



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



Kia ora Koutou

We Have A Heated Swimming Pool!

Very exciting news! Our swimming pool is now fully heated, and on Tuesday before school the water was 29 degrees! This means that children will be comfortable in the water as they continue their swimming lessons. It is a significant financial investment in support of our new swimming programme.

Swimming lessons are a joy to watch, full of action, fun and learning. SwimGym teachers are patient and positive, focussing on technique, confidence, and water safety skills. Additional staffing has been allocated to safety at the pool. We have two instructors, the classroom teacher and a learning support assistant. Additional LSAs support individual students if needed.

All of this has been funded by the school as a trial, in the hope that parents will contribute financially. We still seek a contribution from families of \$45 per student. This contribution is covering 12 x 30 minute high quality, professionally led swimming lessons, equating to a cost of just \$3.75 per lesson. Your financial support is greatly appreciated, as it will mean that we can continue to provide a high level swimming and water safety programme.

If you have overlooked your contribution of \$45, or wondered if it was too cold, please re-consider. Payment can be made at the school office or on Kindo. We hope to continue this programme into the future, and have invested in heating the pool well, but the school needs a high level of parent contributions for the swimming lessons.

Thank you so much!
Ngā mihi nui
Dorothy Bigwood



COLOUR RUN 2026!

A message from the PTN:

Our community is incredible!

With so many children already signed up, we're in a great position to make a real impact. If families that haven't fundraised yet are able to collect even a small amount in donations over the next few days, it all adds up quickly, just \$10-\$20 each could mean thousands more raised.

Of course participation is what matters most and we're so proud of every child involved. This is just a gentle nudge if you've been meaning to share your fundraising page but haven't yet.

Fundraising closes on Thursday 26th March.

Thank you for being part of the Cockle Bay School 2026 Colour Run.

Term Dates

Thursday 2 April: last day of school for term 1

Monday 20 April: Beginning of Term 2

Friday 22 May: Teacher Only Day

Monday 25 May: Kings Birthday

Term 1 - Important Dates

Wednesday 18 March: PTN Meeting
7.30pm

Thursday 19 March: HPPA Swimming;

Thursday 19 March: Board meeting,
5.15pm

Friday 20 March: PTN Colour Run, 1-3pm

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

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

Monday 30 March: Year 1 Kea Team Fire
Brigade visits school

Thursday 2 April: End of term - school
closed at normal time of 3pm.

School Holidays (includes Easter):
(Good Friday) Friday 3 April until Friday
17 April

School re-opens for Term 2 on Monday
20 April.

Checklist for Parents

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our website shows the school's Attendance Management Plan.

Teachers are asked at this time in the term to contact parents where student attendance is starting to be a concern. We understand that students who are sick or contagious should stay home, but otherwise all students are expected to attend school daily. Taking a day off each week or fortnight impacts on learning.

How Absences Add Up Over Time

- Monthly/Yearly: Missing 2 days per month adds up to approximately 20 days per year.
- Primary School: Missing one day per week (approximately 40 days/year) equals over 5 months of missed learning over 8 years of primary/intermediate school
- Long-Term Impact: By the end of secondary school, missing just two days per month can accumulate to over an entire year of lost schooling

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school, please contact us so that we find some solutions together.

Before School

It is recommended that students come to school by 8.30am, so that they have walked in and got ready for the day by 8.45am when school starts.

Parking outside the school is very difficult, so allowing sufficient time in the morning sets your child/children up for a good day.

After School

Students are asked to go straight home after school unless being actively supervised by their own parent(s).

Students waiting to be collected by a parent should wait/play inside the school gate so they can see when you arrive. Please collect your child/children by 3.30pm at the very latest.

There are no duty teachers rostered to supervise play and keep students safe after school, so please consider Bizzy Bodz child care if you struggle to collect your child/children on time.



Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

- Friday 20 March: Senior Assembly (Kākāpō Team)
- Friday 27 March: Junior assembly (Kea Team)
- Friday 3 April: No assembly (Good Friday)



Bizzy Bodz

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
09 530 9020



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 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

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



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)

2nd hand Uniform Winter Sale

Under the dome

Friday 27th of March 2.30 - 3.30 pm

Buy a fleece for only \$5!

COME AND JOIN US!

FOR MORE INFO, ASK AT THE OFFICE