



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



Dear Parents and Whānau

As we head into the holidays, the school is buzzing with end-of-year tidy-ups and final preparations. **A reminder that school finishes tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 pm** - please collect your children promptly, as staff will be leaving by 12:45 pm.

To our Year 6 students, we farewell you with warm wishes as you move on to Intermediate. Thank you for all you have contributed to Cockle Bay School. We hope you take many happy memories with you and remember "Once a Cockle Bay Kid, always a Cockle Bay Kid".

To our wonderful parents and families, a huge thank you for your support, positivity and partnership throughout 2025.

To the amazing staff - your strength, dedication, and genuine care for our students and community shine through every day. We are so grateful for you and celebrate all that you do.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a fun, healthy, and safe holiday break! We can't wait to see you back in 2026, rested, recharged, and ready to learn.

Dorothy Bigwood, Kimberley Rivett & Dylan Marshall
Cockle Bay School Senior Leadership Team



Upcoming Dates

Last day
Uniform collection
Thursday 18 December
School closes at 12.30pm

2026 Dates

Friday 30 January 2026, 9am-3pm

- "Getting to Know Your Child" Conferences
- Uniform shop open under the Dome

Monday 2 February 2026: School starts

2026 School Uniform

The following items are included in Cockle Bay School's student uniform policy:

- Navy soft shell jacket with school emblem
- Navy long-sleeved polar fleece (zip front) with school emblem
- Navy shorts/long trousers
- Royal blue short or long-sleeved polo shirt
- White blouse
- Blue and white check dress
- Tartan skirt
- Skort
- Navy or white socks, or navy tights
- Black shoes or sandals (black or navy).

All uniform items can be worn year-round by all students, offering flexibility, comfort, and affordability for all seasons.

All items are available for purchase at John Russell Schoolwear, Moore Street, Howick.



Over the holidays

Contractors on Site

We have various contractors working on-site throughout the holidays. We ask that you ensure any children visiting our school during the break are closely supervised while on site.

Office Opening Hours

The school office will be open from Tuesday, 27 January, 9:00am-12:30pm.

School Stationery

School stationery will be available from Paper Plus Howick at the end of December.

Vandalism and other issues

If you witness any concerning behaviour or vandalism during the break, please call 111 (if the behaviour/vandalism is in progress) or 105 (for non-emergencies). If you are visiting the school and notice any damage, please email principal@cocklebay.school.nz



Uniform Donation Drive

If you have clean school uniforms that are too small or no longer needed please consider donating them.

COLLECTION DETAILS:

When: The last day of school, Thursday 18th December
Time: 8.15am - 9.00am
Where: Under the Dome area.

AND

UNIFORMS FOR SALE:

When: "Getting to Know Your Child" Conferences,
Friday 30th January
Time: 10.30am - 1.00pm
Where: In the Junior Playground

Please ensure all donated items are clean and in reasonable condition

Thank you for supporting the Second Hand Uniform Shop, it provides a great service for Cockle Bay families and raises valuable funds for our School.



Cockle Bay School

Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds

19th - 24th December 2025 &
5th January - 30th January 2026

7.30am - 6.00pm*

* except 24th December, 1.00pm finish

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Enquiries

09 530 9020
admin@bizzybodz.co.nz
021 837 397 (Programme direct dial)

December 2025 - Cockle Bay Programme

Please bring a hat, drink bottle and lunch with you every day!

Monday 22nd Dec Summer Splash Bring your top, towel and a big smile. It's time for some serious fun from water balloons to games, this day is packed with activities you won't want to miss! ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 23rd Dec Kids Choice It's kids' choice today! We will have plenty of games and activities for you to choose from. ONSITE \$40.00	Wednesday 24th Dec Festive Fun It's almost Christmas! Join us for a magical morning of festive fun as we count down to the big day. Programme closes at 1pm. ONSITE \$30.00	Friday 19th Dec Xmas Party Get into the festive spirit with a jolly day of Christmas fun! Wear your favourite Christmas outfit and join us for a day full of music, laughter, creativity and holiday cheer! ONSITE \$42.00
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January 2026

Monday 5th Jan 2026! New Year, new vibes and non-stop holiday fun! We are celebrating the start of 2026 with exciting games, creative crafts and plenty of laughs! ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 6th Jan Messy Play Come along for some messy fun with slime, paint and bubble games. Make sure you wear clothes that can handle a little chaos. ONSITE \$40.00	Wednesday 7th Jan Wacky Wheels Bring along your bike, scooter or skateboard and join us for a magical morning of festive fun as we count down to the big day. Programme closes at 1pm. ONSITE \$40.00	Thursday 8th Jan Tie Dye Join us for a vibrant day of tie dye fun where you'll create your very own masterpiece. Don't forget to wear old clothes - things are about to get colourful! ONSITE \$45.00	Friday 9th Jan Water Wars Bring your top, towel and water gun! Can you win the water war? Bring an ice block to cool off afterwards! ONSITE \$40.00
Monday 12th Jan Crazy Carnival Sleep right up for a day packed with classic games and challenges. Don't miss the music, laughter and fun. It's a toss, you're going to go to be a blast! ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 13th Jan Wet'n'Wild Today is all about water fun with wild games and water play. Don't forget to bring your top and a towel, you're going to get soaked! ONSITE \$40.00	Wednesday 14th Jan Drum Nuts Get ready to feel the beat! The awesome team from COCBA will join us today for a hands-on drumming workshop. It's going to be loud, fun, and full of energy! ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Thursday 15th Jan Beach Day We are off to Moeraki Beach! Join us for our sandcastle competition, beach games and a dip in the ocean! TRIP \$50.00	Friday 16th Jan PJ Party Come in your comfiest pajamas for a day full of water games, movies, craft, and tasty treats. Bring a pillow or cushion to get ready to curl up in style! ONSITE \$40.00
Monday 19th Jan Treasure Hunt Aha, adventures! Get ready to follow clues and explore in our thrilling treasure hunt as programme 2 marks the spot, will you find the treasure? ONSITE \$40.00	Tuesday 20th Jan Mad Hatter's Tumble down the rabbit hole for a day of teaparty fun! Wear your silliest hat and join us for a mad tea party. ONSITE \$40.00	Wednesday 21st Jan Nerf Wars Are you ready for the showdown of the holidays? The Nerf Wars team will bring the ultimate Nerf Wars experience to school. We'll provide the gear you bring the energy! ONSITE TRIP \$48.00	Thursday 22nd Jan Movies Get ready for a fun-filled trip to Moeraki Beach, relax and enjoy The Grand Prix of Europe. Limited spaces available. TRIP \$50.00	Friday 23rd Jan Wipeout Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games and activities to keep you cool. Bring your top, a towel and water socks if you have them! ONSITE \$40.00
Monday 26th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day No programme available	Tuesday 27th Jan Market Day Work as a team to create a fun and delicious treat at our Bizzy Bodz Market fair in the afternoon. Get ready to partner with your customer! ONSITE \$40.00	Wednesday 28th Jan Bubble Mania Let's go to Howick! Create for a day with exciting games, fun with friends and some picnic treats. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and big smile! ONSITE \$40.00	Thursday 29th Jan Park Picnic Let's go to Howick! Create for a day with exciting games, fun with friends and some picnic treats. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and big smile! TRIP \$50.00	Friday 30th Jan Karaoke Party It's time for our Karaoke Party! This is your chance to grab the mic, sing your heart out, and enjoy a day full of music, laughter, and good vibes. ONSITE \$40.00

BKT East Programmes: Wero Adventure Course (10 - 13 year olds only)

Get ready for an action-packed day at the new High Ropes Adventure Course at Vector Arena. Designed especially for schools seeking 10-13 year olds. Children must be at least 125cm or taller (5'4" high), weigh no more than 120kg and wear closed shoes. Drop off and pick up at Cockle Bay School Only.
TRIP \$60.00

Book online now!
enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz
or call us on: 09 530 9020 or 021 837 397



Payment/WINZ

- Payment is required at time of booking to be confirmed.
- WINZ forms need to be submitted when making your booking, a 25% deposit is required to secure your booking.

Location
Based in the school hall
7.30am - 6.00pm

Prices
7.30am - 8.30am \$8.00
8.30am - 3.00pm see over
3.00pm - 4.30pm \$10.00
3.00pm - 6.00pm \$14.00

How to book

Booking with Enrolmy
We're excited to announce that our new Bizzy Bodz site is now live on Enrolmy: enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz. Please visit the site to register your account and get started.

- With our new booking system, you will need to:
- Add your child(ren)
 - Complete a safety form (enrolment form) for each child
 - Finalise your bookings

Bookings

- Bookings can be made on or before the day of attendance however, please note, there are limited spaces available
- Drop off and pick up outside of booked hours will incur an extra fee
- Refunds are not available once the holiday period has begun, however day swaps can be made in advance by contacting the head office (subject to availability)



COCKLE BAY NETBALL CLUB MUSTER

Come along to our 2026 muster!

We're a small, fun, and friendly netball club with Teams from Yr5 to Yr8, both competitive and social. Our main focus is on having fun and enjoying all the benefits that netball has to offer. Our objective is to create an inclusive environment and have fun on and off the netball court. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Enthusiasm, teamwork, and motivation are what matters.



There will be Trials for Year 8 Teams on the Muster Day and 2nd Trials on the 8th March

When: Sunday 1st March 10am
Where: HPNC Courts - 451 Pakuranga Road

Hope to see you all there!

Little Scientists Holiday programmes

5-10 year olds

Loads of science fun to keep your children busy this summer!

- Hillcrest
- Hillsborough
- Freeman's Bay
- Glen Innes
- Takapuna
- Massey
- Birkenhead
- Mt Eden



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ALL BOYS WELCOME!!

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR OUR COMPETITION BOYS SQUAD



WHY IS GYMNASTICS GREAT FOR BOYS?

- IMPROVES MOTOR SKILLS AND BALANCE
- A WEIGHT BEARING ACTIVITY THAT HELPS PRODUCE STRONG BONES
- PROVIDES FOUNDATION FOR DISCIPLINE AND WORK ETHIC
- ITS FUN!!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 5-10 YEAR OLD BOYS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRAINING 4+ HOURS PER WEEK (NO PREVIOUS GYM EXPERIENCE REQUIRED). PLEASE COME TO OUR OPEN DAY ON 14 JANUARY 2026 AT 15 BEN LOMOND CRESCENT, PAKURANGA

EMAIL: RECMANAGER@HOWICKGYM.CO.NZ TO REGISTER & QUESTIONS

BOTANY TAEKWONDO

Botany Taekwondo has been training the ITF style of Taekwondo at Cockle Bay School for over 15 years. Come and have some fun with us, get fit, and learn a new skill, with qualifications that are recognised around the world.

We operate a two week free trial. Want to know more? Visit our website at botanytaekwondo.co.nz or just turn up on a Wednesday night and say "hi". All abilities and ages welcome.