

Dear Parents

Great weather, huh, - aren't we lucky to be so close to many great beaches.

'Meet the Teachers' - a great response yesterday, thank you. With this overview of the respective syndicate and class operations, a quick word or meeting-by-appointment can answer many queries and allay concerns you may have as the year unfolds. Teachers are usually available up to 8.40 in the morning and after 3.10pm, other than Tuesdays when there are staff and syndicate meetings. Management meet Tuesday mornings.

Board of Trustee Elections

These are coming up shortly. If you would like to find out more about being a trustee please feel free to contact a current board member. Chrissy Dunn has been appointed as the Returning Officer.

**BOT Elections - correct addresses needed**

We need to make sure our database is accurate for posting nomination and voting forms to all parents. If you think your records at the school are out of date please return the tear-off slip below. Each child/children may have up to a maximum of three people eligible to vote. They are the student's mother, father, and where appropriate, immediate caregiver. This would apply where a child/children usually lives in a household that includes their mother or father but not both, but also includes the spouse (or partner) of the mother or father. If you think this applies in your case, please provide details to the office.

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**Contact Details for BoT Election**

Child/ren's Name/s

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Mother's Name and Postal Address

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Father's Name and Postal Address

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Name and Postal Address of anyone else you believe is eligible to vote in the upcoming BoT elections e.g. step-parent (see info above)

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**After School Dispersal/Safety** - A few reminders for existing families and some very important new information for new families

Pupils are instructed not to leave the grounds unless their parent or pool driver collects them from inside the gate. The school cannot and does not accept responsibility for the safety of children outside the school grounds. If no parent has arrived to collect a child from the gate by 3:15pm, the child is to go back to the court area (or covered veranda if wet) and wait until his/her parent or caregiver arrives. Children whose parents come at 3:10pm are also to wait on the court area. The footpath across the front of the playcentre and up the side of the pool is for pedestrian traffic to the carpark and vehicles parked in front of the pool. There is no need to use the footpath across the front of the playcentre carpark. Pupils are instructed not to cross the road without an adult.

To prevent congestion, and for obvious safety reasons, the driveway is for staff and business vehicles only. Children should not walk up the driveway. Unless on a bike, pupils are to be delivered to and collected from school via the gate to the playcentre carpark or the front footpath gate.

All children should be warned against going anywhere with strangers and all elements of keeping themselves safe. The Health Curriculum teaches and reinforces all the skills, attitudes and behaviours, and with parents reinforcing the same objectives, the child's safety is enhanced.

To assist in dispersal, and for safety reasons, the Adventure Playground is closed from 3pm until 3:20pm. This includes pre-school siblings. Before and after that, use is only with direct parent supervision.

**Please don't park in the drive-through lanes of the playcentre carpark!**

**Shore to Shore: Sunday 28 March**

Accompanying today's newsletter is a flyer and entry form for this year's event. The larger our entry the more sports equipment we can apply for so join other families for this fun occasion and help our school at the same time. Please return to the red letterbox ASAP.

**ASB School Banking** - During Term 1 School Bankers go in a draw each week for 25 prizes of \$50. To enter, children must make a deposit to their account through the school - the more weeks they deposit the more chances of winning. To open an account call at the office for a brochure and application form.

**Monday Sausage Sizzle** - This begins on Monday. Sausages are \$1.50 and a biscuit is 50 cents.

**Scholastic Book Order** - The latest order is due back to the red letterbox by 9am on Monday. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ.

**Guitar Tuition** - limited spaces during school time, Thurs or Fri pm. Ph Suzanne 4780304 or 021027549.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next few weeks in your child's class we will be teaching the unit 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

This unit will be taught by your child's teacher with help from the local Police Education Officer, Dave Mitchell, as required.

To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. Your child may have Homework Activities to work on with you. It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

**A parent and caregiver meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm in the school library, to answer any questions you may have.**

*Sheila Helleur*

## North Star Bus Service

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have rung us with queries regarding the school trips we have taken over from Party Bus. The information from you, and from the school, has filled in gaps in the incomplete information we were given and we have decided to add a trip solely for the Coatesville School children as from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The trip will be as follows:

*Route via: SH17, L Potter Rd (8.00am approx), L Sunnyside Rd, L Coatesville/R'Head H'way, R O'Brien Rd, via Ridge Rd (straight ahead at intersection with Ridge Rd), R Glenmore, L Coatesville/R'Head H'way, L Wake Rd, L Ridge Rd, L Mahoenui Valley Rd to Coatesville School.*

The 8.15am trip from Elmore Road to Coatesville Primary will remain in place and will not change.

**The 1687 and 1511 will now only service Albany Junior High and Albany Senior High - the Coatesville School children will not be able to catch this bus.**

All afternoon school trips will remain unchanged as these depart from Coatesville School and will be dropping the children off immediately.

*If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact Barbie at North Star Bus on (09) 444 4408 during normal office hours.*

## PFA

\* **Coatesville Scruffs** - Children's Dog Show at the Coatesville Reserve in March. There will be all sorts of categories for your dog to enter and for those without a dog - create a dog artwork or come in doggy fancy dress. More details soon.

\* **Back to school BBQ and triathlon** - On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb from 5pm. Children do a swim, bike and run of appropriate length for their age. Start times staggered, with the younger children going first. This is a fun event where children are encouraged to give it a go. There will be a family BBQ after the triathlon. More info next week.

\* **New members needed** - 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 next meeting on Tues, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Coatesville Classic Fun Run & Walk – 28 Feb

Support your community and school. All info is online at [www.coatesvilleclassic.co.nz](http://www.coatesvilleclassic.co.nz) - There's our own special 8km round the block route plus a 2km kids classic fun run, long enough for those under 12 yrs. Entry forms online or at the office.

## Rm 9 Car Show – Attention all Car Enthusiasts

– Rm 9 is holding a car exhibition on the school field 2-3pm on Thursday 25 Feb for the children and onto 4pm for interested parents. Attending will be American, Race, Classic, V8, Supercar, Vintage plus many more. Do you have a special car you would be willing to bring along? If so, contact Phil Hancock in Rm 9 for an important info sheet along with a Show Registration number.

Kind Regards

**Lost at Camp Last Year** – green sleeping bag with name Stanley on it. If found please ring Karen 441-3026.

**Marist North Harbour Rugby & Sports Club – Junior Registration Day** – NH Stadium, Sun 21 Feb 10am-1pm (for existing club members), Tues 23 Feb 3:30-6pm, Thurs 25 Feb 4:30-7pm. Players need to bring proof of age (birth cert or passport) if not supplied last year, plus make fee payment. For more info ph 4150945 or visit [www.maristnh.org.nz](http://www.maristnh.org.nz)

**Kumeu Junior Rugby Club 2010 Registrations** – Wed 24 Feb 5-7pm, Sat 27 Feb 9-12, Wed 3 Mar 5-7pm. For info visit [www.kumeurugby.co.nz](http://www.kumeurugby.co.nz)

**NZ Football's Girls and Women's Football Week** – Mon 15 Feb-Sun 21 Feb. **FREE** Football Festivals for 5-12 yr girls and **FREE** coaching and referee courses for interested girls and women (14+). Activities run for approx 2 hrs, no experience/knowledge necessary. Visit [www.unitedsoccer1.org.nz](http://www.unitedsoccer1.org.nz)