



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



Term Dates

Kia ora Koutou

Welcome to the 2026 school year, both to those students and families returning, and to those who are new and joining us for the first time. We hope everyone will find their association with Cockle Bay School to be positive. Already most families have met their child/children's teachers. If you were unable to attend the 'Getting to know your Child' conferences, please urgently arrange a time/s that suits.

Teachers have been busy last week, engaging in professional development, meetings and reading school data about students in their class. They have already worked to get their classrooms ready for day one, and have planned learning programmes for the term. On the first days of school, they will be ready to support those students who are feeling nervous, and help them settle in and make new friends in their class. New students will be buddied up with peers to help them make connections and learn how things work at our school. Parents play an important role in helping their child/children's transition into the new school year and new class. Listening to children's concerns, and being positive in your responses, is a good tactic. You might remind your child about what they liked at school last year and what they are looking forward to this year. Showing trust in your child's class teacher is important. Please try not to ask leading questions that reinforce your child's fears. Helping children to get enough sleep is also important. Over the holidays they may have been going to bed late, and getting back to normal bedtimes this week would help with routines. If you seek extra support in getting your child into school, please contact the SENCo (rochelle@cocklebay.school.nz), school office, class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Daily attendance is a national priority in 2026, and more about this will follow in subsequent newsletters. Students are expected to arrive/leave school in the correct school uniform (please check the website especially for shoes). Sun-hats are important this term. Please name them clearly. Children are advised to wear sunscreen to school. Smartwatches are not to be worn at school and mobile phones cannot be used by students during the school day.

Swimming this term is different. It is a trial, to improve safety and tuition. All parents should have given permission for their child/children to participate already, and we ask you to contribute \$45 towards costs this week or as soon as possible please. Swimming will start in Week 2 and swimming days vary, so teachers will inform you when these happen for their class. Students will need a swimming bag, towel, and togs. Kindly contact a member of the leadership team if you have any concerns or questions.

Team leaders will be sending home a newsletter this week, with further information about team programmes. The school newsletter is sent home on alternate Wednesdays. Other information is shared as needed. Please take the time to read our communications so you are up to date with what is happening. We hope that everyone in our school community will join in the various activities and events provided at Cockle Bay School. This is a good way to develop positive home-school relationships that foster mutual understanding, and is also a great opportunity to make new friends.

Ngā mihi nui
Dorothy Digwood

Monday 2 February: schools starts for 2026

Friday 6 February 2026: Waitangi Day (school closed)

Thursday 2 April: last day of school for term 1

Term 1 - Important Dates

Wednesday 18 February: HPPA Softball

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

STAFF LIST 2026

Year 6 – Takahē

Room 11 Mrs Vicky Warner (Team Leader)
Room 12 Miss Nina Woodhall
Room 13 Mr Brendan Jones
Room 14 Mr Matthew Cheung
Room 15 Mrs Rachel Doeg/Mrs Jo Curwood

Year 5 – Kākāpō

Room 7 Ms Winnie Liesenfeld
Room 8 Miss Liz Hewlett (Team Leader)
Room 16 Miss Lucy Ginn
Room 17 Mrs Amber May/Mrs Vanessa Childs

Year 4 – Kōtuku

Room 2 Mrs Rebecca Barton Y3/4
Room 3 Mrs Sanober Saher
Room 5 Miss Sian Stephens
Room 6 Mrs Mellini Pillay (Team Leader)
Room 9 Miss Kirsten Schruer
Room 10 Mrs Nicole Cork

Year 3 – Weka

Room 1 Mrs Elissa McGregor (Team Leader)
Room 18 Mrs Bronwynn Bull
Room 19 Miss Louise Parker
Room 20 Miss Courtney Chellev

Year 2 – Tūi

Room 21 Miss Madeline Henty
Room 22 Mrs Sue Harder/Mrs Laura Edgar
Room 23 Mrs Lisa Carroll
Room 24 Mrs Shorelle Adams
Room 25 Mrs Catherine Dennis (Team Leader)

Year 1 – Kea

Room 26 Mrs Hayley Sanileva (Team Leader)
Room 27 Mrs Tanya Roux
Room 28 Mrs Emma Forbes/Mrs Lisa Burns
Room 29 Mrs Tayla Nankivell
Room 30 Miss Michaela Wallwork

Specialist Teachers

Mandy Fischer - P.E.
Laura Prickett - Music
Bridget Bear - Science
Hollie Burgess - Junior Art

Part-Time Teachers

Katrina Robinson
Lisa Banfield
Krystle Hubers
Hayley Russell
Tarah Holmes

Office/Admin Team:

Ginny Gartland (Principal's PA)
Lisa Anson, Merle Campbell (office), Dale Manson (H&S)
Liz Jones (Library), Daniel Wang (I.T.)
Nick Want, Colin Blake (Caretakers)

Learning Support:

Rochelle Stansfield: Learning Support Leader /SENCo
Andrea Nathan-Welch: Learning Support Co-ordinator
Alisha Coleman: Kiwi Team Leader; Literacy Support Teacher
Ivy Narot: Maths Acceleration Teacher

LSAs: Sepa Clark, Rachel Snooks, Katarina Unkovich, Kate Steadman, Annabelle Harrison, Naz Lawyer, Ashlee Simon, Faith Wood, Kate Standen, Brooke Stansfield, Roselyne Swart, Anna Harder, Kate Yee, Phoebe Zong, Addison Doeg, Jeanette Taylor, Sue Josephson

Specialist Team 2026



Mrs Fischer PE & Health

My aim is to provide a range of learning opportunities for all students - where they have fun and feel included. Students learn ways to be a good team player, grow a positive mindset around regular physical activity, and develop a wide range of movement skills. This is my 9th year at CBS, in the Junior school prior, and have taught in early childhood and high school PE and Health.



Mrs Bear Science

Science is 'hands-on' with a strong focus on science investigations that are relevant for everyday life. Experiments are linked to topical subjects such as Sea Week and Mothers Day, team themes, Maths and Literacy where practical. Before specialising, I was a classroom teacher at CBS for 20 years, and am relishing this opportunity to impart my knowledge and passion for Science to students at Cockle Bay.



Mrs Burgess Junior Art

Junior Art gives every child a chance to feel confident exploring their creativity. I strive to design lessons that are engaging, enjoyable and full of energy, encouraging tamariki to express themselves freely while developing their artistic skills. By introducing a variety of techniques, materials, and tools, I aim to help students build a strong foundation in art while discovering new ways to create.



Mrs Prickett Music

CBS has a well-resourced music room to enable our students to create and write music. I enjoy connecting with music through musical theatre and choral singing, along with playing the flute and learning the Ukulele. I have worked in Primary and High School music settings for 16 years, along with leading community music and theatre groups; it will be a pleasure to work with my new community in the role of Music Specialist.

Staff News for 2026

Welcome to New Staff

Welcome to the following new staff:

Laura Prickett - Music teacher

Andrea Nathan-Welch - Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC)

Tanya Roux - Room 27, Year 1

Liz Hewlett - Team Leader Kākāpō Team, Room 8, Year 4

Kirsten Schruer - Room 9, Year 4

Nicole Cork - Room 10, Year 4

Welcome back to Miss Sian Stephens who is teaching Year 4, Room 5.

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Miss Louise Parker who celebrated her wedding over the holidays and is now Mrs Patterson. We are thrilled for her and wish to share our congratulations.

Over the holidays we farewelled Mrs Sandra Meyer, who has taken on a new role as Learning Support Co-ordinator at Beachlands School. Mrs Meyer was a valued member of the Cockle Bay teaching staff for 9 years and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Nicole de Beer, who had worked in the office during 2025, left during the school holidays. A huge thanks to Nicole for all of her hard work supporting staff, students and, in particular, First Aid.

Checklist for Parents

Swimming

- Permission - tick all boxes [LINK HERE](#)
- 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/>

Health Needs

Inform the school office (office@cocklebay.school.nz)

For students with high needs, contact the LSL/SENCo

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. 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 approximitly 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

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)



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!				
<div>Monday 22nd Dec</div> <div>Summer Splash</div> <div>Bring your togs, 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!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Tuesday 23rd Dec</div> <div>Kids Choice</div> <div>It's kids' choice today! We will have plenty of games and activities for you to choose from.</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Wednesday 24th Dec</div> <div>Festive Fun</div> <div>It's almost Christmas! Join us for a magical evening of festive fun as we count down to the big day. Programme closes at 1pm.</div> <div>ONSITE \$30.00</div>	<div>Friday 19th Dec</div> <div>Xmas Party</div> <div>Get into the festive spirit with a party day of Christmas fun! Wear your favourite Christmas outfit and join us for a day full of music, laughter, generosity, and festive cheer!</div> <div>ONSITE \$42.00</div>	
<div>On Wednesday 24th December the programme will close at 1pm. We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!</div>				
<div>January 2026</div>				
<div>Monday 5th Jan</div> <div>2026!</div> <div>New Year, new vibes and non-stop holiday fun! We're celebrating the start of 2026 with exciting games, creative crafts, and plenty of laughs!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Tuesday 6th Jan</div> <div>Messy Play</div> <div>Come along for some messy fun with slime, paint and playdough. Make sure you wear clothes that can handle a little chaos.</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Wednesday 7th Jan</div> <div>Wacky Wheels</div> <div>Bring along your bike, scooter or skateboard, and join us for some wheel challenges. NO HELMETS! NO BELL! Safety first so we can enjoy the ride all day long!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Thursday 8th Jan</div> <div>Tie Dye</div> <div>Join us for a vibrant day of tie dye fun where you'll create your very own masterpieces. Don't forget to wear old clothes - things are about to get colourful!</div> <div>ONSITE \$45.00</div>	<div>Friday 9th Jan</div> <div>Water Wars</div> <div>Bring your togs, towel and water gun! Can you win the water war? Bring an ice block to melt off afterwards!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>
<div>Monday 12th Jan</div> <div>Crazy Carnival</div> <div>Step right up for a day packed with classic games and challenges. Don't miss the music, laughter, and prizes going to be a blast!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Tuesday 13th Jan</div> <div>Wet'n'Wild</div> <div>Today it's all about water fun with wild games and water play. Don't forget to bring your togs and a towel - you're going to get soaked!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Wednesday 14th Jan</div> <div>Drum Nuts</div> <div>Get ready to feel the beat! The awesome team from COCZY will join us today for a hands-on drumming workshop. It's going to be loud, fun, and full of energy!</div> <div>ONSITE TRIP \$48.00</div>	<div>Thursday 15th Jan</div> <div>Beach Day</div> <div>We are off to Manurewa Beach! Join us for our sandcastle competition, beach games and a dip in the ocean!</div> <div>TRIP \$50.00</div>	<div>Friday 16th Jan</div> <div>PJ Party</div> <div>Come in your comfort pajamas for a day full of relaxing games, movies, cozy crafts, and tasty treats. Bring a pillow or cuddly toy and get ready to chill in style!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>
<div>Monday 19th Jan</div> <div>Treasure Hunt</div> <div>Aha! Adventure! Get ready to follow clues and explore as our thrilling treasure hunt programme marks the spot - will you find the treasure?</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Tuesday 20th Jan</div> <div>Mad Hatter's</div> <div>Tumble down the rabbit hole for a day of topically fun! Wear your wildest hat and join us for games, crafts, mad games, and a not so ordinary tea party.</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Wednesday 21st Jan</div> <div>Nerf Wars</div> <div>Are you ready for the showdown of the holidays? The Party of Nerf Wars will bring the ultimate Nerf Wars experience to our grounds. We'll provide the gear you need to bring the war!</div> <div>ONSITE TRIP \$48.00</div>	<div>Thursday 22nd Jan</div> <div>Movies</div> <div>Get ready for a fun-filled trip to Hout Bay! Go back, relax and enjoy The Grand Prix of Europe. Limited spaces available.</div> <div>TRIP \$50.00</div>	<div>Friday 23rd Jan</div> <div>Wipeout</div> <div>Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games and activities to keep you cool! Bring your togs, a towel and water soldiers if you have them.</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>
<div>Monday 26th Jan</div> <div>Auckland Anniversary Day</div> <div>No programme available</div>	<div>Tuesday 27th Jan</div> <div>Market Day</div> <div>Work as a team to create a funhouse product to sell at our Bizzy Bodz Market. Get ready to barter with your customers!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Wednesday 28th Jan</div> <div>Bubble Mania</div> <div>Today we'll be making our own bubble water, creating giant bubbles, and enjoying all sorts of bubbly activities. It's going to be a day that truly bubbles!</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>	<div>Thursday 29th Jan</div> <div>Park Picnic</div> <div>Let's go to Howick! Onward for a day with exciting games, fun with friends and some picnic treats. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and big smile!</div> <div>TRIP \$50.00</div>	<div>Friday 30th Jan</div> <div>Karaoke Party</div> <div>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.</div> <div>ONSITE \$40.00</div>

BK1 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 Teotihuacan. Designed especially for kids seeking 10-13 year olds. Children must be at least 120cm or taller to climb, weigh less than 120kg and wear closed in shoes. Drop off and Pick up at Cockle Bay School Only.

TRIP \$40.00

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)