours to have a look through the items.

We will give any unclaimed items to charity before the start of next year.

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.

Stationery 2022

We are continuing with the individual online ordering of class stationery next year, which seemed to work very well this year. You will be able to access Office Max and have your child's pack sent directly to your home. No packs will be able to be purchased through the school. All the information you will need to place your child's order will be in next week's newsletter and sent via email. There will be a small class contribution request for shared items that we will notify next year – along with the usual annual swimming charge.

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 the second to last time this year!
Enjoy a lovely weekend as we near the end of the school year.*

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Community Notices

Brain Play is back for January 2022 Holidays!

We are set to run IN-PERSON Holiday Programmes from our Albany location, Upper Harbour Primary School and Kumeū location, Kumeu Art Centre.

Programmes run weekdays, 5th - 26th January!

We are also offering ONLINE pop-up Holiday Programmes throughout January! Head along to our website to book + stay up to date! - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/holidays>

Thank you so much again, all the best for the end of the year!