

Dear Parents

Well, it's certainly been a warm and humid week just past, huh! Phew!!

We farewelled our six students and two teachers from Hong Kong yesterday, - none of them really wanting to go, some of them particularly keen to stay. It's been a great experience for them and for all those who were involved here in our school and school community.

Annnd ... we are sketching out some plans for a 10-12 day trip to Hong Kong in early November, with some time in 3 schools, a bit of sightseeing, with a mix of homestays and hotel/hostel accommodation. Probably 6 - 8 pupils and a teacher, Year 5/6 (maybe Year 4 - it will be November after all) and approximate cost under \$3,000, ex spending \$\$\$. Food for thought for

Board of Trustees Election

There is a copy of the electoral roll in the office. Nomination forms will be posted individually, next week, to all those on the electoral roll. If you do not receive one perhaps we don't have your correct postal address. Please let us know. Nomination forms may also be picked up from the office.

School Telephone Book - The new book will hopefully be published by the end of term. If any of your details have changed from last year's book, please fill out a new form at the office. For privacy reasons, information for the telephone book is taken directly from these forms, not from your contact details held in the office.

Room 9 Car Show

Please note the registration letter sent out to car owners keen to attend stated the date 25th March. It is in fact as per last week's newsletter, which is next Thursday 25th February. Don't forget if you want to enter a vehicle you must see Phil Hancock and get a registration letter. We have a lot of very special vehicles attending the show. If you are interested, please come along at 3pm, take your children by the hand and walk amongst the cars. You will notice the cars are fenced off. This is to keep unsupervised children (particularly when the bell goes at 3pm) away from the cars. Many on show are worth a great deal of money and are extremely precious to the owners. Therefore we ask that anyone entering the collection please take care and keep your child with you (no hands on paint work please).

School Swimming Sports - 8 years and over

This is taking place on Thursday 4th March and is open to all children 8 years and over. If you are able to assist as a time keeper please let Miss Ross know in Room 11.

The Coatesville Pool will be closed to the community from 12:30-1:30pm on the 2nd, 4th and 9th of March. Sorry for any inconvenience

Guitar Tuition - at school in school time, spaces left on Friday afternoon only. Ph Suzanne 4780304 or 02102754930.

PFA

* **Back to school BBQ and tryathlon** - Next Thursday 25th Feb from 5pm. Children do a swim, bike and run of appropriate length for their age. See the yellow flyer sent home earlier this week and send your triathlon entry forms back by Monday please. The BBQ follows the tryathlon - bring a salad or dessert to share and get your sausages for \$1 and hamburgers for \$2.

* **AGM** - We are losing some of our members this year. If you have been thinking about joining the PFA, we would love to see you. Join us at our AGM next Tuesday 23rd Feb for a glass of wine and nibbles and hear what we do for the school. If you have any queries please call Nikki 415 0414 or Anna-Fay 447 1863.

Kind Regards

Coatesville Classic Fun Run & Walk - Sunday 28 Feb. Remember to enter online at www.coatesvilleclassic.co.nz or pick up an entry form from the office.

Attention All Year 5 Boys - Missing from MERC in boys changing room. Blue denim shorts and black sandal. If found, please return to Isaac in Room 12.

North Shore Children's Choir - Auditions are currently being held for new members (Yrs 5-8). For more info visit www.northshorevoices.org.nz or ph Moira Clarke on 489-4169 ext220 (work), 4785362 (home) or 021 1022587.

Coatesville Brownies - meet every Tuesday in the Coatesville Hall from 3:45-5:15pm. For girls age 7-9 years. Wide range of activities offered including cooking, crafts and meeting other girls. Great time had by all. Contact Terri on 094263753 or call at the hall on a Tues pm.

Dutch Classes For Kids - Mondays in Albany. For more info & enrolment email dutchschool@xtra.co.nz or ph Sabine 4734268.

The Performance.net Performing Arts Education Classes - Kumeu Community Hall, 35 Access Rd, Wednesdays. 4-7 yrs 3:30-4:30; 8-12 yrs 4:30-5:30. Email enrolme@theperformance.net