

# Coatesville School Newsletter

“Aim! Strive! Achieve!”

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

## **Magnificent Donation!**

Last Friday the school was presented with a cheque from the Coatesville Residents & Ratepayers Association.

After an ambitious project to raise funds to have a fibre network installed in Coatesville - the 'Coatesville Community Fibre Initiative' - over \$300000 was raised through sponsorship and donation in an 8 week period.

Their success meant they exceeded their target and rather than refund the extra funds it was agreed by those who donated and sponsored to give it to Coatesville School - the tremendous sum of \$7855! What a wonderful gesture! Tyler, Val and Ian of the CRRA attended our Friday assembly to share the great news to our school community.

Thank you again! We will spend the donation wisely to benefit the school and our wider community.



## **2020 School Prizegiving & Picnic - this Thursday!**

**Thursday 10 December – School Assembly area**

Prizegiving starts at 5pm.

BYO Picnic starts approx. 6.15pm.

Please note the start time as we will have our **formal prize giving** for the whole school in the assembly area first, followed by a **BYO picnic** as we celebrate the end of the school year.

There will be **class awards for every classroom, trophies, Yr 6 graduation, and much, much more**. We will move through things as quickly as possible so everyone can then relax and enjoy the picnic.

It will be wonderful to have the whole school come together to end the school year.

Bring food, drink, a rug and smiles and enjoy the formal and the social side of school life!

We hope you can all attend.

Note: If the weather is wet we will hold the prize giving ceremony in Room 4.

### **Class awards**

Our class awards system recognises the progress and excellence of our students across the curriculum.

Up to 6 students from each class will be acknowledged – with 'progress' or 'excellence' awards presented for a specific aspect(s) of the curriculum.

## **Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Reports/Conferences:**

**Achievement reports** went home with students on **Friday**.

15 minute **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences** take place this week.

**School will finish at 1pm today and tomorrow.** To book a conference on **Wednesday 9 December 1.45-5pm**, please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- 2) Enter our **new** school code – **bc67d**
- 3) Enter your details
- 4) Select your child's year level
- 5) Select your child's classroom teacher
- 6) Choose your time

If you have any difficulties please contact the school office immediately.

Options for pick-up:

Children will be able to be picked up at 1pm from their classroom.

If not, they will have lunch as usual and at 1.45pm they will go to the library.

From the library, between 1.45-3pm, children can be picked up for a conference or to go home.

At 3pm all remaining children need to be picked up from the assembly area. Children cannot be left at school unsupervised to play until their conference.

School buses will leave as usual at 3pm.

## **Stationery 2021 – Change of System**

We are moving to individual online ordering of class stationery next 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.

## **Pool Keys**

It is the last chance to get a key for this season. Please use this link: [Pool form](#) to apply for a key and make your payment promptly. If you were a keyholder last year but haven't renewed, your key will be deprogrammed tomorrow. If you are a new applicant, please call at the office for your key after you have made your payment.

We want every user to please treat the pool and the facilities with respect.

If you see anyone not following pool expectations please feel free to give them feedback. Or share it with us.

We want swimmers to have an enjoyable season!

## **Lost Property - end of the year**

At the end of the school year next week all lost property will be given away to a worthy charity.

Please make sure you have looked in the shed as there are still many items unclaimed.

## **Library**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their library books. With the end of the school year fast approaching, we need to have all books returned by the end of this week. Another reminder email will be sent out to parents on Wednesday. Thank you for all your help getting the library books back.

## **End of school year for 2020**

School finishes for the year on **Friday 18 December at 1pm**.

## **Start of school year for 2021**

School starts on **Tuesday 9 February** at 8.55am. This follows the long Waitangi Day weekend.


*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*


Richard Johnson

Principal

**The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop is back** by popular demand and is running from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021 at **Hobsonville Primary School!** Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. Past workshops have been a great hit, see last year's video for yourself: [Marrzipan Holiday Workshop Video](#) Spaces are limited to 14 per group so get in quick! Book now or give us a call if you have any questions. See you there! [Auckland Booking Link](#) Contact number: **027 367 3334**

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your Children/ tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Come to Albany Village Library, take your Summer Fun booklet and a calendar of events for December and January. Summer reading programme is for children aged 5-12 years.





**CHESS  
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GROWING KIDS MINDS

## COACHING PROGRAMME

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.


**Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.**

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world-class.

**WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?**

- ✓ Grow Kids Minds™!!
- ✓ Improve concentration and focus
- ✓ Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- ✓ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✓ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✓ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✓ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme, we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

**CLASS DETAILS**

Sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays from 1:00 to 1:50 pm in Library starting Thursday 11 February 2021. The last session will be held on Thursday 15 April 2021. This is 10-weeks program.

The fee is \$120 for the term per student.

**REGISTRATION**

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 1 please visit our website:

[www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school/group and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

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