

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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The concept of ‘Whanaungatanga’ is being used to drive learning throughout classes this year, especially this term. Whanaungatanga means a “relationship, kinship, sense of family connection - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging.”

We are wanting the children to explore this concept within their class, within their team of classes and within our Whanau system (Ahi, Koko, Wai and Whenua whanau which we are using more extensively this year).

The desired outcome is a more engaged and cohesive school community which feels an even greater sense of ownership, belonging and responsibility for the school and those within it. One example of evolution and strengthening of our culture involves us currently implementing a strategy which will revamp the way new students and families are welcomed and inducted into the school.

There will also be opportunities for parents/families/whanau to explore this concept during the year.

But there are other opportunities to bring a greater sense of ‘Whanaungatanga’ within our school. This will be the focus of a ‘Parent Discussion Forum’ after assembly later this month. If you have ideas we would love to hear them.

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 21 May

We will be acknowledging [Pink Shirt Day](#) next Friday. This day is designed to bring awareness to the issue of ‘bullying’ across the country. There is encouragement for people to stand together and say “No to bullying”.

Children and adults are encouraged to wear pink or to show their support in other ways.

Whanau meetings will be held on Friday morning which will be focused on activities related to supporting Pink Shirt Day. More details will be shared next week.

Book Fair

Thank you to the staff and parents who manned last week's bookfair and to all the parents that bought books. Your support has resulted in us being able to purchase for free nearly \$1000 of books for our library which all our students will be able to enjoy. Thank you.

School Donation

If your family pays the school donation by term we welcome this term's contribution. It can be paid online to ASB 12 3059 0307932 00. If you haven't donated anything this year and are now able to, the requested donation is \$352 per child for the year or \$88 per child for the term. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation this year. It is greatly appreciated and remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

Netball, Hockey and Uniform Payments

If you are yet to pay your child's sub for either of these sports and/or for the purchase of their uniform please pay online to ASB 12 3059 0307932 00. Amounts vary from team to team and can be found in an email sent to you last term by Jo Windust. If you are unsure how much you owe please email the office. Thank you.

Coatesville School Sports Uniform

We **strongly recommend ALL students in Year 4 and above purchase a Coatesville School T-Shirt (and shorts or shorts as required)**. It is not only for those students who play sport but will be required for any student if they represent the school, including sports events, school trips, music events and cultural events. Uniforms can be purchased from the school office or use this [online order form](#). You are welcome to come to the school office to confirm sizes. Payment is cash or online payment into the school account ASB 12 3059 0307932 00.

Class and Individual Photos – Wednesday 26 May

Coatesville School's class and individual photos will be taken on Wednesday 26 May. A flyer with information regarding photos and ordering was sent home with your child today. This year sibling/family photos can be requested through an online form. These requests need to be submitted before photo day so that the photographers are aware of which families wish these photos to be taken. Paper sibling photo request forms are available from the school office. Again please ensure that these are completed before photo day. Thank you.

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 8 June

Kahui Ako Conference - all day in Albany (Tuesday after Queens Birthday weekend)

See last week's newsletter for more details.

Rippa rugby tournaments: Yr 4-6

Our school will be participating in two tournament days this year: two Yr 5-6 mixed teams & two Yr 4 mixed teams. All tournament days will be held in Helensville and players will travel by bus.

The total cost for participating in all tournaments is \$30. This covers team entry and transport to all games.

Tournament Dates: Thursday 5 August Thursday 9 September

Clothing: Children must have a Coatesville School sports uniform T-shirt and Coatesville School shorts or plain black shorts.

Registration All children interested have briefly met with Mr Johnson and Mr Rosamond. **BUT the only way to register children for rippa rugby teams is online.** Please completed both the following registration forms:

[Coatesville School registration](#)

[North Harbour Rugby registration](#)

Note: The NHR registration form needs to be completed even if your child is already registered for a club. This is a separate registration and is necessary for participation.

Longridge Sports - Hockey Coaching Sessions - Year 1-6

Judith Quinlan from Longridge Sports is now able to offer Hockey coaching sessions for all students from Year 1-6. Year 1 & 2 sessions will be at morning tea with Year 3-6 sessions at lunchtime.

Costs; Year 1 & 2 - \$60, Year 3-6 - \$75 (for 6x sessions starting Friday 4th June).

Please register using the following links: [Year 1 & 2 Registration](#) [Year 3-6 Registration](#)

Get in quick as limited spots are available.

If you have any questions about the sessions then please contact Judith at longridge.sports@gmail.com

School Assembly

First full school assembly for the term will be this **Friday 14 May**.

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal