



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 Digwood - 19 August 2026



Term Dates

Kia Ora Koutou

Thank you for attending our recent Parent / Teacher Conferences. We hope you found them, and your children's reports informative and helpful with goal setting for the remainder of the year. If you missed attending, it is not too late, simply contact teachers to make a time.

Attendance



There is significant sickness in the community at present. We want students at school every day, but please use common sense and keep them home if they are sick or contagious. They need to feel well in order to learn.

At times, children become anxious about coming into school for a variety of reasons. We are here to help, so please contact us if you would like support. To help at home, we have created a "[Morning Check-In Tool](#)" you can use with your child to identify causes of anxiety and build resilience.

Mr Marshall is holding a workshop on **Friday 28th August** for parents to share ideas, support one another, and learn how to use this tool effectively. If you'd like to join us, please take a moment to [fill out this form](#) so we are aware of numbers.



Before / After School

Our school policy states that for student safety, **parents/caregivers should ensure their child/children arrive at school after 8.30 am and have left the school grounds by 3.15 pm.**

We understand Auckland traffic, and to help parents we supervise students from 8am at the Dome, and they can go to classrooms at 8.15am.

Bizzy Bodz is available for breakfast and early supervision if needed.

After school, **all students must leave the school grounds after dismissal unless supervised by a parent.** If waiting for collection, they can wait inside the school gates, and come to the school office between 3.15 / 3.30pm to arrive to collect them.

Bizzy Bodz is also available for after school supervision.



Monday 20 July Term 3 Starts

Friday 25 September Term 3 ends - 3.00pm

Monday 12 October Term 4 starts

Tuesday 15 December Term 4 ends - 2.00pm

Term 3 - Important Dates

Wednesday 19 August: Board Meeting
(note change of date)

Friday 21 August: HPPA Gymnastics Competition
Year 3-4 meeting in Hall 7.30-8am
Year 5-6 meeting in Dome 11.00am

Monday 21 August: (exact time TBC):
ICAS Science & Spelling Bee
Rehu Tai HPPA Speech Finals

Friday 21 August: HPPA Gymnastics

Monday 24 August: (exact time TBC) ICAS Mathematics

Thursday 27 August: 6pm Year 4 Kōtuku Parent Camp Meeting

Tuesday 1 September: Mathex, EPrO 8 & Y0 To Botanical Gardens

Wednesday 2 September: EPrO 8

Thursday 3 September: Mandarin and Cantonese Speech Finals

Friday 4 September: HPPA Literary Quiz

Monday 7 September: Y5 Museum Visit

Tuesday 8 September: Y5 Museum Visit

Community Use of our Grounds

Staff are reporting that the noise adjacent classrooms is making work after school difficult. They struggle to hear and concentrate in meetings due to the playground noise adjacent their classrooms, and often are asked to manage student behaviours. After school, parents are responsible for collecting and supervising their children in a timely manner,

We hope you can enjoy our lovely school facilities, but ask you to understand that work is often ongoing in the classrooms after school. A toilet is open by Room 30 for students until about 3.20pm, and an adult toilet is open behind Room 18 and Room 2 after school. *Adults, please do not use student toilets.*

Parent Teacher Network (P.T.N.) Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

Last night we celebrated the significant achievements of our wonderful P.T.N. over the last year. The Executive of Anna Coates, Holly Yu, Emma Foster, Jack Chng, Beth Elliot and Summer Zhang has done a marvellous job of leading our Friends of the P.T.N. and are continuing on in their roles. I cannot thank them enough for all their mahi, enthusiasm and many contributions. Our students have benefited from lots of special events and we now proudly enjoy a tiger turf top court, thanks to P.T.N. fundraising. Thanks to the community for their support of the P.T.N. initiatives.

Wacky Walking Wednesday

Thanks for helping students to have some fun and hopefully start walking to/from school. This helps with road congestion and also has physical and social benefits for students. Walking Wednesdays are a regular event, so join in if you can. There are some interesting statistics below.



Recent Successes

Hearty congratulations to the Cross Country Squad who placed first in the Howick and Pakuranga Schools Primary Competition. I'm sure this is the result of their natural talent, the support and opportunities their parents provide, and the regular training they undertake.

Further congratulations to our Chess Team who placed 3rd in the HPPA competition. We are very proud of you.

Senior students have been presenting speeches, with the overall winner Millie Chanpiwat, who has since represented our school at the HPPA Finals and won the event. We are very proud of your amazing achievement Millie, and wish you all the best as you go on to the Auckland Speech Finals.

Ngā mihi nui
Dorothy Blgwood

Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

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)

Enrolments

Out of Zone Enrolments

Application forms are on the Cockle Bay School website.
Applications close 14 October.

Walking Wednesday

A massive thank you to all our families who embraced the fun for Wacky Walking Wednesday! It was fantastic seeing so many vibrant, colorful outfits and all the bright smiles.

So far this year, our top-performing classes overall are:

1st Place: Room 16

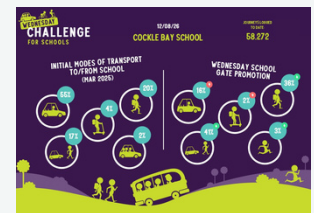
2nd Place: Room 11

3rd Place: Room 15

4th Place: Room 10

5th Place: Room 22

Remember, our goal is to keep our school gates safer and less congested by parking a bit further away and walking the rest of the distance. Every step counts—and your efforts have currently landed our school 2nd place across all participating Auckland schools! Let's keep up the amazing momentum next Wednesday!



Mode	12/05/2026		Grand Total	
	Trips	Percentage	Trips	Percentage
Bicycle	64	0%	264	1%
Bus	10	1%	6990	27%
Car	208	17%	316	1%
Carpool	8	1%	2	0%
Ferry			52	0%
Horse			22	0%
Motorcycle	2	0%	9016	35%
Park and Stride	512	41%	658	3%
Running	36	3%	648	3%
Skateboard	22	2%	18	0%
Train			2	0%
Walking	446	36%	7734	30%
Wheelchair			2	0%
Grand Total	1244	100%	25788	100%

Welcome to Bucklands Beach Intermediate School

Enrolment for students to attend Bucklands Beach Intermediate School in 2027 will be open from June.

All enrolment applications need to be completed online by visiting our website, or scanning the QR code below.

All enrolments for 2027 are now open.
- In Zone enrolments due 21st August at 4 pm.
- Out of Zone enrolments close 2nd September at 4 pm.
- Ballot date 10th September.

An orientation visit for all enrolled students will be on Friday, 27th November.
More information to follow once enrolments are complete.

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<https://www.bbi.school.nz/>

