

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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Supporting people after the events in Christchurch

The events of Friday afternoon have absolutely shaken our country. Our thoughts are with the people who have been so greatly affected. Those who lost their lives; their families living with the aftermath of this tragedy; those still in hospital trying to battle the injuries sustained; those who were present or witnessed the attacks; the friends & families of all involved; and all the people of Christchurch.

People are still trying to grieve, to understand, to show support, to discuss and debate issues - all with the purpose of ensuring change so incidents like these do not happen again in our country or elsewhere in the world.

We appreciate that families wish to deal with an event of this magnitude (with huge loss of life and media saturation) in a wide variety of ways. Some want to open up discussions and talk everything through. Others want the complete opposite, to shield children from the horrific details.

And there are many people in between who have chosen over the weekend to address things on the level they and their family are comfortable with.

At school we have respected how families wish to talk with their children about this event. We do not feel it is appropriate to share thoughts or views which could be potentially distressing to some children. We also have respected how staff members wish to deal with these events.

We have taken the advice from experts who recommended adults be prepared to answer questions from children, from those who show interest in understanding the events. But they reinforced the need to give very little in the way of detail, especially when it could be potentially traumatic.

The most important message (especially for younger children) appears to centre around reassurance the event is over and the person won't be hurting anyone else.

If you feel your child is feeling in any way traumatised over these events please let us know immediately. And if we feel your child is upset we will contact you.

Friday acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge these tragic events at our assembly on Friday - while bringing positive messages to our school community.

We plan to share in a very sensitive way, to briefly mark the event with a level of appropriate significance. But we will not be sharing specific details of the event itself.

We have been notified of a **NZ-wide event called 'Colour Your Day'** occurring this Friday (22 March). The organisers are encouraging schools and businesses around the country to be involved.

At this stage we will encourage students, staff and parents to wear bright, happy colours to show our support for those impacted by the events in Christchurch last Friday.

We would also take this opportunity to use the 'colours' to show everyone we promote kindness, tolerance and respect for others. That is a key message for our school so students can simply be showing their support in that way. Promoting positive messages for us to uphold and spread throughout the world!

There may be other opportunities planned at lunchtime or during the day for students to feel they can contribute to sending positive messages to those impacted or to people in general.

We will confirm our finalised plans via email tomorrow giving everyone more details.

Lockdown procedures

Lockdown procedures designed to minimise the potential harm to people on our school site.

Lockdowns are not initiated just because of the possibility of a person causing harm. They can be actioned due to weather conditions (eg. lightning, tornado), chemicals spills or unknown substances or wild animals (eg. vicious dog, swarm of bees).

If an offender is potentially in the vicinity the police may be the ones to order the school to initiate lockdown and be the ones to then control the situation.

As was reported on Friday, a number of schools were forced into 'lockdown' in Christchurch because of the tragic events. While no schools were specifically targeted, schools are prepared for scenarios where there is a clearly identified need for the students, staff and any visitors to stay confined until safety can be assured.

Lockdown procedures are not to be shared publicly (eg. not in websites, newsletters, visible in classrooms) so potential offenders do not understand the procedures being initiated.

But in next week's newsletter I will share some relevant points from our lockdown procedures to assure parents we have clear expectations to keep your child as safe as possible in the event of an unforeseen circumstance.

Teacher Union Meeting: Wednesday 20 March Cancelled

The teachers' union (NZEI) has **cancelled all the meetings that were planned for this week** due to the events last Friday. This means that our teachers will not be attending the planned meeting on Wednesday afternoon and parents **will not** need to collect their children at 1pm.

Wednesday will now be a normal school day with school finishing at 3pm and buses leaving at the normal time.

Classroom Information Afternoon: review

[Classroom Information Afternoon review \(feedback form\)](#)

We would like to better understand the thoughts of parents after the recent afterschool opportunity for parents to meet with teachers. Please give your feedback on the form above. Your responses are very valuable to us.

Thank you. Last opportunity - closes on Friday!

Student Wellbeing in 2019: review of information

For the past two weeks we have shared information regarding the supporting of student wellbeing.

It is a priority for us to share this information with parents and then to get their feedback.

[Supporting Student Wellbeing: Feedback Form](#) Last opportunity - closes on Friday!

www.coatesville.school.nz/student-wellbeing has the relevant student wellbeing information.

Health & Safety: Important notes

Hazards & Near Misses need to be identified and acted upon. Parents can officially record these under 'Our School/Health & Safety' on the school website. **www.coatesville.school.nz/health--safety**

Any notifications go directly to myself and Lee Roycroft our caretaker.

School driveway has a number of vehicles using it each day.

For safety reasons **students and their families are not able to walk up the driveway**. This includes before and after school. Some families have been using it as a walkway and, for their safety, we would like that stopped.

Please walk on the field instead.

The only place for students to walk on the driveway is using the yellow crossing leading to the forest. They must stop, touch the cone, look both ways and then cross by walking.

We have a wonderfully unique school layout but we also need to ensure our families are kept safe.

'Skate/Wheel' shoes are being worn by a number of students.

These must be used sensibly at all times to ensure the safety of the student wearing the shoes and other people.

If children are encountering difficulties wearing them they should stop immediately. If issues around the safety of students is brought to my attention there will be a review of their use at school.

Wheels Day 2019

On Thursday 28th March, the student leaders are hosting a Wheels Day, to raise money for Ronald McDonald house. This is in conjunction with their annual House to House fundraiser, which challenges people to ride, walk or swim 210 km in March. As a school, we are aiming to collectively ride 210 km by getting every child to ride at least 1 km by doing laps around our school. We have a target of raising \$210. You can sponsor your child's riding by donating through our [fundraising page](#) or bringing in a gold coin donation on the day.

Years 1-3 can bring in scooters, Heeleys, skates or rollerblades and can either ride around the court or assembly area from 11:30 - 12:15. Years 4-6 can also bring a bike, and ride around the school from 12:15-1pm. Helmets are **COMPULSORY** for all wheels - no helmet, no riding. All wheels must be stored in the assembly area upon arrival at school (student leaders will be there to guide you) and must not be ridden at any other time during the school day. We're looking forward to a fun wheels day! Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book orders - Close this Friday, 22 March

If you wish to place an order, please complete the on-line order form by following the prompts at: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. by **9 am Friday 22nd March**. Orders are on-line only please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you.

E- Award

At last week's assembly, the E-award monitors, Chase and Christopher, said that you have all done a great job sorting your recycling. Well done. The results were:

3 rd	Rooms 8
2 nd	Room 1
1 st	Room 5

Congratulations to our winners this week.

From FotS

Calling all Disco volunteers for helping with set-up on the day, selling and marshalling at the event and clean up afterwards - please contact Alanah Dando on alanahdando@hotmail.com (click for email) or phone/text: 021 348 327.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal

Friends of the School
and
FNZC Born to Build Tara Laine Designs FOVI
Presents
FUNKY & FLURO
DISCO
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
Coatesville Hall
Junior (year 1-4) 5 - 6:15pm
Senior (year 4-6) 6:30 - 7:30pm
Year 4 students may choose
Please bring cash for eats and treats
\$5 per ticket
\$10 per family

Community Notices

Nemos Pequenos (Little Nemos) Ocean Guardians Mozambique- donate togs, goggles or swim caps?

Please help support kids in Mozambique to learn how to swim and protect their marine backyard by donating outgrown (or new) togs, goggles, swim caps to the Nemos Pequenos (Little Nemos) Ocean Guardians. These kids livelihoods depend on the ocean yet most of them do not know how to enjoy the water safely. The local instructors are doing a fantastic job teaching them how to swim and protect their marine environment but the kids sometimes do not get to participate due to lack of swimwear. So if you or your children have togs that you no longer need or use share the love and donate them to the eager kids in Mozambique. Obrigada -thank you!
Bridgette

Bridgette is a former pupil of Coatesville School and has spent time in Mozambique, a country with a very large coastline but a poor swimming and water safety record. She is hoping you can help their water safety/swimming programme with your donations of togs, goggles and swim caps. There is a box in the foyer for any donated items - any size is helpful. For more info: [Nemos Pequenos](#) or contact Bridgette 0210546487

Art in the Holidays (for ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

With step-by-step instruction children will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused. Venue: St Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, April 16th, 10am - 3.00pm, \$55 BOOKINGS: eion@eionbryant.com, ph. 483 6703

April School Holidays

Our April school holiday timetable is out, and we couldn't be more excited. We're running four **brand new** courses: LEGO creations, Musical robot construction, Computer deconstruction and Website design with JavaScript. And have new projects in store for our most popular courses, so new and experienced students can attend: Robotics, and robotics extension (two day course), Programming languages including Python and JavaScript, Introduction to Minecraft and Animation. Email info@brainplay.co.nz. or go to our website to see timetable and course descriptions. Bookings can be made at the top of our website page. An **Early-bird discount** of 10% applies to bookings made before March 31st, and **volume discounts** of an additional 10% apply for bookings of 3 courses or more.

Tomorrow's Schools Review:
Consultation update



An online [survey](#) which canvasses opinion on each of our 32 recommendations is now available and will remain open until 31 March 2019 Call 0800 FOR TSR to leave your thoughts on the future of our schooling system. Formal written submissions about our report can be sent to: tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz Consultation closes 7 April 2019.

From Louise Johnston, Coatesville representative on the Rodney Local Board

Auckland Transport are currently in the process of reviewing the speed limits on a number of roads across Auckland. Many of these roads are in Coatesville and Dairy Flat. There are very mixed feelings about the proposals but as locals we are the experts of our roads and it is important that we provide feedback. You can do this via the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewSpeedLimitsBylaw2019> For a full list of roads please go to : <https://at.govt.nz/speed> There will be a public drop in session on Thursday 14 March 4-30pm to 7.30pm, at the Albany Community Hub-Albany House, [575 Albany Highway](#) and AT will also be attending the Coatesville Resident and Ratepayers meeting at the Coatesville Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 20th of March. This will be a public meeting. Feedback closes on the 31st of March. The proposed changes will only happen if they are supported by the public. Louise Johnston, 021 020 28755. Proposed roads to be reduced within the Dairy Flat Subdivision:

Road Name		Suburb	Area	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit
Lonely Track Road	Rodney	Albany Heights	between 100m west of Fairview Road and Gills Road	70km/h	60km/h
Berenice Lane	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	80km/h	
Berenice Lane	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Coatesville Riverhead Highway	Rodney	Coatesville	between 760m west of O'Brien Road and 120m east of Mohoenui Valley Road	80km/h	60km/h
Croft Lane	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Donaldson Drive	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	80km/h	60km/h
Lewis Lane	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	80km/h	60km/h
Mahoenui Valley Road	Rodney	Coatesville	Ridge Road and 400m southeast of Coatesville Riverhead Highway	part 70 part 100	60km/h
Mill Flat Road	Rodney	Coatesville	Rangitopuni Road and northern end of Mill Flat Road	100km/h	40km/h
Mill Flat Road	Rodney	Coatesville	Coatesville Riverhead Highway and	100km/h	80km/h

			Rangitopuni Road		
O'Brien Road	Rodney	Coatesville	Coatesville Riverhead Highway and Ridge Road	80km/h	60km/h
Rangitopuni Road	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Robinson Road	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Sunnyside Road	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	80km/h	60km/h
Wake Road	Rodney	Coatesville	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Ridge Road	Rodney	Lucas Heights	Hobson Road and O'Brien Road	80km/h	60km/h
Ridge Road	Rodney	Paremoremo	O'Brien Road and Coatesville Riverhead Highway	part 80 part 100	80km/h
Austin Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Blackbridge Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	30m west of Drury Lane and Bald Hill Road	100km/h	60km/h
Blake Lane	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Burne Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Drury Lane	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Escott Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Frost Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Green Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	between 570m north of Potter Road and Potter Road	100km/h	60km/h
Green Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	Dairy Flat Highway and 570m north of Potter Road	100km/h	80km/h
Horseshoe Bush Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	between 60m west of Dairy Flat Highway and Dairy Flat Highway	100km/h	60km/h
Horseshoe Bush Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	between 60m west of Dairy Flat Highway & 300m west of Burne Rd	100km/h	80km/h
Jeffs Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Kahikatea Flat Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	between 1300m west of Dairy Flat Highway and 50m east of Forestry Rd	100km/h	80km/h
Kennedy Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	575m north of Potter Road and Potter Road	80km/h	60km/h
Lower Jeffs Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Potter Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	80km/h	60km/h
Richards Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	between 1740m west of Dairy Flat Highway and the western end of Richards Road	100km/h	40km/h
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Selman Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	80km/h	60km/h
Tender Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Three Oaks Drive	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	80km/h
Turley Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h

Wilks Road West	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	100km/h	60km/h
Wright Road	Rodney	Dairy Flat	full length	70km/h	60km/h
Coatesville Riverhead Highway	Rodney	Riverhead	130m southwest of Sunnyside Road and 260m north of Newton Road	80km/h	60km/h
Coatesville Riverhead Highway	Rodney	Riverhead	urban traffic area boundary (Riverhead) and SH 16	80km/h	60km/h
Coatesville Riverhead Highway	Rodney	Riverhead	500m south of Riverhead Road and urban traffic area boundary (Riverhead)	80km/h	60km/h