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Newsletter No 11

Dear Parents

### Hong Kong Trip

Thanks to the parents who have indicated their interest in this November excursion, - and it's not too late to be involved: Dominic So, the agent who brought the Hong Kong students to our school in February, returns from Hong Kong shortly. He will be here at 2.15pm on Monday 17 May to speak to parents and answer questions.

### Board Election – Candidates' Statements

All statements, including one not received in time to be included in the voting papers, have been displayed on the Notice Board at the school gate.

*Chrissie Dunn - Returning Officer*

### School Donations

If you are one of our families who pay by term, we would appreciate this term's donation as soon as you are able. Likewise, if you haven't donated yet and are now able to contribute, please send to the office or deposit directly into our bank account using your surname and donation as references: ASB 12 3059 0307932 00

If you have any questions related to the school donation please direct them to the Principal or Board Treasurer. Thank you.

### Rodney Mayor's Reading Challenge

Once again it is time for Mayor Penny's Reading Challenge. Each child will be given an entry form on Monday. The idea is to read for half an hour a day for the month of May. This can be divided into smaller time lots. At school teachers will give their classes 10-15 minutes of silent reading time a day which counts towards the challenge. They can also do catch-ups if they miss a couple of days. Please encourage your child to read every day and fill in the log. The aim is to promote reading to all children and increase reading mileage. There is also a draw for prizes and a bike. Thanks. *Chris Boulden*

### Computer Donation

The school extends its thanks to Brian Pugh of Barfoot and Thompson for the generous donation of a Dell computer. ICT hardware is always a welcome addition to our stocks, not least of all one so relatively new, - fantastic.

### Scholastic Books

The latest order is due in to the red letterbox before school on Monday. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand.

**Newspaper Needed** – If you have any spare, Chris Gunnell would appreciate some for art. Please leave in the Artec Room.

**Subway Wednesday** – Remember Wednesday is our Subway Day. Since Subway began in 2008, we have received \$747 (5% of sales) from Subway Mercari Way. If you would like to order pick up an envelope from the foyer or your child's class and take to the monitors in front of the library before school each Wednesday.

**Old Desks For Sale** – mostly wooden, some MDF, some plastic. \$10 each. Contact the office if you're interested – the sooner the better please.

## PFA

May looks like another busy month! Don't forget the **Coatesville Market** this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10-2. The school sausage stall will be run by parents from **Room 6**.

The Mad Hatter will be inviting you to a **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Great fun and lots of spot prizes. Put the date in your diary and more information to follow.

### Upcoming PFA events:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> May** School Sausage Stall at Coatesville Market from 10-2
- **3<sup>rd</sup> May** Lunchtime sausage sizzle from 12.30
- **23<sup>rd</sup> May** Ag Day Ribbon printing in the ARTEC room from 10-12
- **25<sup>th</sup> May** PFA Meeting, 7.30pm in the ARTEC room - all welcome
- **29<sup>th</sup> May** Mad Hatters Quiz Night - Coatesville Hall.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July** School Disco- Coatesville Hall

Kind Regards

**Au Pair Looking For Friends** – Au Pair from Canberra, Australia looking to meet other Au Pairs either in Coatesville or Auckland area to meet up and hang out! Call me or text on 02102485331. Thanks. Naomi Thorne.

**From 'Toolbox'** - No Sweat Parenting

13 x ½hr programmes on Māori Television Tuesday nights at 7:30pm. A fun filled entertainment series all about family. Presented by positive parenting advocate Pio Terei, each half hour show is packed with comedy sketches, whānau interviews, celebrity guests and light-hearted discussion about the joy and challenges we all face when bringing up a family. No 'preaching' or obvious advice in **No Sweat Parenting** but it's difficult to avoid picking up a tip or two on how to become a better parent while you're enjoying the programme that promotes functional families and encourages positive parenting. Sorry for the late info – the series **started April 6**.