

25 October 2023 School Newsletter 32

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Post-Ag Day Satisfaction!

We are still glowing in the aftermath of a very successful Ag Day! The day was fantastic and the long weekend enabled us to recharge and refresh! Hopefully!

Thank you once again to all the members of FOTS for a brilliant day and to every staff member, parent/caregiver and wider whanau member who helped before, during and after! And huge thanks to **our sponsors** once more! Fantastic!

<u>Ag Day Prizegiving:</u> We are still aiming for **Friday 3 November at 9am to present Ag Day trophies** as part of our school assembly schedule.

This is dependent on the engravers and their timeline but they have told me it is on track!

Those students who received a 'Champion' ribbon - and some 'Reserve Champion' categories - will be presented with a trophy.

Confirmed trophy winners will be advised prior to the assembly.

We look forward to acknowledging all those who worked so hard on their projects.

THANK YOU!



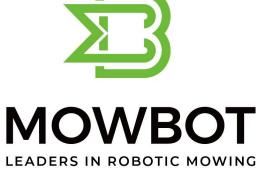
Thank you so much to our Ag Day sponsors. Your generosity helped make Ag Day

possible!















And and additional thank you to all of our generous silent auction donations.

Planning Together for Akonga Success



The Ministry of Education have made major changes to the way they want schools to complete their annual planning and reporting processes.

These changes are to be implemented by school BOTs for the school's next strategic plan - 2024-2025. The next few pages of the newsletter outline why there are changes and <u>how you</u>, as part of 'our school, our community', <u>can be involved in our school's planning</u>:

- What schools must do
- Why is planning and reporting so important?
- Why are changes needed?
- Engaging with our community: getting your feedback

Planning Together - What Schools Must Do



The legislation

There are four **primary objectives of school boards in governing a school** (s127 ETA)

Boards must ensure that:

- every student at the school can attain their highest educational achievement standard
- the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for students and staff, ensures students' rights are upheld and takes steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying and other forms of discrimination
- the school is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs
- the school gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including by:
 - working to ensure that its plans, policies, and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori,
 mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori
 - taking all reasonable steps to make instruction available in tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
 - achieving equitable outcomes for Māori students

Planning Together - Why is it so important?



School annual planning & reporting processes:

- Underpin all the other work schools do
- Schools need to intentionally plan and evaluate their performance to:
 - Give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - Meet legislated Board requirements
 - Show how the schools gives particular regard to the NELP
 - Ensure the needs of all ākonga (learners) are met
 - Ensure the voices of all ākonga and whanau are heard
 - Ensure that teaching and learning programmes give effect to the NZ Curriculum and Te
 Marautanga o Aotearoa, to improve outcomes for all ākonga

Planning Together - Why are changes needed?



- To support schools in giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- To change the focus from reporting to the Ministry to **being accountable to their communities** for their ākonga / learners
- To help schools and kura to achieve goals which move towards equitable and excellent educational outcomes and remove barriers to success for all ākonga (learners)
- To support relationships and partnerships between boards and their communities that go beyond occasional consultation with some parts of the community to create greater connections and reciprocal feedback loops.

Engaging With Our School Community



Our desire to **strengthen 'kotahitanga' across the school community** is at the forefront of our thinking for 2024. So we want <u>your feedback</u> to help create our new strategic plan for 2024-2025.

Your feedback is crucial as we take further steps for the school community to be 'working together'.

Key topics for review will include:

Wk 1: Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi Survey opportunity - share your thoughts today!

Wk 2: Our Curriculum (Teaching, learning, assessment & reporting) - next week!

Wk 3: Supporting 'Kotahitanga' with our parent/caregivers (working together in partnership)

Wk 4: Akonga Wellbeing

How do you give feedback?

- Online survey opportunities each week for the next 4-5 weeks starting today! See above!
- 'Friday forum' after assemblies in the staffroom with school leaders
- Parent/caregiver 'Kotahitanga School Planning' evening Tuesday 21 November
 6.30-7.30pm more details next week

Coatesville School's Got Talent!

OF TRIVE ACHIER

We are excited for the return of Coatesville's Got Talent on **Friday 10th November!**

This is our annual variety talent show for <u>all</u> students and they can enter any individual or group performance such as;

- Instrumental
- Song
- Dance
- Acting
- Magic tricks
- ...

Entry forms are available from classroom teachers or from the office. **Entries close this Friday 27th October.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Caleb Rosamond - crosamond@coatesvilleschool.nz



Puberty Programme for Year 6 students

Learning about relationships and sexuality is part of The New Zealand Curriculum - one aspect the 'Health and Physical Education' curriculum. <u>Information for Parents</u>

Late last year we, as a school, gathered feedback from parents/caregivers regarding priorities for our Health Curriculum.

75% of respondents felt that 'Sexuality' education was 'important', 'very important' or 'extremely important'. However, this question did have the widest spread of opinion across the different questions asked.

As a step towards formulating a Health Curriculum which incorporates aspects of the 'Relationships and Sexuality Education' component of the NZ Curriculum, we have decided to <u>TRIAL</u> a 'Puberty Programme' for Year 6 students later this term.

Parents of Year 6 students were informed of the programme yesterday. An online whanau information session will be held prior to the student programme commencing.

Calendar Art



Calendar Art, complete with your child's amazing creation, is now available for viewing and purchasing online. This year all ordering and payments will be done online.

The order time has been extended and will now close next Monday, 30th October.

To place your order follow the instructions below:

- 1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ807
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted





School Hats - Term 4

In line with our school's 'Sun protection practices' policy all students are required to wear a school hat when outdoors in Terms 1 and 4.

Our school gives all students their first hat free.

If it is lost or damaged, replacement hats can be purchased from the school office for \$20.





Ag Day Prizegiving Friday 3 November (tbc)

Year 3-6 Athletics Day Thursday 16 November

'Kotahitanga School Planning': Tuesday 21 November

Parent/caregiver evening

Teacher Only Day Friday 24 November - school closed for instruction

Outdoor Education Week Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 December

School Prizegiving Thursday 14 December 5pm

End of Term 4 Friday 15 December at 1pm



An event for parents of toddlers to teens

WED 8 NOV | 7 - 9 PM

Tickets \$35 from Eventbrite Coatesville Settlers Hall 4 Mahoenui Valley Road





CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Where Children and Families Thrive Together

New Shoots Coatesville feels like a sanctuary, with cosy spaces, carefully curated resources, and warm, experienced teachers who are ready to welcome you and your family.

We would love to invite you to explore our centre. To book a tour or learn more, please get in touch or visit our website: newshoots.co.nz/coatesville



We offer session fees for ages 3+ taking up 20 hours from 8:30am – 3:30pm







Phone: 09 304 0030





SCHOOL TEAM - FLIPPA BALL

Taking expressions of interest in starting a Flippa Ball School Team played at the Millennium Pool on Sunday afternoons. Most of you already have your winter sports organised so depending on the amount of interest received we may need to look at starting in Term 4 but will aim for Term 3.

What is flippa Ball? Flippa Ball is most commonly known as 'Mini Water Polo'. The game is a water based sport and is a great way for kids to be active while building confidence when in the water. The game is for Primary aged school children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The sport is played in a shallow pool (1.2m – 1.3m deep) and uses a range of ball skills, swimming and team work. Flippa Ball is a great stepping stone into Water Polo with kids learning the basic skills needed to take on the deep water in Intermediate and Club level.

Kelly Mob 021-2095004 kellymcallister507@gmail.com

Location: AUT Millennium Pool (Antares Place, Mairangi Bay)

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Time and Day: Times vary between 1pm and 7pm on Sunday afternoons.

Game duration: Games consists of 2 x 8 minute halves. There is a 1 minute break at half time in which teams switch ends.

League Duration and Times: The League runs for a total of 7-8 weeks each term. No games during school holidays/public holidays.







AJHS Host Families Wanted



Curious about hosting an International Student?

We are starting to recruit local homestay families for our January 2024 intake of International students

- Long Term families needed from January December 2024
- Short Term families (2 weeks) arriving in week 2 of Term 1, 2024

Host families to provide a friendly, supportive and caring home environment and will receive a homestay payment of \$350-\$370 per week.



For more information or to request an information pack, please contact Sarah Reid, International Homestay Coordinator

Email: homestay@ajhs.school.nz or call 415 5473 Ext. 660

