

Dear Parents

Another excellent week at Coatesville School! Teachers are to be greatly thanked for their huge effort earlier in the week during interview times. Speaking from experience, having two big nights of interviews, refocusing every 15 minutes for each important interview, is mentally and physically draining. But the good thing for teachers is that the process is a very positive experience, especially when there is a sense of everyone supporting the same goals/direction for the child. Even if this is not always the case at the beginning, often the interview time can bring this outcome a lot closer.

*This is the reason why we pushed **student involvement** in the reporting process so strongly this year, with guided reflection after the reports went home and encouragement for their participation during the interview. We see this as a critical step in their learning. (72% of students had someone attend an interview for them. 44% of our students actually attended the interview.)*

*As previously mentioned, today a yellow survey form will go home giving you a chance to give **feedback on our process of reporting to parents**. Please consider this opportunity.*

I also had a chance to attend the PFA meeting early in the week. What a great job these people do for us! They are very a dedicated group. And, of course, they are busy planning one of the highlights of the year – Ag Day. A massive undertaking – I even learnt how to roll up a few ribbons! Well done to you all!

Star Gazing

Last Friday night Mr Renwick kindly brought his telescope to school. About a dozen of us including our parents came when it was dark to 'Star Gaze'. Our most spectacular sight for the night was Saturn with its ring and orbiting moon. The largest and brightest planet was Venus with its top quarter in darkness. It was really different and special to see it with our own eyes rather than in a book. *Felix & John (Rm 8)*

**Subway – No Turkey**

Sorry there is no turkey until further notice so please choose another option when you order.

Bus – Minor Change – As the 1687 (Goldflats/Wake/Ridge etc) bus has been arriving a little late it will now start its run at 8:25am from Goldflats, starting next Monday 9th August.

ICT Knowledge-a-thon – On Monday your child will be bringing home an 'ICT-a-Thon' sponsorship form ready for an ICT Knowledge-a-thon in the weeks prior to Week 8. We aim to raise money for classroom data projectors and increase your child's knowledge at the same time.

PFA

Congratulations to the parents from Room 9 who volunteered to run the sausage sizzle on Sunday. You raised \$333 profit. Thanks again for giving your time. Our continued thanks to Shona Jurlina of Bayleys for her sponsorship.

Reminder

New Families Afternoon Tea – AG Day 2010. Next Thursday 12th August at 2pm in the Staffroom. Although aimed at new families experiencing their first Ag Day if you feel you need a refresher please feel free to join us. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ag Day Sponsors

We are looking for a few sponsors for various Ag Day activities ranging in amounts from \$100 upward. Contact Nichole on 021582107 for more info.

Name It Fundraiser

Last call to complete your order form and return to the office by Monday 9th August, great way to fundraiser for the school and reduce lost property.

Newsletter Advertising

Expressions of interest close 10th September.

Please enjoy your weekend - whether you relax, participate, work, achieve, contemplate, ... (or even cheer the All Blacks once again!).

Kind Regards

Carpooling – Paremoremo Area – If any school families are available to carpool in the Paremoremo area please contact Heather Oades on 4138096.

Storylines Festival of NZ – FREE FAMILY DAY – Meet authors and illustrators, listen to stories, watch performances; watch artists in action and create your own illustrations; enter competitions and win prizes; enjoy activities, talks and stories all day; and more. Sun 22 Aug, 10am-3pm, Aotea Centre. Visit www.storylines.org.nz

Dairy Flat Tennis Club - Cnr SH17 & Postman Rd. For Juniors, Seniors, Interclub, Business House competition and social Mid-Week tennis. Enrolment day for all levels Sunday 22 August 10am – 1pm, bring your racquet for a spot of tennis. Enquiries phone Sandy Dawson 478-9218.