



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 - 20 July 2026



Term Dates

Monday 20 July: Term 3 Starts

Friday 25 September: End of Term 3 - 3.00pm

Monday 12 October: Term 4 starts

Tuesday 15 December: End of Term 4

Term 3 - Important Dates

Tuesday 21 July: Year 3-6 Cross Country

Wednesday 22 July: Year 1 Musical Instrument Show

Thursday 23 July: Cross Country Saving Day

Saturday 25 July: P.T.N. Parent Night

Monday 27 July: Year 6 MOTAT visit at CBS

Tuesday 28 July: Year 6 MOTAT visit at CBS

Tuesday 28 July: Year 3 at MOTAT

Wednesday 29 July: HPPA Dance Festival at Somerville Int (organised by Cockle Bay)

Thursday 30 July: Year 4 at MOTAT
Year 2 at Stardome

Week beginning 3 August: ICAS starts

Thursday 6 August: Conferences
School Closes 2pm (lunch 11.30 - 12 noon)



Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to our winter term. Over the holidays, I hope children had a good break and have returned to school rested, well and keen to catch up with friends. Teachers have planned for an interesting term of learning, and team leaders will be sending home details in team newsletters.

Parent / Teacher Conferences: Thursday 6 August 2-8pm

We hope that all parents will book and attend a conference. This is a valuable opportunity to set goals together and learn more about how you can support your child's progress. You may be interested in the [MOE Parent Portal](https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/qny5d) which gives guidance for parents around the curriculum, reporting and how they can help at home.

Conference times are booked online and will be open for bookings today.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/qny5d>

Bookings close at 9.00am, Thursday 6 August, 2026.



School closes at 2pm on Thursday 6 August.

Please note that school will close at 2pm on this day, and all children will need to be collected/go home at this time. Our lunch time will be 11.30am - 12 noon on this day. Bizzy Bodz can be booked if you need supervision.

School News

Staff Changes

A warm welcome back is extended to all staff, and in particular the following changes:

- As already announced, Mandy Fischer's last day is 31 July, and we wish her well as she approaches motherhood. Krystle Hubers will lead school sport and teach Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Jessie Borrie will teach sport on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Sharon Billington will teach Dance & Drama to Years 0-2 classes
- Annie Yip is starting a new entrants class next week in Room 32
- Welcome back to Bronwynn Bull Room 18, and a big thanks to Hayley Russell and Jessie Borrie for covering in her absence so well
- Sally Chen is joining the Learning Support team

Property

- Regular grounds maintenance and cleaning have occurred
- Room 25 and toilets have new windows, to increase water tightness
- New tiles outside reception, as the old ones were becoming a trip hazard
- A small tree adjacent the swimming pool fence has been removed to reduce climbing access to the pool

PT.N. A.G.M. Tuesday 18 August, 7.30pm staffroom (Note date change please)

We hope to see many parents come along to show their support of this wonderful team. Please check you have recorded the date correctly, as we needed to change it twice!

PT.N. Beats by Bingo Night is this Saturday 25 July 7pm, so please think about coming along to a friendly, fun night. You can come alone and join a group or book a group table. All are welcome!

School Cross Country Years 3-6 Tuesday 21 July (Saving Day Thursday 23 July)

All students in Years 3-6 are to arrive in PE gear including appropriate running shoes, as students will be running on footpaths and through school grounds for their race. Students will need their full school uniform to change into after.

We welcome spectators to support our runners. Please enter through the main entrance by the office to not disrupt the races. Please remain in the allocated playground areas to allow our marshals and teachers to organise the races and students. This will be greatly appreciated.

Approximate RaceTimes:



Race start time	Year groups
9:15 am	Year 6 Boys
9:35 am	Year 6 Girls
9:50 am	Year 5 Boys
10:05 am	Year 5 Girls
Morning Tea	
11:15 am	Year 4 Boys
11:25 am	Year 4 Girls
11:40 am	Year 3 Boys
12:00pm	Year 3 Girls

Walking to/from School

Cockle Bay School tries to support students walking to and from school, which can become a healthy and enjoyable start to the day, even on wet days! It is a great way to avoid parking frustrations for parents. Parking further away and walking is encouraged, as a way of reducing road congestion at busy times.

Please remember:

- No drop offs/collects from Howick College and Litten Road shops
- The bus bay, white line on Sandspit, yellow dotted lines and drive ways are NO parking
- U turns right outside the school gates are discouraged.
- Please use the pedestrian crossings if you have children with you.

The Police and Auckland Transport are monitoring road usage and may issue infringement notices

Road Patrol Trelawn Crossing

We are so very grateful to those parent helpers who regularly give us crossing support and for recent new people joining us. Please contact principal@cocklebay.school.nz, office@cocklebay.school.nz or amberm@cocklebay.school.nz if you are interesting in helping in this way.

Ngā mihi

Dorothy Bigwood

Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

Friday 31 July: Juniors (Weka Team)

Friday 14 August : Seniors (Tākahe Team)

Friday 21 August Juniors (Tūi Team)

Friday 28 August: Seniors (Kōtuku Team)

Friday 4 September: Juniors (Kea 3 classes)

Friday 11 September: Seniors (Kākāpō Team)

Friday 18 September: Juniors (2 Kea, 2 Kiwi)

Considerate Driving Please....

Driveways, yellow dotted lines, the grass verge, the bus bay and inside the white line on Sandspit are not parking spaces. Please be considerate and avoid 3 point turns and U turns right outside the school. P2 parks are for drop offs rather parking to escort your child into school.
Thanks so much!



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- 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. 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)