

Dear Parents

Our unusually short term is drawing to a close, with the shortened week leading to Easter and the term break just around the corner.

Reports - These have been sent home with children today. To book an interview with your child's class teacher please follow the instructions below. The website and school code also appear on your child's report.

Interviews – Parent/Teacher/Child

These 10 minute interviews will take place next Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March between 3:10pm and 6:00pm.

This year we will be using an on-line booking system which is used successfully by many other schools. The only requirements are that you have access to the internet and have an email address. If you don't meet these requirements you are welcome to book through the school office.

To book an interview time please follow these instructions.

- 1) Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- 2) Enter our school code – A24KS
- 3) Enter your details
- 4) Choose your teacher
- 5) Choose your time

Hong Kong...

No takers from Year5 and 6 (4?) for a 10 day excursion to schools and sights in Hong Kong in November....??!! Refer last week's newsletter or call in and find out more.

Communication and Teamwork

Teachers enjoyed another follow-up workshop on Tuesday with the facilitator we started with back in January.

After School Classes – Waiting List

Both the Maths and Art classes had waiting lists during Term 1. Please note that enrolment in a class during Term 1 does not automatically entitle your child to participate in that class the following term – you must re-enrol by contacting the office and paying the relevant charge, subject to a space being available.

Old Telephone Books Needed – for the Art Dept. Please leave in the foyer or Artec Rm.

Spare Clothing for Emergencies

If you have any girls shorts, trousers or underwear which we can use in emergency situations please send them to the office.

Board of Trustees Election

A reminder that nominations close on Friday 23 April, which is the first Friday of next term. If you would like to know more about the role of a trustee please talk to a current member. Spare nominations forms are available from the office.

New South Wales Uni Quizzes

Each year, children from our school participate in these Australian exams as part of our extension programme. The exams we participate in are Science, English, Writing and Maths. These tests are challenging and are seen as an extension exercise at our school. The exams are sent back to Australia for marking and collating of marks. Our children have consistently performed well in these, often difficult, papers.

As in 2009, there will be preparatory tests for Year 4, 5 and 6 children who are interested in taking part in Science, Maths and English this year. A benchmark of the 60th percentile will be set and children will need to score this to sit the actual quiz. The first prep test will be in Science and held later this month. While a number of children have been identified from 2009 results, if you would like your child to participate in any prep test, please complete the form below and return to the office by next Wednesday.

Teachers will also identify pupils who are capable of sitting these tests. They will be asked to sit the prep test too. Teachers will select students to sit a writing prep exam. This will be based on writing ability shown during class time.

Please remember that these exams are often quite difficult and should be looked on as an extension activity. There will be a small charge for sitting the actual exam and the preparation associated with it.

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N.S.W. Preparatory Tests (Yrs 4-6)

I would like my child _____

of Rm _____ to sit the following N.S.W. Preparatory tests.

Science Maths English

I understand there will be a small charge for the actual exam and the preparation associated with it.

Signed _____ Name _____

This form is due back by next Wednesday 31 March

New Entrants Morning Tea

A most successful information morning tea was held this week for parents of new entrant children and parents of children expected to start school next term. At this meeting we presented (and discussed) the concept and organisation of our Reception Class – a new venture this year. We also discussed the rationale behind the movement of children from class to class and hope this will eliminate much of the anxiety some parents can experience about these moves. We were delighted with the turn out and intend to make this a regular event to facilitate the transition to school for new families. A special thank you to Anna-Fay Hinton and Mary Logan, two of our PFA mums who provided and served a beautiful morning tea.

Margaret Read

PFA

Wasn't the **Twilight Coatesville Market** a fantastic end to the summer? A huge thank you to the Williams, Maxwell, Fisher, Sweatman, Lewis, Holloway, Waters, Mills, Wheeler, Thornhill, Unternahrer and Morley families for raising \$461 for our school. A tremendous effort!

We will not be running our school stall at the next market due to it falling in the school holidays. Room 6 will run the stall on 2nd May.

The next big event in the Coatesville social calendar is of course

COATESVILLE SCRUFFTS on Sunday, 12-3.

*Don't forget children who do not have a dog can participate by **making a dog** and having it judged or **dressing up as a dog**.*

*There are **fantastic prizes** to be won.*

You can register on the day or call Mary Logan 415-3170. And if you're not participating, come along and watch. Hot dogs, the PFA famous ham rolls, scones, home baking, tea coffee and drinks will be available.

And finally don't forget to come and help the PFA have a successful year. We are meeting on **Tuesday 30th March, 7.30 Coatesville School Artec Room**. Joining the PFA is a great way to get to know the school, other parents and really make an impact on what the school can achieve. Enthusiasm and a willingness to help out is all that is needed. Have a fantastic Easter holiday.

Other Upcoming Events

* **29th March** Lunchtime sausage sizzle from 12:30

* **1st April Icy Slicy** 12:45 outside Artec Room \$1.

Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk


We have a team of 51 for this Sunday's event. Thank you – your participation ensures we will be able to apply for a grant towards more sports equipment. Entrants took home race numbers yesterday and were given sports tops today. Have fun and don't forget to join with myself, Shelley Ross, Sharleen Heslop, Helen Barlow and the other Coatesville participants at Milford Reserve afterwards for a sausage and drink, and the spot prize draw.

Entertainment Books

The new book is available from next Tuesday and is able to be used straight away. If you are intending to purchase one, why not get it now so you can begin using it over the holidays. There are many family activities in the book along with cafes, restaurants, hotels, retail and more. The cost is \$65 with \$13 retained by the school.

There will be a sample book to view in the foyer from next Tuesday. Families who have already ordered will have their book sent home via their child on Tuesday.

Free Cookie with your Subway next week

All those who order a Subway next Wednesday will receive a free  cookie. If you don't wish to receive one please write 'No Cookie' on your envelope. If you usually buy a cookie with your subway, remember not to pay for it next week. Spare envelopes are available in each classroom and in the foyer. To order, take your completed envelope to the monitors in front of the library before school on Wednesday.

Pool Closing – The pool will close for the season next Thursday 1st April.

Tm 1 ends next Thursday 1st April at 3pm.
Tm 2 begins on Monday 19 April.

Kind Regards

Rollercoaster 2010 – NH Stadium tomorrow, 10-8pm. Rain Day Sunday. Watch NZ's best skate, wake and BMX riders go head to head for over \$10,000 worth of prizes. Free entry. Visit www.rollercoaster2010.co.nz for more info.

Meridian Kids Bike Jams – the Auckland event is at Woodhill Forest on May 16, with early bird entry closing on 26 April. Visit www.kidsbikejams.co.nz to enter or for more info. There are no entries on the day.

Netball Holiday Programme – at Kristin School for Years 1-7. April 6-8 9am-1pm. Email smorgan@kristin.school.nz

Football Holiday Programme – at Kristin School, April 6-9. Contact Aidan O'Connor 4159566 ext2480 for more info.