

Dear Parents

What a week! The whole school has visited the Stardome Observatory and came back with plenty of information and inspiration. The topic certainly does seem to have captured imaginations throughout the school.

Softball coaches (part of the major KiwiSport initiative in local schools) have been in school passing on plenty of tips – and will be back over the coming weeks.

Unfortunately the second Rugby tournament day was cancelled much to everyone's disappointment, especially as it had been postponed last week and yesterday's weather seemed to be OK.

And lastly, (giving it the rich praise it most certainly deserves) our Choir and Instrumental groups performed at the Bruce Mason Centre on Tuesday night as part of the Northern Bays Performing Arts Festival. It was a wonderful performance – well conceived and delivered brilliantly. Their performance definitely made a huge impression on the night.

Many, many congratulations to Cherrie Leefe and Claire Callister for all of the preparation, tuition and encouragement in the lead-up to the event and, of course, to all of the talented Coatesville children for delivering a superb performance on the night. Bravo!

Thank you to everyone who has made this such an enjoyable week.

Mid-Year Reports

These were sent home today. Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews will be held next week (see next column for details).

The staff have also decided to trial a '**Student Reflection' form** which will be sent home with every report. This aims to help the on-going student goal-setting process and facilitate more effective Parent-Teacher-Student conferences next week. The form creates a structured opportunity for you and your child to reflect on the information contained in their report. We encourage people to take the time, if at all possible, to go through the reflection process with your child and then send the form back to school on Monday so teachers can use it during the P-T-S conferences/interviews.

Teachers will talk to the children about the reflection form so they are aware of its purpose.

*School will close at 2pm next Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th August.
Buses have been re-scheduled to leave at 2:10pm.
The after school art class will run from 2:15-3:45pm.*

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews: On-line Booking System

15 minute interviews will take place next Tuesday 3rd August (2:15-8:00pm) and Wednesday 4th August (2:15-5:30pm). To book online the only requirements are that you have access to the internet and have an email address. If you don't have this facility you are welcome to book through the school office.

To book please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- 2) Enter our **new** school code – ZXTWU
- 3) Enter your details
- 4) Choose your teacher
- 5) Choose your time

Bus Feedback

According to current users the morning Potter Rd/Sunnyside Rd bus (1511) has been running to time all this week. If you live on this route they recommend you consider using it. The bus leaves from the SH17 end of Potter Rd at 8:30am.

COATESVILLE'S GOT TALENT!

It's coming up to that time again, to polish up the dancing shoes, warm up the voices and tune up those instruments! A slight departure from the usual this year, we are focusing on a school performance to showcase the many talents in the Performing Arts area we have across the school. There will still be three categories, vocal, dance and instrumental and this year we would like to encourage more items from our Junior School. Following a review of last year's show, and comments received from our community, we are making a couple of changes. The performance will be held at school during Term 4 so will not be showcased at Ag Day this year. Parents will be invited to the school performance. The judging, which was previously conducted by the students, drew a lot of comments last year so this year it will not be a competition with winners as such, instead a celebration of children's abilities and talents. More information will come out closer to the time, but for now if you think this is something your child would like to take part in, start talking about it with them.

Margaret Read

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.

Cans for Salvation Army - 100 Days at School

A huge thank you to all those who sent cans to school last week. Major Paul Herring attended assembly last Friday and was delighted to take away over 500 cans of food. These will be distributed through the Glenfield Food Bank. Thank you. *Sheila Helleur*

One Hundred Days of School

On Friday 23 July, we celebrated one hundred days of school. We decided to collect cans of food to celebrate this and our aim was to get 500 cans. The cans were to be donated to the Salvation Army. We promoted the idea to all the classes then began collecting on the Tuesday. By Friday we had collected a grand total of 582 cans. Room 4 collected the most with a total of 68 cans which was an amazing achievement for only 16 students. Well done to all the student leaders who went around encouraging students to bring along cans.

Alexandra Bottari & Lachie Thurlow



Student Leaders Jason Dockery and Harrison Gannon with Major Paul Herring and his car boot full of donated cans.

Scholastic Book Order

The current order is due back to the red letterbox before school on Monday. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ.

Coatesville School Fundraiser HEROES AND VILLAINS

A Big Night out for the Adults!

Socialize and Dance with your friends and meet new people! Get creative with your dress-up! Are you Joan of Arc, Jean Batten or the Joker? The possibilities are endless!

Tickets on sale at the school gate next Wednesday and Thursday. For more info see the flyer with this newsletter or ph Carolyn Applegath on 0274225699.

PFA

Many thanks to the parents from Room 9 who volunteered to run the sausage sizzle this **Sunday 1st August at Coatesville Market (10am-2pm)**. Please go along and support them.

Chickens for Ag Day

Please make sure you get your orders and money to the office by **3:00pm next Monday 2nd August**. **No late orders will be accepted**. Call Kelly on 4151590 with any queries.

Naime Fundraiser

Reminder that the completed forms for the label fundraiser need to be returned to the office no later than next **Friday 6th August**. If paying by cheque please make payable to Coatesville PFA. This is a great way to support the school and also reduce lost property.

Newsletter Advertisements

These will be coming up for renewal towards the end of the year and we're seeking registrations of interest to advertise on the back of the newsletter. This is an extremely cost effective way of advertising your business to the school and local community. Please email Sarah Bowden PFA Chairperson and register your interest by **Friday 10th September** – sarahbowden@xtra.co.nz

Sierra Coffee

For those who need a caffeine top up the Sierra coffee forms are included with this newsletter. **Organic coffee is also now available**. Please return orders and payments made payable to Coatesville PFA by **Monday 9th August**.

The next PFA meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd August at 7:30pm** in the ARTEC room, all welcome.

Have a safe, enjoyable weekend.
And ... "Go the All Blacks!"

Kind Regards

Playcentre – A Plea to Your Conscience The car parks along the Playcentre fence boundary are reserved for Playcentre member parking. We have four newborns at the moment so please leave the parks free for us to use.