



COCKLE BAY SCHOOL

STRIVE ON
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 Bigwood - 28 October 2026



Term Dates

Monday 12 October Term 4 starts

Tuesday 15 December Term 4 ends - 2.00pm

Tuesday 2 February 2027 Term 1: First day of school

Term 4 - Important Dates

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th October

Year 1 Howick Historical Village Trip

Thursday 28th & Friday 30th October

Year 4 Camp at Willow Park

Tuesday 3 November: Nest Consulting parent information evening, 6pm online

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th November

Year 3 Day Camp at Botanical Gardens

Thursday 12 November

Writing - Open Morning, 9-10am

Wednesday 25th November

Year 0 Ambury Farm Visit

Friday 11th December

Year 6 Big Day In with Top Town at CBS



Dear Parents and Whānau



Swimming

In New Zealand, swimming and water safety skills are part of the school curriculum. Just a reminder that Year 3-6 students are expected to bring their swimming togs on their class's swimming days, from now on. Teachers will inform students when it is their day.

For Years 3-6, Water Safety lessons with Swim Gym have started. These are free in Term 4. There are three tutors in the pool, so the lessons offer small group tuition. The pool is heated and salinated, so it is only in extreme weather that a lesson might be postponed.

Parents have been asked to update their permission for Term 4 (or if new to our school complete the full form). If you have overlooked this, teachers will be contacting you in order for your child to participate.



Writing Open Morning

We invite all parents and whānau to join us for a special **Writing Open Morning** on Thursday 12 November:

- 9:00am – 9:30am: Parent Information Session in the School Hall
- 9:30am – 10:00am: Classroom Visits

Come along to the hall first to learn more about our writing approach and how we support our learners. Afterwards, visit your child's classroom to celebrate their writing journey and see the fantastic progress they have made this year. We look forward to seeing you there!



PTN

Friday 27 November – A Taste of Our World! Join us for our next special lunch event as we celebrate the rich diversity of cultures, communities and food traditions that make up our school whānau! Our International Food Day will feature delicious food inspired by:

Aotearoa New Zealand



America



China



India



Italy



Food is a wonderful way to share stories, explore different traditions and celebrate the many cultures that enrich our school community.

We'd love your ideas! Is there a local restaurant or food business you'd love to see featured at a future lunch event? We welcome suggestions that reflect the diverse cultures and food traditions of our school whānau.

Please email your ideas to cbpsptn@cocklebay.school.nz.

We look forward to sharing another opportunity to connect, celebrate and enjoy food together! Orders open on Kindo from Monday 2 November.

Years 0–4 Parent Information Evening: Confident Kiwis® Programme

As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their Confident Kiwis® programme for our Yr: 1,2, 3 & 4 students. This covers: correct names for body parts, the differences between safe and unsafe touch, the differences between happy surprises and secrets (and not to keep secrets), assertiveness in relation to touch and their body, body boundaries, body autonomy, body safety and consent and establishing their circle of five safe adults. To assist Parents & Whānau being actively involved in communication with their child regarding these important topics Nest offers a Parent/Whānau Information/Education Evening prior to the programme. **Please note that the parent session details have changed from what was previously advertised. It is now online, and the date has changed.**

The session lasts about 60 mins and includes:

- a run-through of the student programme – you will see the slides, puppets & activities utilised
- key body safety skills & information
- addressing common concerns & Q&A

You can use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88014901138?pwd=FSuhlAkTsHknpcmwgZeZf0LNVGrg.1>

During this 1-hour session, Nest Consulting will outline the content that will be presented to our studentst at school.

- Date: Tuesday, 3rd November
- Time: 6:00pm

We encourage as many whānau as possible to attend this session as we partner together to support our children. We look forward to seeing you there!

Safety at the School Gates

On wet days, we have noticed some risky driving practices at drop off/collect times. Drivers are reminded to obey the rules and be considerate please.

Stopping in the middle of the road to let a child exit the car is a concern, as are u turns in congested areas.

Parking enforcement officers may arrive unexpectedly to issue infringement notices, so please don't double park on Sandspit Rd, leave your car in 2 minute parking spaces, on grass verges, yellow dotted lines or over driveways.

For safety, we encourage students to use the Trelawn crossing and to wait for cars to stop before crossing at the roundabout on Sandspit.

The wellbeing of our students is our concern, so thank you for your cooperation with these requests.

Dorothy Bigwood

Singing Assemblies – Principal's Awards

Friday 30 October: Seniors

Friday 6 November: Juniors

Friday 13 November: Seniors

Friday 20 November: Juniors

Friday 27 November: Seniors

Friday 4 December: Years 3-6 ICAS
Awards Assembly

Special Events

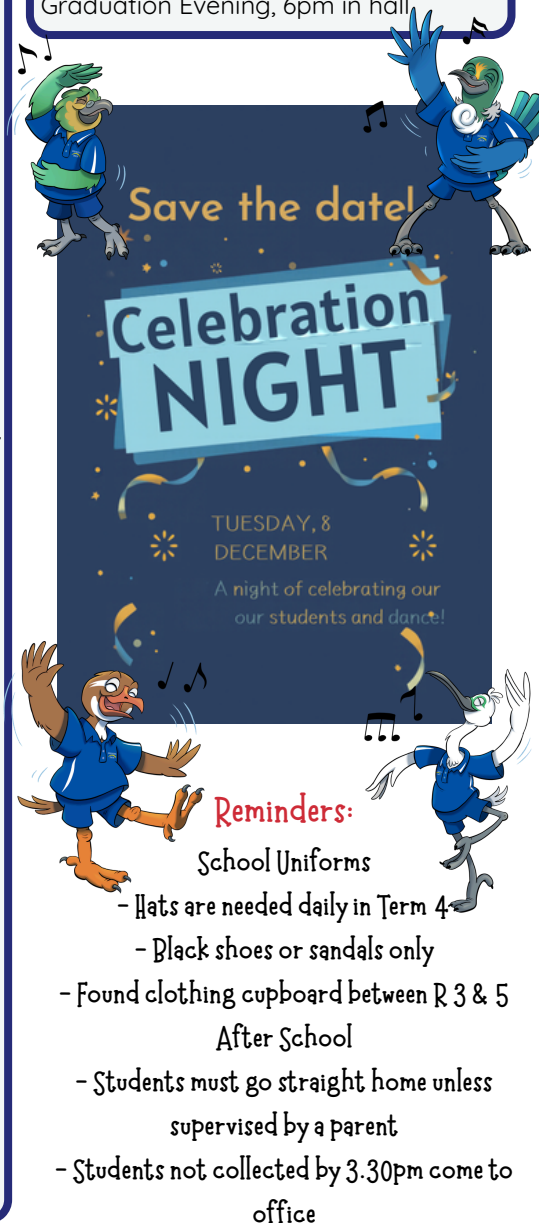
Tuesday 8 December: Celebration
Night, 5.30–7.30pm

Thursday 10 December: Kiwi and Kea
Prizegiving, 9am in the hall

Thursday 10 December Tūi and Weka
Prizegiving, 11am in the hall

Thursday 10 December Kōtuku and
Kākāpō Prizegiving, 1.30pm in the hall

Thursday 10 December: Takahē team
Graduation Evening, 6pm in hall



Reminders:

- Hats are needed daily in Term 4
- Black shoes or sandals only
- Found clothing cupboard between R 3 & 5
- After School
- Students must go straight home unless supervised by a parent
- Students not collected by 3.30pm come to office