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Planning for 2024 and beyond

Whanau 'Kotahitanga: School Planning' evening - Tuesday 21 November 6.30-7.30pm

An **opportunity for staff and whanau to work together** to hear and better understand different viewpoints - to identify potential school priorities for the next two years. The evening will include:

- Short presentation of key whanau feedback received so far
- Key questions posed for further discussion
- Staff to facilitate small group discussions - ask questions, listen and record
- New ideas to be shared and discussed

It would be fantastic to see as many people attend as possible.

Drinks and nibbles provided! Child care available! RSVP next week via simple form



Engaging With Our School Community

Week 3: 'Strengthening Kotahitanga at Coatesville School' (Unity & togetherness)

[New survey opportunity](#)

[Kotahitanga in 2023](#): Our school's 2023 definition

Thank you to all respondents so far. The responses are very interesting and thought provoking - and will provide plenty of further discussion for school leaders, BOT & at the 'Whanau Evening'.

Week 2: 'Our Curriculum - Teaching and Learning'

[Survey opportunity](#) - still open - click here to share your thoughts today!

Week 1: 'Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi'

[Survey opportunity](#) - share your thoughts today! Thank you to those who have responded!

Will only remain open for feedback until Friday 10 November.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPOTLIGHT



It's time for a technology upgrade in Rooms 11 & 13. The children can look forward to using all new chrome books, after the Board signed off on a much needed upgrade to their current devices. There will soon be one chrome book for every two students in those classes.

Parents Evening, Nov 21 - The Board invites you to join us for drinks, nibbles and an evening of sharing your thoughts and ideas on key topics such as curriculum, student wellbeing and giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Your voice is key to helping us shape next year's strategic plan - so please come and have your say!



A massive **THANK YOU to the FOTS team** for an incredible Ag Day which raised a whopping \$40,000.

All their amazing fundraising this year means we are so close to revealing our new playground design to you all. The final features and colours are just being finalised, so thank you for your patience. It's going to be spectacular!

Next BOT Meeting: 7 Dec, 6.30pm.

Coatesville School's Got Talent! - Finals Show



Over the past week, 40 acts involving 70 students have auditioned for a spot in the finals show of Coatesville's Got Talent!

The variety and standard of talent was very high so narrowing down the number of acts to just 20 finalists was not an easy task!

Nevertheless, every student across the school will have an opportunity to perform with their whanau as part of the whanau song/dance challenge!

All parents and families are warmly invited to support our finalists on Friday 10th November starting at 1:45pm in the Assembly Area.





Year 3-6 School Athletics Day

Our School Athletics Day for all children in Year 3-6 will be held on Thursday 16th November.

The day starts promptly at 9.05am and finishes at just before 3pm with the conclusion of the all age groups sprint finals (5yrs+).

More information about the event can be found on the [Athletics page](#) of our website.

All parents and whanau are warmly invited to support our students for all, or part of the day.

We also require parents to support teachers to run of all of the events.

Please contact Caleb Rosamond (crosamond@coatesvilleschool.nz) if you are able to assist.





Student Achievement Reports

Individual student achievement reports will be **'issued' on Friday 1 December**. Like at the end of Term 2, these will be shared online via the 'HERO' platform.

These reports will summarise achievement for your child, focusing on:

- Overall **achievement levels** in **reading, writing and mathematics** (adding to the mid-year graphs on HERO)
- **Competency achievement** against year level expectations
- Achievement against year level expectations for **all other areas of the curriculum**
- **'End of Year Comment'** - which gives an individual summary of progress and achievement for your child in 2023



Learning Conferences - Wk 9

During Term 4 students are completing learning which will contribute to two important outcomes:

- Teachers will provide up-to-date **achievement levels and end of year comment** for each student's learning (see previous page)
- Students will share examples of their learning with parents/caregivers - via a **'student-led' conference**

Week 9 Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 December from 3.15pm (times tbc)

'Student-led' conferences are a very effective way of sharing student progress and achievement.

These are not 'teacher-led' but are definitely teacher-directed in the lead-up to the conferences, with considerable help given to students in preparation for sharing their learning from across the curriculum. During the conferences teacher have a key role to play too, providing support as children share, especially for those who are not quite as confident. There will be a small group of children sharing to their parents at the same time so the teacher will be supporting all of them, with different levels of input as required. *(Continued on next page)*



Learning Conferences - Wk 9 (cont.)

'Student-led' conferences:

- support the student's understanding of their progress - so they can **talk about their own learning**, their strengths, the areas they can improve and their next steps for learning
- provide parents/caregivers with concrete examples of the progress/achievement information provided by the teachers

These conferences are not a simply 'showcase' but should be a very useful insight into your child's progress, consistent with the achievement reporting shared by the teacher. And they do differ from the '3 way conferences' we have run during the middle of each year, where teachers take a greater facilitation role and are an obvious and consistent presence.

We hope that the conference process **leads to the student and the parents/caregivers feeling very informed and empowered to share with their new teacher at the start of 2024** (see next page).

Obviously the empowerment for some students will develop over time - for some this is a long term process, others will be ready to thrive in this situation very quickly.



Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences: 2024

At the start of the 2024 school year we are conducting 'conferences' to ignite the school year!

Thursday 1 February and Friday 2 February - between 9am and 3pm

Parents/caregivers/student/teacher will meet - a great chance to get to know and understand each other before the busy school year starts!

More details about the these conferences will be shared before the end of the year.

The primary aims of the conferences are for parents/caregivers and students to share:

- Student strengths - learning and personal
- Potential goals/targets for the student - learning and personal
- Any important and/or unique information
- Any questions or concerns (past or present)

We are looking forward to a productive way to start 2024!

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“Little Big Sing” - Rehearsal!

Performance tonight at Upper Harbour Primary School!





Student Class Placement for 2024

The placement of students into classes for 2024 will happen during the next few weeks. Teachers and team leaders will ensure every child's class placement is considered very carefully. Parents, through discussions with staff 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 '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 two opportunities in Week 9 to meet with their new teacher and class before the end of this year.

Classroom Structure for 2024

With the predicted student roll numbers for 2024 we will have a different classroom structure next 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.

CANDY FLOSS AND OTHER GOODIES SALE!

Next Friday (Nov 17th) after school we will be selling leftover Ag Day goodies. Candy Floss (\$3) and iceblocks (gold coin donation) will be sold outside the Artec Room at 3pm. Beautifully handmade bracelets will also be available for purchase- great Christmas stocking stuffers!





Important Dates: Term 4

Coatesville's Got Talent	Friday 10 November (1:45pm - 3pm)
Year 3-6 Athletics Day	Thursday 16 November
'Kotahitanga School Planning': Parent/caregiver evening	Tuesday 21 November 6.30-7.30pm
Teacher Only Day	Friday 24 November - school closed for instruction
Student-led Conferences	Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 December
Outdoor Education Week	Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 December
School Prizegiving	Thursday 14 December 5pm
End of Term 4	Friday 15 December at 1pm

10+11
NOVEMBER

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
50 Years
OF COATESVILLE PLAYCENTRE!

50th
Golden
JUBILEE



DINNER

10 NOV | 7PM



Black Cottage Cafe



3 Course Menu



\$70 per person



← Book Now!



Play Activities



Bouncy Castle



Face Painting



Bake Sale

FUTURE

11 NOV | 10AM



2013 Time Capsule



Potluck Dinner



Toasted Marshmallows



Sparklers

PAST

11 NOV | 3PM

We're celebrating 50 years of fun and play at Coatesville Playcentre!

We are so excited to be celebrating this milestone and wish to acknowledge all those who have been part of this journey

Join us for our 50th Golden Jubilee, which will be a fun and free event for our community!

Friday 10 November we are having an informal dinner at Black Cottage Cafe for past and present members!

Saturday 11 November: Coatesville Playcentre 50th Golden Jubilee

Join us at 10am as we celebrate the future of our centre with this free event for the community. We'll have a bouncy castle, pony rides, face painting, bake sale plus plenty of play areas for young kids!

At 3pm, we invite our past families to join us for big kid play, a time capsule opening, speeches, raffles, potluck dinner, plus much more!

Can't wait to see you all there!



Coatesville
Playcentre



"Whānau tupu ngātohi – families growing together"

COATESVILLE PLAYCENTRE
12 MAHOENUI VALLEY ROAD, COATESVILLE



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



Coatesville Scouts invite You to support our
Jamboree Fundraising



Quiz Night

**Rescheduled to
Friday 24th November**

Sat

Coatesville Hall 6.30pm for 7.00 pm Start.

Theme for the Evening... **“Into the Future”**

Tables of up to 8 people.

Tickets \$25 per person

or Tables of 8 for \$180

(Table snacks/nibbles provided)

Fun, Games, Auction Items and Prizes Galore

(Best Table, Best Dressed, Spot Prizes, Raffles and Games)

Bring some friends, bring a bottle (and a glass), dress up,
decorate your table and get fully into the spirit.

Help get Coatesville Scouts to Jamboree in December!

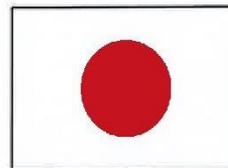


Rides to and from are available for \$10 a head (Coatesville Area)

Tickets/Info;- e-mail coatesville@group.scouts.nz or phone Phil 0211292371



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

