

# Coatesville School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa*

Dear Parents/Caregivers

## **Welcome Rm 8!**

We have had a big influx of new students over the past two weeks.

And this week Rm 8 has officially opened, with Miss Macnab returning to school to start her lovely new class! Welcome to our new students and Miss Macnab!

## **Move to Alert Level 1?**

With the country's ongoing success in combating COVID-19, the move to Alert Level 1 seems to be likely to be confirmed next week. While that is not guaranteed, as the current situation could change, we need to be thinking about what a move will mean for our school when we get there.

The easing of restrictions will be beneficial for everyone, including for us at school. We will continue to fulfil all requirements asked of us to promote good health amongst our school community.

Prior to a move to Level 1 we want to review several 'Level 2' aspects - like the new 'drop-off/pick-up' system, parent/staff communication, hygiene practices and signing in/out procedures.

So we will be gathering feedback from staff and students this week to better understand if there are any benefits and/or disadvantages associated with these revised procedures.

I will also seek parent feedback to identify any benefits and/or disadvantages - from a different perspective.

## **Winter Sports - Netball and Hockey**

Jo Windust, our hockey and netball coordinator, has been in contact with parents about the revised timetable for these sports. To order a sports uniform please use [this link](#). Orders that were placed last term will be distributed next week when we hope to receive delivery of the smaller sizes of shorts and skorts. A confirmation of the order placed and the cost will be included. Please make payments into the school account with your child's surname as reference. Thank you.

## **School Cross Country - postponed**

Due to the restrictions placed upon us at Alert Levels 2 & 3, and the uncertainty of when we would move to Alert Level 1, we postponed our school cross country. It was originally scheduled for this term.

We anticipate the event will now be held later in Term 3. But we will make sure everyone is given plenty of notice of the rescheduled event. It is a competitive and eagerly anticipated event for many children, so we will give them the opportunity. We will also encourage those who aren't as competitive to enjoy the event too!

It is highly likely the inter-school cross country will not be held, as two of the schools involved (there are only five!) have not committed to a rescheduled event next term.

The 'Super Cluster' event, which is run at Long Bay, was cancelled for 2020.

## Safety After School

We regularly reinforce the need for everyone to take care at the end of the day, especially with the amount of traffic (including buses) we have directly outside our school.

It is everyone's responsibility to help minimise any risk to our children, preschoolers and adults.

The vast majority of our parents/caregivers and children consistently follow what is expected.

However, as a reminder, I would like everyone to be fully aware of the following:

### School expectations:

**1. ALL students MUST be collected by an adult from within the school grounds.**

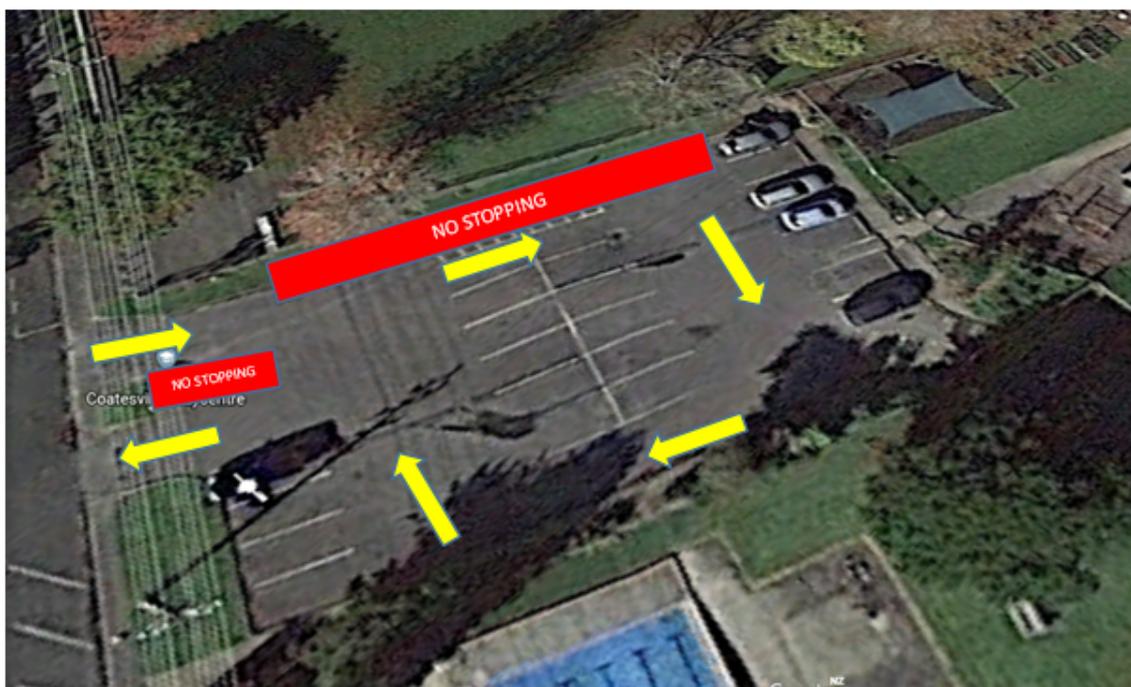
Please park and collect your child at all times.

**2. 'NO STOPPING' areas in the Playcentre Carpark.**

There are two areas (in red on the map below) where cars are not allowed to stop. These impede visibility and traffic flow, creating frustration and potential for danger.

**3. Please use the footpaths.**

A number of people walk across the carpark with children behind them when cars are reversing or moving in the carpark. Please use the footpath as much as possible.



We encourage all parents/caregivers to help remind those people who forget. This isn't always easy but being an 'upstander' (in a friendly manner) is a positive way of helping the safety of our children.

Use our ['Hazard Identification & Near Miss incidents' form](#) (on our website under 'Our School/Health & Safety') if you have any hazard to report (not just relating to after school or unsafe vehicles). Your response is officially logged and goes directly to me for action.

A better option?

**Arrive at 3.10 or 3.15pm.** The buses are gone and there are car parks close by for you!

Thank you for your support.

## Scholastic Book Orders

This term's only Scholastic Book Order pamphlet went home yesterday. If you wish to place an order, please complete the on-line order form by following the prompts at: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). by **9 am Friday 19 June**. Orders are on-line only so please do not send any money or forms to school - thank you. If anyone has any Countdown delivery brown paper bags they don't need please could you drop them off at the school office as they are perfect for sending the book orders home in. Thank you.

## **ICAS Exams: Year 4-6 Students**

ICAS is an academic competition that is offered as an extension opportunity for our students who are excelling in literacy, mathematics and science. ICAS requires a high level of commitment from families as students are expected to prepare for the exams at home. The school will support them by providing copies of previous exams that they can work on at home, as well as some short sessions on how to approach the exam questions.

ICAS exams are sat online in Term 3. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6, is excelling in science, mathematics, reading, or spelling and they can commit to putting in the time and effort needed to practice at home, then register for ICAS today!

Please click the [ICAS Exams 2020](#) link to the website NOW for more information and to register your child.

If you are interested, please make sure you sign up and pay for the 2020 exams by Friday 3rd July. Please note that due to current circumstances, there will be no ICAS Writing exam this year. If you have already signed up to sit this exam and paid, we will organise a refund for you.



## **PIZZA DAY - Next Monday 8th June**

An order form will go home with each child this Friday.

Please fill out **ONE form per child** and give to the classroom teacher on Monday before 9.00am.

Remember – there will be no Sausage Sizzle on Monday 8 June.

## **Chess**

Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

We are really pleased to start a Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to our children.

### **Why Chess?**

- \* Improve concentration and focus
- \* Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- \* Tactical & Strategic thinking
- \* Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- \* Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

**What happens in a Chess Power Coaching Programme?** Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way. Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance. Visit our website, [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) to learn more and click Parents Centre

**CLASS DETAILS** This is a 5 weeks chess coaching program during lunchtime on **Thursdays** from **4 June 2020** till **2 July 2020 from 1:00 - 1:50 pm** The fee will be \$70/student for the term. The sessions will be held in the Library. If the program is successful a new full 10-week program will be made available for Term 3.

**REGISTRATION** If your child would like to be part of this please visit our website. Both registration and payment can be done online. [www.chesspower.co.nz/register](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/register)

## **Hello from FOTS (Friends of the School)**

We will be having our first meeting since our AGM on Wednesday, 17th June at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome.

If you are unable to come but would like to help with any activities throughout the rest of the year please contact Roslyn on 021 161 5066 or email [roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roslyn.sentch@xtra.co.nz)

Thank you

*Ka kite ano. Hei konā mai.*

## **Richard Johnson**

Richard Johnson – Principal

### **School Holiday Art Programme [Art Classes Mon 6 – Fri 17 July, 2020](#)**

Bookings open Fri 12 June Keep an eye on our website, [www.mairangiarts.co.nz](http://www.mairangiarts.co.nz) for the July School Holiday Art Programme. We offer a range of fun yet educational classes in media such as painting, drawing, clay and mixed media. Classes run from 10am – 3pm. Lot's of creative fun for budding young artists!

### **Term Three Art Programme**

Booking for Term Three will open online at 2pm on Sunday 28 June. The centre's programme caters for children as young as five, through to teenagers and adults. Painting, drawing, cast glass or clay, no matter what your interest there is sure to be a class on the programme for you. Full detail will be available on our website,

[www.mairangiarts.co.nz](http://www.mairangiarts.co.nz) approximately a week before bookings open. Please feel free to contact the centre's staff if you need assistance selecting a class. [Online booking](#) is available for your convenience. *Please note:* If you have a credit with us and want to book for Term Three, please contact us by Thursday 25 June

### **From Auckland Transport - Kia ora - Speed limits are changing across Auckland**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June this year speed limits will change on many of the high-risk roads across our local road network.

#### **Why are the speed limits changing?**

Auckland Transport is working through a multi-year programme (the 'Safe Speeds Programme') to review speed limits on roads across our local road network to ensure they have a speed limit that is safe and appropriate for the function, design and use of the road. Safe and appropriate speed limits will support our transport network to move people and goods effectively, efficiently and safely across Auckland.

At the end of 2019 the Auckland Transport board passed a bylaw to set new safe and appropriate speed limits on approximately 10% of the network and the first of these changes will come into effect on 30 June 2020.

#### **Where are speed limits changing?**

Most of the changes in this first phase are in Rodney, Franklin and Waitemata, including the city centre. Plus on 98 other roads across the region. A full list of the changes can be found at [at.govt.nz/speed](http://at.govt.nz/speed)

#### **What are the limits changing to?**

The new limits vary according to the type of road. E.g. urban or rural. The city centre roads will have 30km/h and 40km/h speed limits. These new limits recognise there are a growing number of vulnerable road users like pedestrians and people on bikes in the city centre. Details of all the roads and changes can be found on our website. [at.govt.nz/speed](http://at.govt.nz/speed)

#### **What happens next?**

New speed limit signs will be installed in the coming weeks and will be uncovered on 30 June 2020, the date from which the limits will be legally enforceable by NZ Police. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June there will be a public information campaign letting people know of these changes.

This is the first phase of tranche one. This tranche will be completed by November 2021. We are in the process of planning the second tranche of roads to assess.

#### **Background to the Safe Speeds programme**

Auckland has had a growing problem with death and serious injuries on our roads and at Auckland Transport we're serious about tackling that problem. We've developed a Safe Speeds Programme to review speed limits as required under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017 to support our transport network to move people and goods across our region effectively and efficiently, without compromising people's safety. We believe everyone deserves to get home safely.

We've also adopted a Vision Zero approach to support our target that no one dies or is seriously injured on our roads by 2050. Setting safe and appropriate speed limits, particularly on our high-risk roads and intersections,

is one of the fastest and most cost-effective ways of stopping unnecessary deaths or serious injuries occurring on our roads.

In March 2019, Auckland Transport consulted with the public on the then proposed speed limit changes. Close to 12,000 feedback submissions were carefully analysed over the following months. In October 2019, the Auckland Transport Board passed the Speed Limits Bylaw 2019 to set new speed limits, including those coming into force on 30 June 2020. This first phase of changes targets high-risk roads where there has been a history of deadly crashes (extracting data from the Crash Analysis System maintained by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency with input from NZ Police).

More information about the changes and the Safe Speed programme can be found at [at.govt.nz/speed](https://at.govt.nz/speed)

If you would like to sign up for any future email updates around the Safe Speed programme [Here's a link](#) to the form