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Dear Parents/Caregivers Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou!

Thank you FOTS! At our last school assembly, when we were able to present the Ag Day trophies and medals, and **acknowledge the mighty group of people who coordinated our wonderful Ag Day this year!**

FOTS also revealed to the whole school that we made a fantastic **\$30 000** from the day!

A brilliant fundraising effort! What a team!

So thank you once again to **Tanya, Sarah and the FOTS team** for that achievement - with special acknowledgement to Alanah for the Silent Auction which raised \$10 000 itself!

And "Thank you" to our sponsors once again: **Marin Construction, Empire Electrical Services, Tile Imports NZ, North Harbour Water, The Everyday Investor Podcast, Spoil Me, Summit Scaffolding and Georgia Ingram Photography.** We loved your support!



Office Manager: Vacancy in 2023

We are **STILL** searching for a **Administration Office Manager** to start in **2023**.

If you are interested in this position - or just want to know more - please email me directly or visit:

www.coatesville.school.nz/job-vacancies ('Admin/Job vacancies' on our school website)

We look forward to appointing a fantastic person to this role!

Applications to: rjohnson@coatesvilleschool.nz

Applications close: Thursday 1 December (extended)

Happy to accept applications early - or to answer any questions!



Literacy: A Refreshed Approach

[Literacy at Coatesville School - Whanau Information](#) (click please!)

Please have a look today! We are sharing our revised school literacy approach.

Our 'new' literacy approach is a balanced one. It incorporates a **structured approach**, especially as we support learners through the early stages of learning, **AND other effective approaches**, which allow learners to use different strategies at levels appropriate to their skills and strengths.

['Literacy at Coatesville School: Whanau Feedback'](#) (simple feedback form)

Share your feedback above!

Having whanau aware of our new approach to literacy teaching and learning prior to the start of 2023 is a key part of preparation for next year.

Thank you!



Whanau Feedback: Looking to 2023 & beyond!

Do you have **thoughts, ideas and suggestions that you feel could enhance our school?**

If so, here is a great opportunity to share with school leadership.

Thank you to the small group of people who have shared so far.

Your responses are always very interesting to read and very carefully considered. In some cases the ideas are very aligned to our plans - others definitely give us food for thought!

[Whanau Feedback Survey](#) (open until Monday 28 Nov)

What does the simple survey ask for?

- **Name** - optional but encouraged as it can lead to a follow up discussion
- What I **like about our school?**
- What **STRATEGIC ideas** do you have for enhancing our school? (Overall, long-term aims)
- What **DAY-TO-DAY ideas** do you have? (Smaller, operational processes)



Year 3-6 School Athletics Day - Tomorrow!

Due to the unpredictable weather over the past few days, **our School Athletics Day for all children in Year 3-6 will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd 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 day can be found on the [Athletics page](#) of our website (including a timetable of events).

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

We also still require parent help to support teachers with all the running of all events. Please contact Caleb Rosamond (crosamond@coatesvilleschool.nz) if you are able to assist.



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Library Book returns and celebration

The time has come to collect all the library books back for the year. We would like to collect as many books as possible - any book, no matter how long it has been out... we love any lost books to be returned.

To celebrate we will be having a “Dress as your favourite book character” dress up on Friday 2nd December.

If you have lost your library book, there is a \$20 replacement fee that is paid to the office - please use your child’s name and library book as a reference.





Student Class Placement for 2023

The placement of students into classes for 2023 will happen over the next week. Teachers and team leaders will ensure every child's class placement is considered very carefully. Parents, through discussions 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 8 to meet with their new teacher and class** before the end of this year.

Classroom Structure for 2023

With the predicted student roll numbers for 2023 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.

Coatesville School/Community Pool Opening



If you are interested in having a pool key this year please complete the form below:

[2022-23 Pool Keyholder Application](#)

Keys will be limited this season - Coatesville School families and Coatesville community only. Clear expectations for supervision and behaviour will be constantly reinforced.

So this will make for a **really positive swimming experience for all families** this swimming season!

The pool will be open next week!



Year 4 & 5 Basketball starts tomorrow

Any current Year 4 and 5 students who are interested in playing basketball for the school next year are invited to attend one or both upcoming practice sessions to be held at school with Chris Vaughan from Rodney Basketball. These will be fun with a mix of building skills and some game time! The aim is to put a school team together for next year playing in a North Harbour competition. If you don't want to play for the school, you are still welcome to come and shoot some hoops with us!

When: 3pm Wednesday 23rd November and Wednesday 30th November

Where: School Basketball Court

Bring: Sport shoes and PE clothes

Contact: Chris Henderson (chris@pitapit.co.nz)



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Important Dates: Term 4 & beyond

Key dates

School Prizegiving & End of Year Picnic: Thursday 8 December at 5pm

School ends for the year: Friday 16 December at 1pm

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Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences: Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 February

First day with all students attending: Friday 3 February

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Community Notices

Coatesville Community Barbeque Friday 2nd December Coatesville Settlers Hall Reserve from 5:30

Join us and meet you friends and neighbours at our community BBQ on Friday 2nd December 2022.

Basic BBQ food provided. If you want anything extra BYO and BYO drinks.

This is a great social evening for our local families to mix and mingle and get to know neighbours and other members of the Community.

Games for the children and lots of fun to be had.

Albany Junior High School is seeking **new homestay families** to host both long and short term international students. They are looking for families who can provide a friendly, supportive and caring home environment. This is an opportunity for both students and homestays to share cultures and create memorable experiences together. For more information and to learn about the remuneration, please contact Sarah Reid (AJHS International Coordinator) on 415 5473 Ext 660 or email:

sarah.reid@ajhs.school.nz or visit <https://www.ajhs.school.nz/welcome-application-process/>

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