



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

**Friday 29 May:** Teacher Only Day (school closed)

**Thursday 2 July:** End of Term 2, finish at 3:00pm

**Friday 3 July:** Teacher Only Day (school closed)

## Term 2 - Important Dates

**Friday 8 May:** Book Character Parade

**Tuesday 12 May & Wednesday 13 May**  
Tūi Year 2 Kelly Tarlton's Trip

**Wednesday 13 May**  
Kākāpō Year 5 Stardome Trip

**Thursday 14 May:** National Young Leaders' Day

**Friday 15 May:** Pink Shirt Day

**Friday 15 May:** HPPA Dodgeball

**Sunday 17 May:** Barbarians Fun Rugby Day

**Wednesday 20 & 27 May:** HPPA Girls' Soccer

**Friday 22 May:** HPPA Rugby

**Monday 24 - Friday 28 May:** Education Review  
Officers (ERO) at Cockle Bay School

**Friday 29 May:** Teacher Only Day (school closed)

**Monday 1 June:** Kings Birthday (school closed)

**Tuesday 2 June:** Whānau Hui

**Wednesday 3 June:** HPPA Hockey

**Friday 5 June:** HPPA Rugby Interschool

**Wednesday 10 June:** HPPA Rugby League

**Friday 12 June:** HPPA Rugby Interschool

**Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 June:**  
Takahē Year 6 Maritime Museum Trip

Tēnā koutou katoa,

### Pink Shirt Day Friday 15 May: Promoting Kindness at Our School

NZ's Pink Shirt Day is next week Friday 15 May. If you would like to support Pink Shirt Day, your child is welcome to wear something pink (or red/orange) to school on Friday 15 May. School uniform is not needed.

Our school will be recognising Pink Shirt Day as part of our ongoing PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus. This provides a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on how we treat one another and to strengthen the positive, inclusive culture we are building together here at school. Pink Shirt Day began in Canada when two students stood up against bullying by wearing pink in support of a peer who had been targeted. What started as a small act of kindness, has grown into a global movement, reminding us all of the power of standing together and choosing respect.

At our school, we will be using this day—and the learning around it—to explore what kindness looks like in action. In classrooms, students will be engaging in discussions and activities that encourage empathy, inclusion, and positive relationships. This work strongly connects to our 4 Cs:

- **Caring** – showing kindness, empathy, and respect for others
- **Collaboration** – working together and supporting one another
- **Continuous Improvement** – reflecting on our actions and striving to be better each day
- **Communication** – using our words thoughtfully to uplift and include others

By focusing on these values, we aim to empower our students to be upstanders—people who speak up, include others, and contribute to a safe and supportive environment for all.

We encourage students to wear pink as a symbol of their commitment to kindness and inclusion. Together, we can continue to create a school community where everyone feels valued, respected, and proud to belong. Parents can help us by teaching their children to consider how their actions might affect others and how to care for all.

All students at school are encouraged to manage minor difficulties independently, using the school's Wheel of Choice. For more challenging situations, teachers are there to help students. Parents are encouraged to let teachers know if their child has a problem that needs adult support.

Ngā mihi  
Dorothy Bigwood

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This improvement from 79% in term 4 is fantastic and is a real celebration of our community's commitment to the importance of their children's education and social development. As well, 96% of students are arriving on time regularly.

At Cockle Bay School the main reasons given for absences are illness and medical absences. The next main reason is holidays. Please be aware that the Ministry of Education advises that holidays during term time are not acceptable. I understand that connecting with relatives overseas can be very important to families, but ask you to plan other holidays for school breaks if at all possible.

### Attendance

#### Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

86%



## Cockle Bay School Book Week 2026



A huge thanks to all of our visiting authors this week:

Brian Falkner

Leonie Agnew

Sally Sutton

Vanessa Hatley-Owen

John Carr



Our students have had wonderful experiences, through the lens of published (local) authors, learning about the process that writers go through to become published authors. There have been opportunities for some students to be part of writers' workshops with three of the authors, we have had buddy reading teacher swaps, a huge buddy 'reading picnic' on the field and much, much more!

A reminder that we have our annual Book Character Parade this Friday 8 May - please help your child/ren to come dressed as their favourite character.

Also, remember that the Scholastic Book Fair is open until Friday this week so you are welcome to bring your child/ren to see the books on sale.

## Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

**Friday 8 May:** Book Character Parade (whole school)

**Friday 15 May:** Senior Assembly (Takahē Team)

**Friday 22 May:** Junior assembly (Tūi Team)

**Friday 29 May:** No assembly (Teacher Only Day)

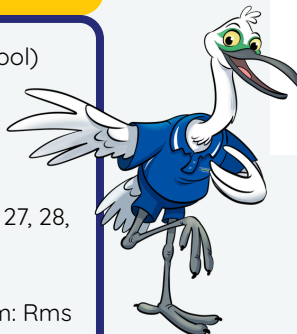
**Friday 5 June:** Senior Assembly (Kōtuku Team)

**Friday 12 June:** Junior assembly (Kea Team: Rms 27, 28, 29)

**Friday 19 June:** Senior Assembly (Kākāpō Team)

**Friday 26 June:** Junior assembly (Kea + Kiwi Team: Rms 26, 30, 31)

**Friday 2 July:** no assembly (Teacher Only Day)



## Staff News

Friday is Mrs Pillay's last day at CBS. We wish you all the best in your exciting new career. You are a very valued staff member and we thank you for your many contributions here at CBS.

Welcome to Ms Wilson who joins Room 6 on Monday.

Miss Henty is now on maternity leave, and we will be waiting for exciting news! We wish you well, and thank you for all your work here at CBS. Welcome again Mr Jenns, I hope you are enjoying Room 21 children and our school.



## Teacher Only Day

FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026  
COCKLE BAY SCHOOL

We will be running a full day programme from  
7.00am - 6.00pm

Main Programme: 8.30am - 3.00pm \$42.00  
Before & Aftercare available

Join us for a day full of fun activities, games,  
crafts and sports!

To book, visit our website:  
[enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz](http://enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz)

Head Office: 09 530 9020 [admin@bizzybodz.co.nz](mailto:admin@bizzybodz.co.nz)

### 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/bizzybodz](http://enrolmy.com/bizzybodz). 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)