



5 February 2010

Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents

Wow – here we go folks: 2010, February already and a great year ahead no doubt. Welcome! Following many meetings and hours last year and also influenced by the results of last year’s Parent and Staff surveys, we had an excellent facilitator work with us earlier this week on Communication, Coaching and Mentoring. A honing of skills and some tools and new strategies to enhance parent and school/staff communications can but lead to a positive, constructive and productive year all round, huh. We will be seeking parent input to further develop these key aspects of school life.

School Organisation 2010

Kowhai - Margaret Read

Rm 3A Reception Mrs Helen Barlow
Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Elizabeth Lee
Rm 4 Yr 1 Miss Sharleen Heslop

Rimu - Sheila Helleur

Rm 5 Yr 2 Mrs Sheila Helleur
Rm 6 Yr 2/3 Mrs Nicola Smith
Rm 7 Yr 3/4 Mrs Jo Brocherie
Rm 8 Yr 3/4 Ms Chris Boulden

Totara - Richard Johnson

Rm 9 Yr 4/5 Mr Phil Hancock
Rm 10 Yr 5/6 Ms Prue Blackmore
Rm 11 Yr 5/6 Miss Shelley Ross
Rm 12 Yr 5/6 Mrs Shirley Jensen

Part time and release teachers:

Mrs Cheerie Leefe Mrs Claire Callister
Mrs Shay Behague Mr James Robson
Ms Chris Gunnell Mrs Shay Behague

Office:

Ms Jenny Beguely Ms Judith Pashley

Teacher Aides:

Mrs Lynette Herbke Mrs Emma Olsen
Mrs Janet Hampson

Caretaker:

Eugene O’Sullivan

Term Dates 2010

Tm 1: Thurs 4 Feb – Thurs 1 April
Tm 2: Mon 19 April – Fri 2 July
Tm 3: Mon 19 July – Fri 24 September
Tm 4: Mon 11 Oct – Fri 17 Dec (tbc)

National Standards

Still a hot topic: our school and teachers have no issue with standards per se, none at all, in fact we are at least reasonably comfortable that we have pretty robust assessment systems in place to monitor progress. In fact few educationalists generally have an issue with the concept - the proposed process and the claimed outcomes are what is causing consternation, led by pre-eminent educationalists from Auckland, Waikato and Otago Universities.

Buses

The Party Bus Contract was terminated by the Ministry of Education at 3pm last Friday. North Star Buses were notified at 5pm last Friday that they had new routes to organise and service. The information they were given was patchy. This has led to a less than satisfactory start to the year in regard to bus transport. North Star has indicated a keen willingness to work with the school and parents to ensure the bus service is as good as they can practically organise. Logically everybody is not going to get exactly what they want as far as drop off and pick up times are concerned. Please give them a few days to fine tune the service. If after this time, you still have issues please phone Barbie at North Star on 4444408 – press 5 then 1. Barbie has indicated a willingness to discuss concerns with parents.

Swimming – Helpers Needed

All classes begin next week. Please refer to the timetable below and make sure your child brings their swimming gear and towel on the appropriate days. *Goggles are also recommended – please name these.*

In order to get the most value out of these swimming lessons we need your help. If you can assist please see or send a note to your child’s class teacher. If you are able to help with more than one class or even an entire block it is most appreciated. No pre-schoolers please.

Swimming Timetable

		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Blk 1	9.30	R12		R12	R12	R12
	10.00	R11	R11	R11	R11	R9
M O R N I N G T E A						
Blk 2	11.00	R8	R10	R8	R10	R8
	11.30	R7	R7	R7	R9	R7
	12.00	R9	R9	R10	R6	R10
L U N C H						
Blk 3	1.30	R5	R5	R6	R5	R6
	2.00	R4	R6	R3	R8	R3
	2.30	R3/3a	R3a/4	R3a	R4	

After School Classes – from next week!!!

These begin next week and run for 8 weeks.

Maths – Mondays 3:15-3:45 (2 spaces left) and 3:45-4:15pm, \$50. **Starts next Monday!!!!**

Art – Wednesday 3:15-4:45pm, \$90

Money is payable to the office (prior to class commencement) with cheques made out to Coatesville School please. Payment secures your child's place if there is space available.

No Sausage Sizzle On Monday

The Monday sausage sizzle will begin again on the 15th February. We can always do with more helpers so if you'd like to volunteer (one hour, once a term only) please call Kirsty Thomas on 0212242308.

Subway Lunches Start Next Wednesday

To order, please pick up an envelope from the classroom or foyer, and take to the subway monitors in front of the library before school on Wednesday.

School Hats - All pupils must wear their hats when outside during Terms 1 and 4. If your child has mislaid theirs, or is in need of a new one, they can be purchased from the office for \$15.

PFA

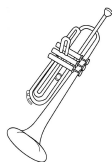
Welcome back. The PFA look forward to bringing you another year of events and fundraisers to benefit the school.

Diary Dates

* 23 Feb: PFA AGM

* 25 Feb: Back to school BBQ and tryathlon

Brass Lessons – Available weekly during school time. Instruments available – trumpet, cornet, trombone. Cost Per Term: \$200 individual lessons, \$125 group lessons. Instrument hire available from just \$174 for the whole school year if required. For more information email kay.mackenzie@hotmail.co.uk or call 021 02394167.



Soccer/Football - All children interested in soccer please see the community notices below – remember, **soccer is a club (not a school) based sport** so you must register through a club if you wish to play Saturday soccer. Most of our soccer playing children play through Albany United Football Club.

Scholastic Book Club – Info for New Families

The first scholastic book order for 2010 has been sent home with today's newsletter. These come home twice per term. Purchase of these books is entirely voluntary. A percentage of total orders is returned to the school in the form of books for classrooms.

If you do place an order, your cheque must be made out to Scholastic NZ and your order placed in the red letterbox outside the office by the date given in the newsletter. If you are ordering for more than one family member, you only need to make one payment for the entire order. Orders are collated by parent volunteer Chrissie Dunn and are delivered to your child's classroom approximately 2 weeks after the close-off date.

The first order of the year is due in by 9am on Monday 15th February.

Remember if your child is absent on a Friday or fails to bring a newsletter home it is posted on our website www.coatesville.school.nz

Kind Regards

Albany United Football 2010 registrations, for new & returning players

– Visit the club website and either download a registration form or register online. www.albanyunited.org

East Coast Bays Association Football Club – 2010 registrations Sat 6th/Sun 7th at the clubrooms, Andersons Rd, Browns Bay 10am-2pm. For existing members there is a form on our website www.ecbafc.co.nz

Ballet Classes – Enrol now for Tm 1 Sharing the magic of dance offering dance tuition to students of all abilities. Age 4 to adult. Phone now to book your FREE Trial Class 488 0819. Dance Expressions – Coatesville & Takapuna.

Become Part of St John Youth – programmes focus on teaching young people aged 6-18 first aid, health care, leadership and life skills. East Coast Bays – Tuesdays at 6:30pm meeting at Rosedale St John Ambulance Station, Apollo Dr, Rosedale. For more info ph 0800STJOHN (785646) or visit www.stjohnyouth.org.nz

Browns Bay Squash Racquets Club – Juniors Sat 11-12, starting 20 Feb (6 wks-\$60); Women Fri 10-11am (intermediate) or 7-8pm (beginner), starting 19 Feb (6 wks-\$60). Call Manu Yam 021886583 or visit www.squashcoach.co.nz

Mayoral Cycling Challenge – Orewa Reserve Sunday 28 Feb. A short course from Orewa Surf Club. Register on the day from 9am for a 10am start. Spot prizes. Free entry.