



COCKLE BAY SCHOOL

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Mahi Kaha



Children and their learning at the heart of all we do
Ko ngā tamariki me a rāatou ako kei te ngākau o ngā mihi

From the desk of Mrs Digwood - 23 September 2026



Term Dates

Friday 25 September Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

Monday 12 October Term 4 starts

Tuesday 15 December Term 4 ends - 2.00pm

Term 4 - Important Dates

Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd October
Art Expo details to follow

Friday 23rd October
Teacher only Day school closed to students

Monday 26rd October
Labour Day - school closed

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th October
Year 5 ASB Get Wise visit to CBS

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th October
Year 1 Howick Historical Village Trip

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th October
Year 4 Camp at Willow Park

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November
Year 3 Day Camp at Botanic Gardens

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th November
Year 6 Blake VR Visit to CBS

Friday 11th December
Year 6 Big Day In. with Top Town at CBS



Dear Parents and Whānau,

As we reach the conclusion of a busy and productive Term 3, we want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and express our gratitude to everyone who makes our school community so special.

Celebrating Our Pasifika Fono

We recently had the privilege of hosting our Pasifika Fono. It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout for an enjoyable time of students' Sasa performance, sharing ideas (*talanoa*), learning together, and connecting over *mea ta'umafa* (shared food). This gathering was a true celebration of our ongoing partnership with our Tagata Pasifika. We are grateful for the feedback provided, which we will use to further strengthen our partnerships and shape future gatherings, talanoa sessions, and community events.

Extracurricular & Curricular Highlights

It has been an exceptionally busy term filled with outstanding opportunities for our students. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment continue to make these experiences possible.

Over the past terms, our students have proudly represented the school across a wide variety of activities, including:

Team Speech Competitions, Mandarin/Cantonese Speech Competitions, EPro8 Competitions, the Literacy Quiz, and team excursions, HPPA Sports Days, HPPA Mathex, Junior Cross Country, Gymnastics Champion of Champions and the Wushu Heroes event.

Property Work During The Holidays

We are continually working to upgrade our physical environment to ensure that our school remains safe, functional, and inviting. During the break, you will notice work underway around the school:

- Field coring and re-sanding (**field will be closed due to vehicles**)
- Installation of a clear light canopy near the Hall, Music Room, and Room 26
- Installation of a new salt chlorine system for the school pool
- Maintenance vehicles and trucks will be moving near the dome and field areas - please exercise extra care when moving around these locations
- All children will need to be supervised while this work is taking place if you are onsite

Term 4 Reminders

SunSmart Hats

A reminder that SunSmart hats are compulsory for all students throughout Term 4 during outdoor activities and break times.

Road Patrol

We are once again in need of some parent volunteers who would be willing to supervise our Trelawn Rd pedestrian crossing and student patrollers for Term 4. Training and support is provided. At the moment we are looking for someone to cover our Monday afternoon patrol from 2.55 - 3.10 pm and may possibly need a couple of other morning or afternoon shifts across the week as well. We are grateful to our regular helpers for their reliable support and would welcome new parents to support us in this way.

Please let either myself, our office (office@cocklebay.school.nz) or Amber May (ambergm@cocklebay.school.nz) know if you would be willing to assist us and whether you could help on a particular morning or afternoon.



Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

Friday 30 October: Juniors - Weka Team
Friday 6 November: Seniors - Takahē Team
Friday 13 November: Juniors - Tūi Team
Friday 20 November: Seniors - Kōtuku Team
Friday 27 November: Juniors - Kea Team
Friday 4 December: Seniors - Kākāpo Team
Friday 11 December: Junior - Kiwi Team

Enrolments

Out of Zone Enrolments

Application forms are on the Cockle Bay School website.
Applications close 14 October.

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Enrolments for students to attend Somerville Intermediate School in 2027 will be open from 15 June.
All enrolment applications are to be completed online.
Visit our website to enrol.

15 June Enrolments open
21 August In Zone enrolments due
2 September Out of Zone enrolments close at 4.00pm
9 September Out of Zone ballot drawn and applicants notified by email
4 November Orientation visit for new students
4 November New parent evening



We look forward to you joining the Somerville Community.

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