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Ko ngā tamariki me a rāatou ako kei te ngākau o ngā mihi

## From the desk of Mrs Bigwood



## Term Dates

**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 Botanic Gardens

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

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 Bigwood

**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 Chellew

**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](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

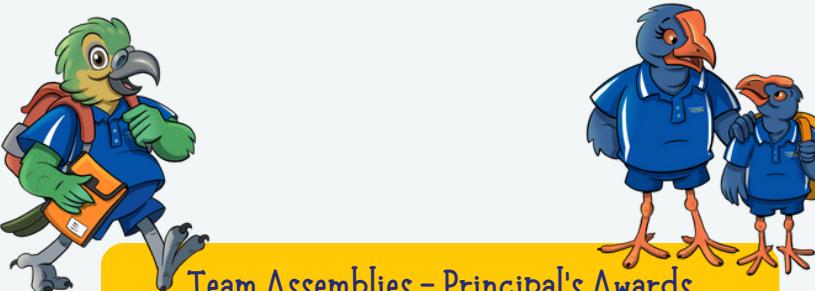
Can you help for 15 minutes either morning or afternoon? We need parent supervision and would greatly appreciate any offer. Please contact [office@cocklebay.school.nz](mailto:office@cocklebay.school.nz). Grateful thanks to those already involved, but we have gaps in the roster.

## 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 (Tūī 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@bizzibodz.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!				
<b>Monday 22nd Dec Summer Splash</b> Bring your swimsuit and a big smile. It's time for some fun in the sun with water balloons to games, this day is packed with activities and there's time to miss. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Tuesday 23rd Dec Kids Choice</b> It's kids' choice today! We will have plenty of time and space for you to choose from. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Wednesday 24th Dec Festive Fun</b> It's almost Christmas! Join us for wacky games, lots of festive fun as we count down to the big day. Programme prices \$10.00 ONSITE \$30.00	<b>On Wednesday 24th December the programme will close at 1pm.</b> <b>We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas &amp; a Happy New Year!</b>	<b>Friday 19th Dec Xmas Party</b> Get into the festive spirit with a jolly day of Christmas fun. Enjoy your favourite Christmas outfit and bring along a gift. Music, laughter, creativity, and lots of fun. ONSITE \$42.00
<b>January 2026</b>				
<b>Monday 5th Jan 2026!</b> New Year, new robes and non-stop holiday fun! We're kicking off the start of 2026 with lots of exciting games, creative crafts and lots of laughs. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Tuesday 6th Jan Messy Play</b> Come along for some messy fun with paint and balloons. Come along and bring your wear clothes that can handle a little chaos. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Wednesday 7th Jan Wacky Wheels</b> Bring along your bike, scooter or skateboard, and join us for wacky games, lots of fun and lots of NO WHEELS! Safety first so we can have lots of fun now! ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Thursday 8th Jan Tie Dye</b> Join us for a vibrant day of tie dye fun where you'll create your very own tie dye t-shirt. Don't forget to wear old clothes as you won't get colourfull. ONSITE \$45.00	<b>Friday 9th Jan Water Wars</b> Bring your frogs, towels and water guns as you win the water war! Enjoy an ice cold drink afterwards. ONSITE \$40.00
<b>Monday 12th Jan Crazy Carnival</b> Step right up for a day packed with crazy games and challenges. Come along and have a howl, fun's going to be a blast! ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Tuesday 13th Jan Wet'n'Wild</b> Today is all about water fun with wild games and water play. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit and come along for a day of fun. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Wednesday 14th Jan Drum Nuts</b> Get ready to feel the beat! The awesome team at Bizzibodz will join us today for hand drumming workshop. It's going to be a day full of energy! ONSITE TRIP \$45.00	<b>Thursday 15th Jan Beach Day</b> We are off to Manurewa Beach! Join us for some sandcastle building, beach games and a dip in the ocean. ONSITE TRIP \$50.00	<b>Friday 16th Jan PJ Party</b> Come in your comfiest pyjamas for a day full of relaxing games, movie time and many treats. Bring a pillow or sleeping bag if you have one to chill out in style! ONSITE \$40.00
<b>Monday 19th Jan Treasure Hunt</b> Adventurous? Get ready to follow a trail and explore in our treasure hunt! You will need to find items at program x marks and the spot where the treasure is. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Tuesday 20th Jan Mad Hatter's</b> Tumble down the rabbit hole for a day of topsy-turvy fun! You will need to put on your hat and join us for curious crafts, mad science and lots of fun. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Wednesday 21st Jan Nerf Wars</b> Are you ready for the shenanigans of the holidays? This year's Nerf Wars will bring the ultimate Nerf Wars experience to you. Let's bring out the bows and arrows and bring on the energy! ONSITE TRIP \$45.00	<b>Thursday 22nd Jan Movies</b> Get ready for a fun-filled trip to the movies! Join us for a day of fun, exciting games and lots of friends and some popcorn. Bring your hat, suncream and big smile. ONSITE TRIP \$50.00	<b>Friday 23rd Jan Wipeout</b> Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games, inflatables and lots of fun. Don't forget to bring your goggles, a towel and a change of clothes. ONSITE \$40.00
<b>Monday 24th Jan Auckland Anniversary Day</b> No programme available	<b>Tuesday 25th Jan Market Day</b> Work as a team to create a fun new product to 'sell' to the market. You will need to come along in the afternoon. ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Wednesday 26th Jan Bubble Mania</b> Today we'll be making our own bubble wands, creating lots of bubbles and exploring all sorts of bubble fun that's really poppable! ONSITE \$40.00	<b>Thursday 27th Jan Park Picnic</b> Let's go to Howick Domain for a day of fun, exciting games and lots of friends and some picnic fun. Bring your hat, suncream and big smile. ONSITE TRIP \$50.00	<b>Friday 30th Jan Karaoke Party</b> It's time for our Karaoke Party! This is your chance to grab the mic, sing along and have fun. Enjoy a day full of music, singing and great vibes. ONSITE \$40.00

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

Get ready for an action packed day of the Wero Adventure Course! Located in the Wero Valley, this is a great day out for students seeking 10-13 year olds! Children must be at least 125cm or taller to climb, weigh less than 120kg and wear closed in shoes. Drop off and pick up is at Cockle Bay School Only.

TRIP \$60.00

**Book online now!**  
[enrolmy.com/bizzibodz](http://enrolmy.com/bizzibodz)  
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



## How to book

**Booking with WINZ**  
We're excited to announce that our new Bizzibodz site is now live on [enrolmy.com/bizzibodz](http://enrolmy.com/bizzibodz). 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 can be made on or before the day of the booking 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)

