

Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Wheels Day

Despite the rain threatening, the sun came out and dried up the concrete just in time for Wheels Day last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who bought their wheels along and donated to Ronald McDonald house. We raised \$597 and collectively rode 337km, which means we smashed our goal of riding 210km and raising \$210. It costs \$140 to host a family in the Ronald McDonald house for 1 night, so Coatesville School has done an incredible job of contributing towards these costs. A big thank you also to the Student Leaders for setting up and overseeing the event.

*Student Leaders &
Mrs Burnett*



Lockdown Procedures: Practice this week

As stated last week in our newsletter, we are planning to conduct a 'lockdown practice' later this week.

We will use the practice to reinforce a number of key points around our procedures. We will be looking to minimise any fears by practising in a very sensitive way.

Prior to our 'lockdown practice'

We will share with students the importance of practising a lockdown and reinforce that even if we had to go into lockdown 'for real' the likelihood is there will be very little danger to them. (Any scenarios presented will not be involving an armed offender.)

We will communicate with parents that a lockdown drill will be occurring the following day. That is not to get parents to talk to their children but if you are aware of a potential issue it is important you share any relevant information with your child's teacher.

During 'lockdown practice'

Lockdowns require staff to follow strict protocols immediately. They must shut and lock doors and windows and pull down blinds wherever possible.

Staff are unable to let people in or out of rooms until they have received the 'All clear' message from the principal or from whoever is in charge during the lockdown (in my possible absence).

Staff must remain where they are and any students in their care must also. By not following these expectations they potentially put themselves or others at risk in an emergency situation.

That is why parents are unable to come to school and take students during a lockdown. Staff are required to follow the protocols fully to keep those in their care as safe as possible.

We will use our 'lockdown practice' to send an **email message to all parents** to inform them we are in 'lockdown'.

We will then let parents know **via text message (and email)** when the 'All clear' has been given and the lockdown has ended.

This will allow us to check our email and text communication systems are working effectively. We will use all email and mobile phone numbers currently in our student management system.

After 'lockdown practice'

We will ask students, staff & parents for feedback to help understand how well our procedures were implemented.

A bus to/from Riverhead?

Last week I received information from Cedar Adding, a student in Rm 11, who has been doing some research into the possibility of having a bus from Riverhead to Coatesville School each day.

Cedar has been communicating with parents of students who live in Riverhead to gauge possible interest in setting up a bus service. She presented me with her reasons why it would be such a good idea and a copy of other communication she had received. Great job Cedar.

I am happy to explore the viability of such a service. From my point of view there are a few hurdles to be considered.

One hurdle is around the cost of the service. Riverhead students are not eligible for a free bus service so there would be a definite cost around establishing a daily service - unless there are ideas of how to minimise this cost.

These costs could be significant but we don't have any figures yet.

However, it is now important to hear from other parents to see how this could potentially work.

If you are interested in exploring the concept and/or have ideas of how this could be achieved, to cater for a number of families, please complete the [Riverhead-Coatesville bus survey form](#).

This form is an initial information gathering exercise only. The information collected will help determine any next steps towards any potential Riverhead-Coatesville bus service.

Your ideas will be carefully considered.

Well done Cedar for showing initiative and being motivated to follow through with her proposal!

BOT Election 17 May - We need your correct postal address!

With the BOT Elections fast approaching we need to make sure we have your correct postal address. Nomination and Voting Forms are posted to each eligible individual. This is particularly relevant if parents are living at separate addresses and we haven't been informed of the change in your circumstances.

Each family can have a maximum of 3 people eligible to vote in the BOT Election - 2 parents plus one step-parent if that step-parent lives at the child's usual place of residence. If this situation is applicable to you, please make contact with the school office before the end of term.

The main roll closes on Wednesday 17 April and is available to view at the school office.

Swimming pool

The swimming pool will close for the season on Monday 8 April at 11am.
Thank you to all families who have supported us this year.

E- Award

At last week's assembly, the E-award monitors, Tigerlily and Monika said that you have all done a great job keeping your cloak bays tidy. Well done. The results were:

3rd Room 11

2nd Room 6

1st Room 9

Congratulations to our winners this week.

From FotS

[LATEST NEWS - SPONSORSHIP SCOOP](#) - please click to view our awesome Kids Disco sponsors - thank you so much for your support lovely sponsors!

Next FOTS Meeting - tomorrow, Wednesday, 3rd April from 7pm in the Staffroom - all are welcome!

Kids Disco - This Friday, 5th April: 5-6:15pm - Juniors & 6:30-7:30pm - seniors

Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.

Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson – Principal



Community Notices

Last Chance To Donate Togs, Swim Caps and Goggles to Mozambique

Thanks for your donations so far. Now that the swimming season is coming to an end, if your child is growing out of their swimwear, please consider donating it to this worthy cause. There is a collection box in the foyer.
For more info: [Nemos Pequenos](#) or contact Bridgette 0210546487.

Clothing Swap 2019 - Coatesville Hall 4 May **Proceeds to the Mental Health Foundation**

Swappers - from 10am - 4pm

Shoppers - from 12-4pm

How Does It Work?

Sort out your wardrobe, donate \$20 and drop off your clothes/shoes/handbags/accessories to Kate or Bex. Then come along on the day and you can take away the same number of items you donated. There'll be coffee and treats and some exciting vendors. If you haven't donated clothes, or want to take more than your quota, each item is just \$5 (plus your \$20 donation)!

All we ask is that the items are

- * female clothing and accessories only
- * in good condition - no rips, stains, pulls
- * clean - please make sure all items have been washed.

Online donations can be made to [MHF Fundraiser](#)

There is more information on our facebook page [Clothing Swap Info](#)

or you can email Kate - katehattaway@hotmail.com or Bex - bex.holland@outlook.com

Diversity Festival Saturday 6 April, 9am-6pm at Hayman Park, Manukau

Includes cultural performances, a parade, games and food stalls showcasing a variety of ethnic food. Come along to learn about a new culture, taste some exotic food and enjoy fun performances from all the diverse peoples of Ōtara, Papatoetoe and Manukau. There will be performances throughout the day by groups from China, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Romania, Samoa, Niue, Tonga and New Zealand. The event is aiming to build a greater cultural awareness within the community.

ANZ Premiership Netball - Sunday 7th April

Northern Mystics vs Tactix 4.10pm

Northern Marvels v Central Manawa 2.10pm

Doors Open 1.30pm

Team Ticket Pass: 10 tickets for \$110 – great value as this averages at only \$11 per ticket

Discount Code to get \$5 discount on all adult tickets is MSYTSCH19. Enter this code into the PASSWORD section once you have selected the game you wish to attend.

This code is active for ALL home games.



Ticket Link: <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MYSTICS19>

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We need you!

**Boys Rippa in '19
for the 1st time!**

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