

**20 August 2010**

**Newsletter No 25**

**Dear Parents**

*We are officially halfway through Term 3!*

*Mr Johnson's Mid-term report comment:*

*It's all going extremely well! Lots of initiatives at the BOT level, as you've heard about over the last few weeks. Thanks to Jacqui and the rest of the BOT who are working on a number of projects & establishing a very forward-thinking approach.*

*Staff are currently working hard finalizing our newly drafted 'Coatesville Competencies' which will signal key learning aspects for students at the Yr 1-2, Yr 3-4 & Yr 5-6 levels. It will have a definite impact on our teaching at each level, prioritising the learning competencies that we expect children to develop and/or exhibit. It is exciting because we are closely examining what is important for learners at present and for their future. You will be hearing about these refined competencies in the near future.*

*I am encouraged by the return of 'Reporting to Parents' survey forms. We have had approx. 25% forms returned. If you think the response should be greater you could always send your form back or encourage someone you know to do so. I will gratefully accept any others until mid-way through next week. I have read all returns and can report that it has been a very positive and constructive response from people. Thank you.*

*Also to the many students who have been recognized for achievements at assemblies, and those putting considerable effort into classroom work, speeches, production practice, softball sessions, etc. – keep up the great work! Wonderful to see.*

*And, personally, I am still having a very enjoyable time in the 'big' chair. I look forward to giving an 'end-of-term' report in a few weeks.*

**ICAS/NSW Science Exam 2010**

Well done to our students who participated in the recent Science Exam. There were some excellent results achieved, with hopefully most students pleased with their level of achievement.

These exams are designed to test and rank very able students from across New Zealand.

The results are as follows:

Year 4

Distinction – *Samuel Thomas*

Credit – *Scott Sylvester*

Participation – *James Fifield, Sophia Ivory, Izabella Jurlina*

Year 5

Distinction – *Lachlan Davidson, Ross Sweatman, Camryn Stent, Mackenzie O'Brien*

Credit – *Amanda West, Sebastian Dolan, Jarred Van Gysen, Zoe Fifield, Isaac Linstrom Nicola West, Chalise Chevin, Polly Sims*

Participation – *Daniel Mitten, Jared Main*

Year 6

Distinction – *William Cooper, Jason Dockery, Thomas Falconer*

Credit – *Olivia Thomas, Kendall Wells*

Participation – *Lachie Thurlow, Lauren Slacke*

**ICT -A -Thon**

How is that sponsorship going? Week 7 is just around the corner. Great prizes to reward the children. Please refer any questions to Shirley Jensen in Room 12.

**Daffodil Day**

Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August the school is supporting the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. We are asking everyone to wear something yellow and to bring along a gold coin before school to the area outside Room 6. In exchange they will receive a daffodil brooch and the knowledge that they have helped a very worthwhile cause.



*Thanking you, Sheila Helleur*

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> September** [sarahbowden@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sarahbowden@xtra.co.nz)

### Name It Fundraiser

This made \$135 profit for the school and the orders have been sent home today. Thanks to all who placed an order.

### Next PFA Meeting –

This will be on the **24<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm** in the ARTEC room, all welcome.

## **Ag Day 2010**

- **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** – Next week's Ag Day collections will be lollies for the lolly grid. There will be boxes in each classroom for donations. Don't forget to check the expiry date is after 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- **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.

## **Subway – Free Cookie**

Next week if you order a Subway you will receive a free cookie. If you usually get a cookie remember you don't have to pay for it. If you don't want a cookie please write 'No Cookie' on your envelope. Subway Day is Wednesday. To order, pick up an envelope from your child's classroom and take it to the monitors in front of the library. And good news for turkey lovers – it's now back on the Subway menu.



## **Ag Day Lambs Available**

If you are wanting to raise a lamb for Ag Day please phone the office. We have three families who have orphaned lambs available.



**Touch Rugby** - Teams have now been finalised and can be found on the Room 11 sports window. Coaches and managers are still needed for some teams otherwise they will not be entered into the competition. Contact Shelley Ross if you can assist.

## **Singer Needed**

We are looking for a Year 5 singer for a Year 5 rock band. If you are interested in auditioning, please phone Nikki Beckman 415 0414 for audition song and time.

*A little ray of positive sunshine – I was in Room 8 yesterday and the children confirmed that it is the last week or two for their winter sport. Others said cricket and tennis are starting up very soon! Winter is nearly over!*

Kind Regards

## **Coatesville School Fundraiser HEROES & VILLAINS**

**A big night out for the adults!**

come and join in on all the fun at the hall and dance the night away + great raffle prizes!

*Over 150 tickets sold already !*

*Ph Julie Hope for tickets 027 422 5677  
or get them at the school gate during the week*

## **Albany Animates Store – Barnyard Themed Pet Fun Day**

– If children would like to bring their "Barnyard Animal" for a visit to our store on either Sat 4<sup>th</sup> or Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Sept please call either Sam or Trish on 4140036.

**Interested in playing T-Ball/Softball?** – East Coast Bays United Registration Day: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 5:30-7:30pm Rosedale Park, Albany or online at [www.ecbsoftball.org.nz](http://www.ecbsoftball.org.nz)

**Kumeu Indoor Sports** – Free PLAYBALL lesson. Come down with your pre-schoolers for a free lesson in basic ball skills.

Session 1: 9.35-10.35am – 2 to 3 year olds

Session 2: 10.35-11.35 – 3 to 4 year olds