

Dear Parents

Wow, another great assembly this morning – presentations from Rooms 5 and 6, Principal’s Merit Awards, Librarians, Swimming champions ... and over 80 parents in attendance to celebrate children’s successes. ... and many sung at least one version of the National Anthem. That’s great too, Thank you.

School Leaders

Congratulations to the 8 senior students who have been selected by peers and staff to be at the forefront of leadership in our school.

From the teachers who facilitate this group:

Our school leaders for 2010 have been selected and presented with their badges at assembly this morning. Sixteen year 6 students were shortlisted with specific leadership criteria in mind, and after consultation with students and teachers from Totara Syndicate eight were chosen to represent Coatesville School as leaders.

Congratulations to our young leaders for 2010!

- Carly Hanna Seamus O’Reilly
Sophie Nuttall Jason Dockery
Isabella Donoghue Harrison Gannon
Alexandra Bottari Lachie Thurlow

We look forward to working with them this year.

Margaret Read & Prue Blackmore

Reading Mileage Program - I have five parents returning to our Reading Mileage program this year and to make it work successfully I need at least eight. If you are able to give 10-15 minutes one morning a week (Monday to Thursday) to hear two children read with you, please let me know either directly or through the school office. There will be a get together meeting to view the video of our program and to talk with parents already established with the program before we restart things this year. Margaret Read

Boys & Girls Hockey - Play 6-aside or 8-aside Monday nights between 4pm-8pm, beginning in Term 2. Cost to be advised but in the vicinity of \$80. If interested please fill in the form below and return to the school office by next Friday 19th March.

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Boys & Girls Hockey (Yrs 3-6)

My child _____ of Rm _____ would like to play hockey this year.

I can coach a team.

Signed _____

Name _____

This form must be returned to the school office by next Friday 19th March.

Bag It For School – Red Cross Collection

On Friday 26th March we’re having a collection for this very worthwhile cause. Next week we’ll send home a flyer and a plastic bag for you to use. In the meantime please start putting aside the following items which you no longer need – clothing, sports gear, paired shoes, belts, handbags, bedding, curtains, household bric-a-brac, soft toys, games, DVDs & CDs. Please – NO damaged, unusable, wet or dirty items and NO books as we have too many at the moment. Visit www.bagitforschool.co.nz if you’d like to find out more.

Lost Property – Any lost property not claimed (and not named) will be added to our collection for the Red Cross (see notice above). Please make the effort to look through the lost property near Room 6 over the next week. Thank you.

Entertainment Books - We’ve just had confirmation that the 2010/11 book will be available (and ready to use) on Tues 30th March. Use the form sent home last week to place your order or contact the office. Don’t forget to ask friends, family, neighbours and workmates to purchase through the school.

Year 1-3 Netball (Boys & Girls)

This is played on Saturday mornings at Pinehurst School beginning in Tm 2. The league, which is open to boys (maximum two per team) and girls, gives players the opportunity to have fun while learning ball skills, team work and fair play. Teams will be entered if there are the required numbers for the particular year level, and they have a coach. There may be the option for teams to pay \$5 each week to have an umpire provided. If you would like your child to play please fill out the form below and return (with payment) to the office by Monday 22nd March.

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Year 1-3 Netball – Pinehurst School

My child _____ Yr _____ is interested in playing netball this year.

I am able to coach a team.

I am able to umpire.

Name _____

Signed _____

Email _____

\$35 payment enclosed
(if you purchased a sports top last year)

or \$40 payment enclosed
(if using a school-provided sports top)

This form must be returned to the school office by Monday 22nd March with payment.

PFA

Firstly a big thank you to the Bowden, George, Blackwell, Brady, Neunz, Jacobs, Turner, Jenner, Couch and Benison families for giving up an hour of their precious Sunday to run the school's sausage stall at the market. They raised \$500 profit for the school. Well done - a tremendous effort, thank you all so much. Room 5 is running the school sausage stall at the **Coatesville Twilight Market** on Sunday 21 March from 3-8. Any parents from Room 5 who are able to help please contact Fiona Maxwell, Room 5 Class Rep.

A notice went home this week with the details of new event on the PFA calendar **COATESVILLE SCRUFFTS**, 28th March, 12-3. This is a kids' dog show where children can bring their dog to the Coatesville Hall Reserve and be judged by professional judges. But children who do not have a dog will not miss out on participating in this event. They can make a dog and have it judged or dress up as a dog. Hot dogs, the PFA famous ham rolls, scones, home baking, tea coffee and drinks will also be available. Registration forms are available from school and the Windmill Orchard. Completed forms and entry fee can be put in the red letter box at school. If you have any questions please call Mary Logan 4153170.

Icy Slicy - At the end of each term the PFA run an ice cream stand from which the children can purchase a slice of ice cream sandwiched in waffle biscuits for \$1. This term it will be held on Thursday 1 April from 12:45 outside the Artec Rm. Also remember that there is a **sausage sizzle every Monday lunchtime** where children can purchase a freshly cooked sausage for \$1.50 and cookies for 50c. One less packed lunch to make!

Upcoming PFA Events

- * **15th, 22nd and 29th March** - Lunchtime sausage sizzle from 12:30
- * **21th March School Sausage Stall at the Twilight Coatesville Market** - We need parents from Room 5 to run this stall from 3-8. Fiona Maxwell will be organising a roster in the next few weeks. Please speak to Fiona if you are able to help.
- * **28th March Coatesville Scruffs** - Kids dog show with a difference 12-3 Coatesville Hall and reserve. Bring your dog, make a dog or dress up as a dog!
- * **30th March PFA Meeting** - 7:30pm Coatesville School Artec Room. Come make a difference and be part of a great group.
- * **1st April Icy Slicy** - 12:45 outside the Artec Room \$1.

Interschool Swimming

A cracker day yesterday, both weather-wise, parent assistance and support, and many great races. Once again we retained both the overall and the relay trophies. Well done to all swimmers. Results were:

8 year boys

Matthew Fairbairn – 1st breaststroke, 2nd freestyle

Troy Patten – 2nd backstroke, 3rd freestyle

Oscar Dorbeck – 3rd backstroke

8 year girls

Georgia Green – 1st freestyle

Madeleine Houston – 2nd backstroke, 3rd freestyle

Bridie McCullough – 2nd breaststroke, 3rd backstroke

9 year boys

Edward Littlewood – 2nd breaststroke

Aiden Watson – 3rd freestyle, 3rd medley

9 year girls

Caitlin Fisher – 1st freestyle, 2nd backstroke, 2nd medley, 3rd breaststroke

Jessica Geaney – 1st backstroke, 2nd freestyle

Sophie Egnot-Johnson – 1st medley, 3rd backstroke

10+ year boys

Lachie Thurlow – 2nd breaststroke

Matt Jurlina – 3rd breaststroke

William Littlewood – 3rd backstroke, 3rd medley

10+ year girls

Alexandra Bottari – 1st freestyle, 1st backstroke, 1st medley, 2nd breaststroke

Katie Da Young – 1st breaststroke, 2nd backstroke

Relays

8 yr boys 1st – Ben Fullam, Mitchell Nicolson, Troy Patten, Matthew Fairbairn

8 yr girls 1st – Millie Wharton, Bridie McCullough, Madeleine Houston, Georgia Green

9 yr girls 1st – Nicola West, Keely Harman, Jessica Geaney, Caitlin Fisher

10+ yr boys 2nd – Ryan Hiskens, Lachie Thurlow, William Littlewood, Tristan Shepherd

10+ yr girls 1st – Hannah Spence, Eden Jessup, Eden Hope, Alexandra Bottari

Scholastic Book Orders – The latest order is due back to the red letterbox by 8.55am on Monday.

Kind Regards

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.

Coatesville Art in the Garden – selected art for sale. Sculpture, photography, garden art, mixed media painting. Sat 27 & Sun 28 March, 10-3, 271 Glenmore Road. Queries to susan@herbert.co.nz or ph 021862123.