



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



## Term Dates

Dear Parents

Last week I witnessed a near-accident on the road at Trelawn Place, where a lady crossing the road was almost hit by a car. The driver and the lady were shocked. Yesterday a car ignored the lollipop stop signs at the Trelawn crossing!

I also received emails from worried public:

- A horrified neighbour saw a little boy crossing the road who was almost hit by a car where Alexander Street meets Trelawn Place
- A driver is concerned that parents and students are crossing at the Litten Roundabout without waiting for cars to slow/stop

I witness and receive numerous complaints around drivers making U-turns right outside the school, parking in driveways, double parking on the main road (i.e. inside the white lines) and parking on yellow dotted lines. Students get out of, or hop into, stationary cars stopped in the middle of the road.

Most of our parents are considerate and careful on the roads around the school. Unfortunately, those who are running late, frustrated about the lack of parking and taking short cuts, put all of our students at risk.

All drivers are asked to obey road rules and drive considerately near the school.

Parents and students are asked to use the designated crossings please, especially when with a child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNim8eZFhrl>

When local street speed limits are reversed, they will be replaced by a new variable speed limit sign on the road outside the school gates for 300 metres. Variable speed limit signs lower the speed limit to 30 km per hour and will operate at the start and end of the school day.

Please find a list of current fines attached, and be aware that the Police and Auckland Transport regularly monitor our roads.

Dorothy Bigwood  
Principal

**Term 1:** Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April

**Term 2:** Monday 20 April - Thursday 2 July

**Term 3:** Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

**Term 4:** Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

## Term 1 - Important Dates

**Thursday 19 February:** Y5/6 Swimming Sports

**Tuesday 24 February - Y3/4 Swimming Carnival**

**Thursday 26 February:** HPPA cricket

**Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 March:** Kākāpō Team Camp, Carey Park

**Friday 6 March:** NEST Consulting, Takahē Team

**Tuesday 10 March:** PhotoLife School photos; Girls' Smash Cricket HPPA

**Wednesday 11 March:** HPPA Cricket

**Thursday 19 March:** HPPA Swimming; Board meeting, 5.15pm

**Tuesday 24 March + Thursday 26 March:** Tūi Team trip to Botannic Gardens

**Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 March:** Takahē Team Camp, Tōtara Springs Christian Camp

**Monday 30 March:** Kea Team Fire-fighter visit

**Thursday 2 April:** PTN Non-Uniform Day; last day of Term 1



Happy Chinese New Year in the Year of the Horse!

Horses symbolise vitality, speed, perseverance, and success, and people born in 'horse years' are thought to be hardworking, warm-hearted, and independent.

# Checklist for Parents

## Swimming

The SwimGym swimming lessons are amazingly successful. Your children are receiving quality instruction in a safe environment. Please forward your \$45 contribution to these lessons as soon as possible, thanks so much.

- Bag, swim suit and towel, sunscreen
- Kindo \$45 (no refunds for a missed lesson)

Correct school uniform to/from school

<https://www.cocklebay.school.nz/uniform/>

## PTN News - Reminder!

Monday 23 February: 'Colour' Non-Uniform Day. Come to school dressed in your favourite colour and bring a cold coin.

## Health Needs

Inform the school office ([office@cocklebay.school.nz](mailto:office@cocklebay.school.nz))

For students with high needs, contact the LSL/SENCo [rochelle@cocklebay.school.nz](mailto:rochelle@cocklebay.school.nz)

## Arrival / Departure

- School starts at 8.45am and students should be arriving by 8.30am. From 8-8.15am early arrivers need to wait under the dome.
- School finishes 3pm. All students should go straight home. If waiting to be collected, they are advised to wait by the gate, and come to the office if not collected by 3.30pm. There is no supervision of playgrounds after school.
- For safety, please use the pedestrian crossings

## Trelawn Pedestrian Crossing

Can you help for 15 minutes either morning or afternoon? We need parent supervision and would greatly appreciate any offer. Please contact [office@cocklebay.school.nz](mailto:office@cocklebay.school.nz). Grateful thanks to those already involved, but we have gaps in the roster.

## Uniform Shop - Volunteers Needed

Looking for 2 more people to join our beautiful volunteer team at the uniform shop. We ask approximately 45 min of your time on a Monday from 8.15-9am once a month. If you are able to help please email [fieke006@hotmail.com](mailto:fieke006@hotmail.com)

## Seasons for Growth

Cockle Bay School is providing an in-school facilitator to run the Seasons for Growth programme for any students who have suffered, or are suffering from grief, loss or separation. This could be related to the passing of a loved one or a family pet, parents separating/divorcing, or the movement from one location to another (new school/new city/new country). Please email Rochelle Stansfield (LSL/SENCo) for further information for the Term 1, 2026 group.

## Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

**Friday 13 February:** Senior School Singing  
**Friday 20 February:** Junior Assembly (Weka Team)  
**Friday 27 February:** Senior Assembly (Takahē Team)  
**Friday 6 March:** Junior Assembly (Tūi Team)  
**Friday 13 March:** Senior Assembly (Kōtuku Team)  
**Friday 20 March:** Senior Assembly (Kākāpō Team)  
**Friday 27 March:** Junior assembly (Kea Team)  
**Friday 3 April:** No assembly (Good Friday)



## Kia Mataara!



## Safety at the School Gate



Please use the crossing where available.



Drivers please park legally to ensure visibility for our children.



Children are unpredictable, slow down, be aware and prepare to stop.



You must stop and give way to pedestrians at crossings.

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone.

Parking correctly helps everyone stay safe. Thank you for doing your part!



## Kia Mataara!

## Help keep our children safe

Before and after school is a busy time for everyone.

Please consider others around you when deciding where to park.

Parking correctly helps everyone stay safe. Thank you for doing your part!

• Parked on a broken yellow line	\$100
• Parked on a footpath	\$70
• Parked across or within 1m of a driveway	\$70
• Parked within 6m of a bus stop sign	\$70
• Parked within a marked bus stop	\$100
• Parked within 0.5m of a fire hydrant	\$70
• Parked within a designated bus lane, transit or cycle lane	\$100
• Parked on a clearway	\$100
• Double parked	\$100
• Inconsiderate parking to other road users, including pedestrians	\$100
• Parked on or within 6m of an intersection	\$100
• Parked on or within 6m of the approach to a pedestrian crossing	\$100







COCKLE BAY SCHOOL

**NON UNIFORM DAY!**

**Monday  
23rd February**

**Come to school dressed  
in your craziest and  
most brightest colours**

*Gold coin or donation can be made on KINDO*



**Because life's busy - we make care easy!**

## WE OFFER:

- Before, After Care & Holiday Programmes
- Fun, caring and safe environment
- Healthy breakfast and afternoon tea
- Various activities – arts and crafts, sports, cooking and baking.
- Help with homework
- Experienced and caring staff
- WINZ subsidies available

**BOOKINGS  
OPEN NOW**

[www.bizzybodz.co.nz](http://www.bizzybodz.co.nz)  
09 530 9020



# JOIN NETBALL TODAY!

**Have fun, make friends, and learn  
new skills!**

### FutureFERNs!

Open to Years 1 - 6!  
All skill levels welcome,  
no experience needed!  
Tuesday afternoons  
Scan here for more info!



### Saturday Netball

Open to Years 3 and up!  
Season begins in May  
14 Affiliated clubs to  
choose from!  
Scan here for more info!



Macleans College

**Become a home away from home**

Welcome an international student from Macleans College.



### What's needed

- A comfortable bedroom
- Daily meals
- A warm, supportive home

**Reimbursement:**  
\$380 per week (tax free)

Macleans College is inviting local families from Howick, Cockle Bay and Mellons Bay to host International students from around the world - France, Germany, Brazil, Italy, China, Japan, Korea, and more!

By becoming a homestay family, you will:

- Share Kiwi culture and everyday life
- Learn about another country and culture
- Build lasting friendships

### Interested?

Contact Antoinette Galloway directly via phone:  
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[antoinette.galloway@macleans.school.nz](mailto:antoinette.galloway@macleans.school.nz)