



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 Bigwood – 9 September 2026



Term Dates

Monday 20 July Term 3 Starts

Friday 25 September Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

Monday 12 October Term 4 starts

Tuesday 15 December Term 4 ends - 2.00pm

Term 3 - Important Dates

Monday 19 - Thursday 22nd October

Art Expo details to follow

Friday 23rd October

Teacher only Day - school closed to students

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



Kia ora koutou

Next week marks the beginning of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and this year's theme is Ake Ake Ake – A Forever Language. Read more about it here: [Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – ReoMāori](#)

Influenza and Winter Bugs

There continues to be significant illness within our school community, affecting students, staff and relievers. Students who are unwell are encouraged to stay home until they are well enough to return to school. This supports their recovery and helps reduce the spread of illness to other students and staff.

[How to decide if a child is well enough to be at school or early learning – Ministry of Education](#)

Room 34 Starts Term 4

Welcome to our youngest students, starting their schooling in Term 4 and based in the library. Room 34 will be taught by Mrs McLeod (Wed-Fri) and Miss Harder (Mon,Tues).

School Uniforms

With the change of season, many families will be out shopping for school uniform items soon. Please check in advance that you buy the correct uniform items. The P.T.N. offer a second hand shop, contact the school office for opening times.

At Cockle Bay School, we have a very smart, comfortable uniform. Students must wear a school navy blue bucket hat when they are outside during Terms 1 & 4. For safety reasons jewellery is limited to watches (not smart watches) and stud earrings and are worn at the wearer's own risk. Long hair, i.e. shoulder length or longer, should be tied back for health, safety and learning reasons.

School Uniform Options:

- Regulation navy shorts or long trousers
- Regulation short or long sleeved royal blue polo shirt
- Regulation white blouse
- Regulation tartan skirt or skort
- Regulation dress
- Regulation navy long-sleeved polar fleece
- School jacket
- Blue or black cycle pants can be worn under the uniform
- Sun hat, for all outdoor activities, bucket hat in navy blue (Terms 1 & 4)
- *Black shoes or sandals (black or navy)
- Socks – navy or white
- Navy tights

*N.B. Please note: shoes should be all black or all navy, and crocs are not acceptable.

Only Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students have to wear the PE/Sports uniform for Fitness and Physical Education, and if playing on the field. Year 6 students may wear their Leavers' T Shirt for P.E.

We are very proud of our school, and wearing the correct school uniform reflects this.



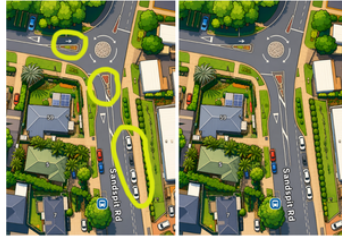
Traffic Safety

Pedestrian Refuges

The raised concrete islands built into the centre of Paparoa and Sandspit Roads, just before entering the roundabout, function strictly as pedestrian refuges - they are not pedestrian crossings and vehicles do not have to give way. Please teach your children to wait for vehicles to pass before crossing.

P2 Drop-Off Zone Etiquette

The four-vehicle P2 parking zone immediately outside the school is designed for quick drop-offs where the driver remains in their vehicle. Long farewells, packing bags, or tying back children's hair while stopped in the P2 area causes traffic to back up into the roundabout. If you need additional time with your children, please park in a non-P2 parking space.



Congratulations to the following groups:

EPro8

Congratulations to our eight students who competed over two days recently, showing off their creativity and tenacity. They will represent us at the HPPA finals. Thanks Mrs Saher for organising this event.

Literacy Quiz

There is always significant preparation, reading lots of books. Hearty congratulations to our representative team who had the third highest score. A big thanks to Mrs Jones and Mrs Liesenfeld for their leadership.



Jump Jam Groups

Last Saturday was the competition, and we were very proud of our two groups who performed well and had a great time. Thanks to coaches Mrs Forbes and Miss Stephens.

Ngā mihi nui
Dorothy Bigwood

Pasifika Fono

🌺 Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, and Warm Pacific Greetings to all our tāu'āiga! 🌺

Cockle Bay School warmly invites you, your children, your elders, and your entire aiga / fāmilī to join us for an afternoon of shared stories, connection, and celebration at our upcoming Pasifika Fono.

Our fono is built on the traditional Talanoa framework—a space for open, respectful, and connected conversations. This is not a formal school presentation; it is a relaxed opportunity for us to connect on a personal level.

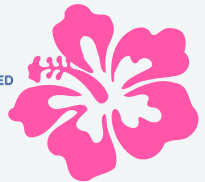
Event Details

- Date: Monday 14 September
- Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm
- Location: Hall at Cockle Bay School

Please RSVP your child's teacher if you are planning on attending.

Manuia le afiafi,
Cockle Bay School

Learner Profile
CULTURALLY AND SOCIALLY CONNECTED



Welcome to Somerville

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

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www.somervilleintermediate.school.nz



We look forward to you
joining the Somerville
Community.

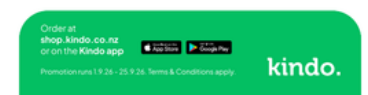
Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

Friday 11 September: Seniors (Kākāpō Team)

Friday 18 September: Juniors (2 Kea, 2 Kiwi)

Enrolments

Out of Zone Enrolments
Application forms are on the Cockle Bay School website.
Applications close 14 October.



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SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 10AM - 12NOON
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CRICKET SEASON 2025/2026





MUSTER AND HAVE-A-GO DAY
 Saturday 4th October, 10am - 12noon
 HPCC Clubrooms, Lloyd Elsmore Park

 For further information
 Call 09 576 5602 or
 Email gm@hpcc.org.nz 

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Auckland Badminton Association

OPEN DAY

Where Badminton Youth Journeys Begin
 How to Join an ABA Rep Team

All Young Players Welcome!

 **SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**
 10:30AM - 1:30PM

 **Pakuranga College Stadium**
 Corner of Pigeon Mountain Road and
 Pakuranga Road, Half Moon Bay, Auckland

 Meet Our Coaches

 Learn About Rep Pathways

 Give It a Go
 All Skill Levels Welcome

 Get Your Questions Answered

 **Limited walk-in**
 Limited spots left — scan to register!

 **SCAN TO REGISTER**

 **Special Offers**

10% OFF First-time enrolment
 Holiday / Term 4 programme

15% OFF Pro Shop
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奥克兰羽毛球协会

体验日

开启孩子的羽毛球之旅
 —— 如何加入 ABA 代表队

欢迎所有青少年参加!

 **9月19日 (星期六)**
 上午 10:30 - 下午 1:30

 **Pakuranga College 体育场**
 Corner of Pigeon Mountain Road and
 Pakuranga Road, Half Moon Bay, Auckland

 认识专业教练

 了解代表队培养路径

 现场体验
 各级别训练内容
 适合所有水平

 答疑课程/报名问题

 **名额有限 立即扫码预约**

 **扫码报名**

 **特别优惠**

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 假期 / Term 4 课程

立减 15% 专卖店
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