

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Friday was a huge day! Last day of the term! Last day of the school year! Last day for a number of people! We thanked and farewelled many during the day, with a special final assembly on the field just before 1pm being a key part of the process.

These acknowledgements aren't usually left to the very last minute but, because of restriction, and other events having to be cancelled, we took the opportunity to all be together as a school community for one last time in 2021! Our Year 6s, other students leaving our school, staff leaving our school, and parents/families moving onto other new challenges ... we thank you all for being part of our school community and wish you all the very best for the future. We hope that you take many positive memories of your time at Coatesville School and hope it remains a big part of your journey through life. We are always here for you to visit too!

We all hoped for a successful 2021. In some ways it may have been but, with the disruption in the second half of the year that extended well into Term 4, the challenges seemed greater than 2020.

But I have to be optimistic that 2022 will allow us to restart with a positive outlook for a fresh, productive school year. We all want to be successful and, hopefully, next year will allow us to provide sustained, quality onsite learning programmes. If distance learning is required for any period of time we will adapt and do all we can to get us successfully through. But we have to aim for being onsite - connecting, supporting, progressing, gaining momentum from the start of the year.

But before we even get to return in early February, I hope everyone is able to fully enjoy this summer.

We all deserve to have some fun and relaxation. Some quality time for everyone.

I hope you get exactly what you need to feel positive and recharged for 2022.

Enjoy the next few weeks and stay safe and well.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Administration Block - 'Makeover'

Our administration block will be getting some enhancement over the holiday period.

The main office, the foyer, the sickbay, the staff toilets and the staffroom kitchen will all be revamped.

We are hopeful the project will be completed by the start of the school year - or as close to that as possible.

We are looking forward to a new, fresh look and greater functionality in the office in 2022.

2021 School Awards

Achievement in Swimming – McKechnie Trophy	Geeyan Li
Sportspersonship	Monty Cruickshank
Sports Achievement – Boy	Monty Cruickshank
Sports Achievement - Girl	Bria Scully
Ella Mackie Friendship Trophy (Year 2)	Nina Kler
Rotary Shield for School Citizenship	Emily Glasson
Kindness to Other – The ‘Slippers’ Award	Luca Barron
Effort/Contribution to School Life – Mark Harrison Cup	Nina Guo
Creativity – Eggleton Trophy	Nicole Tyurkova
Most Diligent Librarian	Olivia Brockliss
Technology - McLean Trophy	Hunter Stanley
Love of Music – Geraldine Pearce Memorial Trophy	Geeyan Li
Language and The Arts – Hay Trophy	Martha Chaplin
Mathematics – Ashridge Cup	Leo Simmons
Speech Cup	Madeleine Doidge
Academic Improvement – Windmill Orchard Cup	Ben Sentch
Academic Excellence – Principal’s Cup	Leo Simmons

2021 Parent Support - Parent Service Awards

Our school has always relied on parental support.

So many people give so much of their time each year to benefit our children, our staff and our environment.

Every contribution is very gratefully appreciated and valued.

Each year we take the time to acknowledge those parents who have made an outstanding contribution to the school over a period of time, as they leave our school with their last child in Yr 6.

In a normal year we would have acknowledged all parental contributions at our school prizegiving. However, that was not possible. So our final school assembly, as school finished for the year, was used as an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by our parent/caregiver group this year but also, importantly, to thank the small group whose contributions over time (some 10 years and over) have been exceptional.

This year’s service award recipients were:

Roslyn Sentch Karl Sentch	Exceptional service to FOTS, Fundraising and Events Exceptional service to The Board of Trustees, Fundraising, Sport, Property, ...
Kat Browne	Exceptional service to Sport, Fundraising and Events
Megan Farrington	Exceptional service to FOTS and Fundraising
Polly Joseph	Exceptional service to The Board of Trustees and School Playgrounds
Tania Maclennan	Exceptional service to Ag Day

Our Staff

Thank you to our leadership team, our teaching staff and our support staff who have all worked so hard in 2021. We thank you all for a job well done and applaud the dedication and effort during this very challenging year. While most of our staff look forward to 2022 at Coatesville School with excitement, some of our teachers are moving to other schools and new challenges.

Thank you to **Mark van Dam, Alysha Winson and Briarna Haigh** for the input they have had in 2021 and in the years prior. All the very best to all of you in your new endeavours.

We thank you for your contributions to Coatesville School. All were officially farewelled in front of the school on Friday and during our special staff ceremony in the afternoon.

Room 9 Teacher

Miss Sophie Gallagher will be teaching in Rm 9 in 2022.

Apologies to Rm 9 children and parents for the wait but we have now finally confirmed our staff for 2022!

Sophie is very excited to meet you all in February.

Farewell Year 6s

Thank you to a wonderful bunch of Year 6 children!

Their final year at school was a difficult one but their spirit, enthusiasm and resilience will see them go on and find success in the things they want to achieve.

All the very best to all of them! We look forward to catching up with them and hearing about their exciting journeys during the years to come.

BOT News

Please have a read of the [final 'BOT News'](#) of the year. Click the link and read the BOT's end of year messages!

Thank you to Belinda and the rest of the BOT for their dedication and support for the students, staff and families of Coatesville School.

Thank you so much for a wonderful contribution in a year that demanded a lot from the BOT.

Our Pool

If you are a pool keyholder, enjoy using the pool over the summer.

Please respect the facility and look after it.

If other people are not fulfilling expectations please feel free to remind them of what is required and if that does not work please use the contact details displayed at the pool.

We are lucky to be able to open the pool this year so do enjoy our wonderful facility!

Our School - unnecessary damage!

We all can help keep our school facilities in good condition over the coming weeks.

Recently after hours the glass on one of our classroom doors (Rm 10) was smashed by a hockey ball.

Last weekend significant damage was done on the netball court turf by what is presumed to be a moped.

Neither of these acts of damage was reported to us. Each incident will cost the school several hundred dollars.

We still do not know who is responsible.

We assume the damage was deliberate or, at the very least, extremely reckless, with little regard for our school's facilities.

If you see anyone being irresponsible on our grounds (including the pool area) please say something and then report the incident.

Thank you.

Stationery 2022 – Online Purchasing Only

As we did this year, class stationery packs need to be purchased directly from Office Max. Use the following link to place your order and packs will be sent to your home. They should then be brought to school on the first day of school next year. <https://www.myschool.co.nz/coatesville>

Please note that there are 3 options if your child is in Year 2 in 2022 - please choose the relevant class/teacher.

If your child is in a New Entrant/Year 1 class they will not need to order a journal bag if they have one from this year. Orders can be made any time from Wednesday 22nd December onwards.

There will be a small additional charge for shared class items which needs to be paid directly to the school. This will be notified in the week before school starts.

Start of school year for 2022

School starts on **Tuesday 8 February** at 8.55am. This follows the long Waitangi Day weekend.

The School office will reopen on Wednesday 2 February.

Please be aware that Monday 7th February is a public holiday, Waitangi Day, and the school office will be closed.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Teachers in 2022

Kiwi Team: Year 1-2 Leader: Mrs Sarah Burnett		
Year Level	Rooms	Teachers
Year 1	Rm 5 Rm 6	Makayla Lawson Rachel Littlewood
Year 1-2	Rm 7	Kate Thompson
Year 2	Rm 9	Sophie Gallagher

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

Kahu Team: Year 5-6 Leader: Mrs Sharleen Telford		
Year Level	Rooms	Teachers
Year 5	Rm 1 Rm 4	Julie Prebble Andy Forsyth
Year 6	Rm 2 Rm 3	Nicola Fitzgerald Matt Reyland