

Coley Street School Newsletter



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Monday 10 February 2020 - Term 1 Week 1

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Term Dates:

Term 1: Friday 7 Feb - Thursday 9 April
Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4: Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

Important Dates:

- Friday 14 Feb - Powhiri, 10am
- Friday 21 Feb - Assembly
- Friday 28 Feb - Assembly
- Monday 2 March - School Swimming Sports Y4-8 at Foxton Pool
- Monday 9 March - Interschool Swimming Sports at Foxton Pool

From the Principal's Desk

principal@coleystreet.school.nz

Dear Families,

Happy new year to all of our school community.

We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable break over the christmas period. As you are aware Coley Street School has started back a little later this year. All schools have to complete the same number of days through the year which means at the end of this year, we will be open until 18th December which is a Friday. That means parents will only require a couple of days of child care for their children leading up to Christmas.

Once again we wish to welcome a large group of new students either from other local schools or from out of town. We also have 3 new staff joining us, Sam Hatsell in our reception class, Daniel Pond in our senior class and Trudi Kareko who takes up a new position as Learning Support Coordinator and is shared between Shannon School, Coley Street School and Foxton Primary.

Welcome to ...

A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

Junior Hub - Meelah, Braxton, Meghan, Jepson, Thomas, Briana, Jivarn, Scarlet, Emma, Elioenai, Lukas, Ky-Mani, Teina
Room 1 - Justus, Gabrielle, Shade
Room 2 - Cindy, Royall, Brooklen
Room 3 - Taya, Anahera
Senior Hub - Tyla, Coleson, Pearce



RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CONSENT FORM

Each year we must consult with parents regarding religious instruction in our school. Historically we have had Trevor Lineham and his group of teachers delivering a human values programme that fits well with our school values but everyone has a choice as to whether your child takes part. If the children do not participate they complete alternative work while the 30 minute programme is delivered.

Please indicate whether you wish your children to take part in religious instruction.

I would like my children to participate in religious Instruction: **YES** **NO** *(please circle)*

Name of child/ children : _____

Room : _____

Parent signature: _____

Peter Kemp (Principal)



2020 CLASSES

Room	Year Level	Teacher/s
1	Year 3/4	Deb Jerard
2	Year 3/4	Julie James
3	Year 5/6	Sue Savage
4	Year 5/6	Amanda Buchanan
5 Junior Hub 6,7,8	New Entrant Class	Samantha Hatsell
	Year 1/2	Rebecca Wanoa, Ali Hutchinson
10	Year 3/4/5	Sam Downey
Senior Hub	Year 7/8	Tina Maclean, Nicola Taylor, Daniel Pond

School Notices

SWIMMING

Swimming is a major focus this term - all children are expected to take part in class swimming programmes, this is not a choice as it is part of the curriculum like reading and maths, children must learn water safety skills. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel every day **no matter what the weather** and please name togs, towels and swim bags. Our pool is now **heated** so we are looking forward to a great term enjoying the pool, and building confidence and safety in the water. Children can also have supervised fun in the pool at lunchtimes.



STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE - register at the office for 2020

Study Support will be offered for **Senior students Year 5-8**. This is the Year group we are funded for by the Ministry. The purpose for this funding is to improve literacy and numeracy for **Senior students** and provide support for homework tasks. Registration forms are available at the office. We do provide afternoon tea and ask for gold coin donation towards this. Please complete registrations this week.

ENTRANCE AND DRIVEWAY

We are required to **keep our driveway clear at all times** for emergencies i.e fire and ambulance, and other service and delivery vehicles.

For safety reasons, do not drive in to drop off your children, park or leave your vehicle on our ring-road driveway at any time, even when it is raining. Please park outside the main entrance, or use Futter Street or Avenue Road where there is plenty of parking and a safe area to drop your children off in the morning and collect them after school. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

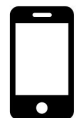


NEWSLETTERS

Our Coley School newsletter is sent home with the youngest member of the family every Monday - extra copies are always available at the office or on our Coley Street School website and our FaceBook page.

ABSENCES

Please contact us if your child is going to be absent from school. We need to know if your child is safe, so we appreciate your call or leave a message on the absentee message option. The Ministry of Education requires us to mark your child as truant if parents do not contact us with a reason for their absence. It is the parents responsibility to inform the office if your child is not coming to school for any reason. **Unexplained absences are referred to an Attendance Officer for follow-up.**



ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Please update us! We need to be able to contact parents/caregivers in case your child is unwell or injured at school.

HATS ON FOR TERM 1

The School operates a Sun Safe Policy. This requires children to wear sun safe hats during the summer months (Terms 1 and 4). Children are only permitted outside if they are wearing a sun hat. The school has some sun hats but not enough for all children, it is preferable to **bring a hat from home (please name it!)**.



We provide sun block for all children.

We ask your support and assistance in encouraging children to be sun safe – i.e. to wear **sunblock and sun-hats**.

Hats must remain at school for school based activities, interval and lunch-time play.

WE ARE PROMOTING 'WATER ONLY' at SCHOOL

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health are jointly encouraging all schools to become 'water-only' or water promoting. This means plain water and plain milk will be the only beverages available to children to drink while at school.

This is because sugary drinks (like fizzy drinks, sports drinks and juices) cause tooth decay, obesity and diabetes. They also make it harder for children to learn while at school.

Children should be having no more than 5 teaspoons of added sugar per day. Sugary drinks contain high levels of sugar, For example:

- 600ml bottle of fizzy drink has 16 teaspoons of sugar
- 350ml fruit juice has 10 teaspoons of sugar
- 750ml sports drink has 15 teaspoons of sugar

We encourage parents to support Coley Street School promoting 'water-only' for our children.

SCHOOL HOURS**Bell times:**

The day begins at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.

Please arrive at school on time.

Interval is from 10.45 – 11.15am.

Lunch Break is 12.45 – 1.30pm



Welcome back to all our students and families. We are glad to have you all back safely after the holiday break and we look forward to working with you all again this term.

