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Newsletter No 24

Dear Parents

Hi everyone - I do hope you have had a productive week, as we definitely have here at school. Totara & Rimu syndicates are busy planning major productions this term; Totara Team speech competition is building to its finale; and there is a continuation of a heavy schedule of staff meetings, mostly focused on a comprehensive new curriculum direction for the school. Details of this will certainly be shared with you in the coming months and feedback asked for. Excellent discussions regarding the future have already occurred – all very positive indeed!

Reporting to Parents survey – please, please take some time to give us some feedback about our reports and interviews. The time is right, while things are fresh in your mind, for you to share your thoughts. They are very much valued – we know your time is important but we take all feedback and ideas into consideration. We need to hear from you to give us depth to our parent views. Plus ... write your child's room number on the form and the class who records the most returns will get a chosen reward. I hope they have been bugging you about it!

*Alongside this newsletter there is a **MOE pamphlet regarding National Standards**. I hope this provides you with useful information.*

Security has been uppermost in our minds lately and at the BOT meeting the other night we had a very productive discussion. It certainly makes you feel more positive when you have a comprehensive long-term plan to minimise this frustrating issue.

And finally, other positive news reached me about some of our former students who dominated the Yr 7-9 cross country at Pinehurst last week: Kyla Klein (1st), Devon Gannon (1st), Mikayla Nicolson (2nd), Georgie Glover-Clark (1st) and Jessica Shepherd (2nd). Well done girls! Super to hear about achievements from children that we remember with many fond memories.

From The Board

Security Update

The Board met on Tuesday and had the benefit of having Mr. Mick Lee table a security proposal to us. Mick was in law enforcement for a huge number of years before working as an independent consultant. As a result of his report, there are a number of easy remedies we are looking to put in place ASAP. We have also engaged the police and have asked that they have a more visible presence in the area. We will continue to have the school patrolled 3 times a night by a security company.

Curriculum Update

Richard Johnson and Margaret Read tabled reports outlining mid-year student achievements against our targets in Maths, Writing and Reading. The report was both incredibly detailed and very forward looking in terms of strategic approach and engaging students. A big “thanks” to them and our teaching staff for continually striving to take things to the next level.

Projects

We have a number of outstanding building projects on the table which we are in the process of obtaining extra quotes for. One is for the repainting or plastering of the community pool. This one will be a “biggie” \$ wise, so will keep you posted. We are looking at upgrading our external lighting considerably as well. The Artec kitchen renovation is nearly complete. Will keep you posted.

We next meet on September 14th. As always, if you would like to talk with any of us, we are contactable via the office.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Jacqui Cantell - Chair

New Parents Afternoon Tea

This was held at school yesterday to inform new families about the lead-up to Ag Day. Although it was only attended by eight people it was a most informative session and I am sure everyone went away very well informed. A big thank you to Nikki Beckman and Kelly Benison for leading the session and providing a delicious afternoon tea.

Margaret Read

PFA

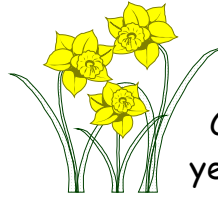
Newsletter Advertisements

The advertisements on the back of our newsletter covers will be coming up for renewal towards the end of the year and we're seeking registrations of interest for the next print run. This is an extremely 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

Next PFA Meeting - The next PFA meeting will be on the **24th August at 7:30pm** in the ARTEC room, all welcome.

Ag Day 2010

- **Can You Help?** – As these parents have now left school, we need someone to contact and organise the plant judges for Ag Day and someone to co-ordinate the Nacho stall. You will be given all the information needed for these roles. Please contact Nikki 4150414 for more details.
- **Sponsorship** – We are looking for a few sponsors for various Ag Day activities ranging in amounts from \$100 upward. Contact Nichole 021582107 for more info.
- **Ag Day Collections** – Collections for Ag Day start next week with non-perishable grocery items for the hamper raffles. There will be boxes in each classroom for donations. There is a schedule accompanying this newsletter, detailing the collection dates and the kind of donation required.
- **AgriSea Animal Health Tonic** – AgriSea NZ has kindly donated 250ml bottles of Animal Health Tonic for children raising calves, lambs or goats for Ag Day. This product, derived from seaweed, delivers a high nutrition boost for all animals. If you are raising a calf, lamb or goat, you can collect a bottle from the foyer. You may also pick up brochures from RD1 with discount coupons for halters, collars, leads, covers, bottles and milk.



Daffodil Day Friday 27th August

Children are asked to wear yellow and to bring a gold coin donation in return for a daffodil which is available at school.

Donations of Computers and Laptops

QBE Insurance (International) Ltd have generously donated 10 computers and 4 laptops. These will help reinstate the pod that was recently stolen. Thanks also goes to Val Graham who spent her valuable time delivering them to school.

Touch Rugby

Please return all forms to the red letterbox by 9am next Friday 20th August. Coaches and managers are needed for all teams otherwise teams will not be entered into the competition. Please see Miss Ross if you are able to assist with coaching and/or managing – there have been no offers so far.

Auckland Robo Cup this Weekend

Last year Coatesville students took part in Robo Cup. We had a great time competing and watching other schools compete. Robo Cup is a fun event to go along and watch. It's on again this Saturday and entry is free.

Robo Cup 2010 <http://robocupjunior.org.nz/>

Date: 14 Aug '10

Venue: St Kentigern College

James Robson

I hope you all stay warm and healthy over the weekend. I will endeavour to do so too and then we can all look forward to another great week as we move towards the halfway stage of the term!

Yes – it will be – already! Enjoy the weekend.

Kind Regards

Coatesville School Fundraiser HEROES & VILLAINS A big night out for the adults!

Who will you be?

Mother Teresa? Tarzan? TinTin? or Tinkerbell?

*Tickets selling fast, come and join in on all the fun
at the hall and dance the night away.*

+ great raffle prizes!

Ph Julie Hope for tickets 027 422 5677

or get them at the school gate during the week

Kumeu Indoor Sports –

Ladies Softball Training Sun 15 Aug 10am-noon, \$5 per person.

Sunday Sports Combo – 15 Aug – netball 3pm, cricket 4pm, \$6 per game. No need to have a team – just turn up or bring your own team.

250c Main Rd, Kumeu. Ph 4127993 or 0212288482.