



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 - 17 June 2026



## Term Dates

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

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

**Monday 20 July:** Term 3 Starts

## Term 2 - Important Dates

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

**Monday 22 June -** Eco Warriors Interschool Planting Day

**Wednesday 24 + Thursday 25 June:** HPPA competitive soccer days

**Thursday 2 July:** Last day of Term 2

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

## Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

**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)



Kia ora whānau/parents,

### Māori Whānau Hui

We had a wonderful turn out for our Māori Whanau Hui on Monday, 15th June. The highlight was our students' performance as part of the kapa haka roopu - it was a real celebration of their commitment and determination this year.

After the performance, we shared food together and while the students were involved in ngā takaro (adaptations of traditional Maori games) led by student leaders, the adults discussed:

- Guidelines for Healthy Eating and Wellbeing. [Check out the video series](#) shared
- School Strategic Plan,
- A kapa haka update, and
- Maori akonga voice survey

We received incredibly heartening feedback affirming that Cockle Bay School is a safe, welcoming space where our students feel proud and comfortable exploring their cultures.

Our whānau also shared valuable insights on how we can continue to grow. There is a strong, shared belief that deeply understanding our students' lives outside of school is key to their success. We completely agree. Moving forward, we are committed to finding new, meaningful ways to partner with our families, bridge our environments, and ensure every whānau feels actively supported in their child's learning journey.

Thank you to everyone who shared their voice to help us shape an even stronger, more connected school community!

### PT.N. AGM and Executive Positions available: PTN AGM - Wednesday 29 July at 7:30pm

We warmly invite all parents and caregivers to join us for the upcoming PTN AGM on Wednesday 29 July at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Whether you are a familiar face or attending for the first time, we would love to see you there. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other members of our school community, hear about current fundraising initiatives, and share fresh ideas that could make a positive impact at Cockle Bay School.

As part of the AGM, we will also be voting in the PTN Executive Team for the coming year. We welcome expressions of interest for the following positions:

- \* Chairperson
- \* Deputy Chairperson

Joining the PTN Executive Team is a rewarding way to contribute to our school community, meet new people, and help support exciting opportunities for our students. Regardless of your background or experience, we encourage anyone interested to consider putting themselves forward.

If you would like to apply for one of these roles, please contact Dorothy Bigwood either in person or via email - [principal@cocklebay.school.nz](mailto:principal@cocklebay.school.nz) including a brief outline of your relevant experience.

Applications close Friday 17 July.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ngā mihi nui  
Dorothy Bigwood



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Winter bugs

Cockle Bay School is proud of its improved student attendance and hope this continues.

Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school can be challenging. Mild symptoms can be caused by a condition or reaction rather than an infectious illness e.g. hay fever and allergies, and non-infectious skin problems. A child with these symptoms is likely to still be able to attend school. However, if a child's symptoms become worse or more frequent, they most likely need to be kept at home and may need to visit a doctor.

Please keep a child at home if they have fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, a sore throat, or fresh school sores or other infections. These are all contagious.

There are simple things you can do to stop the spread of infectious diseases and illnesses at home, school and work.

### These include:

- immunise against infectious diseases
- keep hands clean
- stay at home when sick
- wear a face mask
- cover coughs and sneezes
- improve ventilation
- keep household surfaces clean.



Please consider immunisation as a way of protecting your child/children and our community. You are encouraged to consult your medical professional to find out more about what immunisations are recommended for you and your children.



## Class Councillor News



The class councillors have organised two special days before the end of term:

### PJ Day - Friday 26 June

In support of the 'Kidz First - Jammies for June' drive, we invite all students to wear their pajamas to school on Friday, 26th June. While a donation is not required to participate, any contributions of new pajamas brought to the office or donations made via Kindo would be greatly appreciated.

### Book Swap Day - Wednesday 1st July

Get ready for our upcoming Book Swap Day! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to refresh their bookshelves and find an exciting "new" read just in time for the school holidays.

How it works:

- Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 1st July: Students can drop off one pre-loved book from home to the library before school starts. We kindly ask that books are in good to perfect condition.
- On the Day (Wednesday 1st July): All classes will get a chance to visit the library to browse and explore the books. Every student will get to explore the collection and choose an exciting "new-to-them" story to take home for their holiday reading!



## Santa Parade

Cockle Bay School has received its magnificent silver cup in recognition of the 2025 Howick Santa Parade. We will show it to our students at the next Monday assembly. The Howick Santa Parade organisers thank us for supporting their day. Huge thanks goes to Mrs Barton who led making the float, helped by Mrs Hubers and Mrs Burgess.

If you would like to be involved in the 2026 Santa Parade float, please let the school office know. We cannot do this without parent help!

## Considerate Parking Please...

Neighbours of the school are frustrated by cars parked over their driveways and on corners. This stretches all the way from Litten to Bert Wilson, along Sandspit, down Trelawn and along Alexander. The Litten Road Shops request that their carpark is not used to drop off/collect students. This affects their business.

Drivers, please be mindful of the Road Code expectations and be considerate of our school neighbours. Infringement notices are given out, and the public can report drivers themselves.



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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).