



NEWSLETTER

Monday 10 February 2025
Term 1, Week 2

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Term Dates:

Term 1: Monday 3 Feb - Friday 11 April
Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June
Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September
Term 4: Monday 6 October -

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday 12 Feb** - Open Evening at school, 5.15pm
- **Friday 14 Feb** - School Assembly, 10.10am
- **Wednesday 19 Feb** - BOT meeting
- **Tuesday 25 Feb** - Senior Camp
- **Wednesday 12 March** - School Swimming Sports
- **Wednesday 26 March** - Interschool Swimming Sports

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

We had a really smooth start to our school year, with the official opening of our new playground on Monday and on Friday the Powhiri to welcome our new tamariki, whanau and staff to our school.

Also especially significant was the presentation of a photo of Whaea Piki by Whaea Ani Watson, to our school, to represent her long association as kaumatua for Coley Street School

I wish to acknowledge our children who stepped up in their first powhiri for the year and with 2 short practices, were able to pull their waiata together.

We also welcomed our two new staff, Shannon Chambers and Franko Watson.

Our swimming pool has been getting great use in class time and lunchtimes.

Please ensure your child has a sunhat at school, otherwise they will sit in the shade during morning tea and lunch breaks.

Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next few weeks, our middle and senior school will receive Ki o Rahi lessons, prior to the competition at Foxton Primary.

Finally, a reminder of our **'Open night' this Wednesday**, from 5.15pm - 7.00pm, when families can bring a picnic dinner or purchase from the food vans and ice cream van on site. There will be some games and activities parents can join in with their children and also the opportunity to walk around the school and meet your child's teacher.

Peter Kemp - Principal

Welcome to ...

A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

Room 7 - Rangi Taueki



Positive Behaviour 4 Learning Focus of the Week

PB4L Focus of the Week ...



- *Making our new students welcome*
- *Enjoying being back with our classmates*
- *Including everyone in our games and activities*

School Notices

• **OPEN EVENING - Wednesday 12th Feb, 5.15pm**

We have an open night to meet and greet staff and children / whanau at 5.15pm at school.

Whanau are welcome to bring a picnic meal and there are also food vans available for the purchase of Thai and Turkish meals and an ice cream truck for purchases.

There will be an opportunity to play some games with your children, see our new playground in action and wander around their classrooms and if you wish, make an appointment time to meet the teacher.

We will finish the evening at 7.00pm.

• **MORNING TEA**

A reminder to send morning tea and a water bottle everyday.

Fruit will be available from today for morning tea and lunches.



• **ABSENCES**

Please contact us if your child is not coming to school, whatever the reason! We need to know they are safe, so we appreciate your call or you can 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.

• **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 to play outside if they are wearing a sun hat. **Please bring a hat from home and name it!**

Sun block is provided in all classes.

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



- **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 for class swimming no matter what the weather**, and please name them and provide a swim bag.



Our pool is **heated** and 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.

- **BLITZ THE NITS - Head lice are back!**

Free head-lice treatment and information is available at the school office.

Anyone can 'catch' head lice, they spread very quickly throughout the family and everyone at school is at risk (including staff). We ask parents to do regular hair checks to effectively manage the problem. If identified at school we ask parents to collect their child and treat their child before returning, we really appreciate this as a duty of care to all children. Remember one treatment is not enough, the eggs hatch in cycles and treatment should be repeated in 7 days. Daily wet fine-tooth combing with conditioner is key.



- **SCHOOL HOURS**

Bell times:

Class begins at 8.45am and finishes at 2.45pm.

Interval is from 10.45 – 11.15am.

Lunch Break is 12.45 – 1.30pm

Finish at 2.45pm



School Absences

Please phone through by 9am daily

Absence line (06) 363 8117

Email - office@coleystreet.school.nz

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Moutoa Whirokino Catchment Community

11am 23rd February 2025

Community Family BBQ,

Bouncy Castle and Ice cream Truck

Lunch provided by the MRCC,

BYO Drinks.

Come along to catch up with the community for a family BBQ at the Moutoa Hall. All welcome

Summary Presented of the Moutoa Whirokino Catchment Groundwater Investigation by Massey University. The 1yr project funded by Manawatu River Catchments Collective to investigate the high levels of ammonia identified during the routine monthly water quality sampling. Discussion of what it means, where to next and mitigation options?



RSVP for catering purposes by 20th Feb 2025:

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