



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 - 5 August 2026



Term Dates

Kia Ora Koutou

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

Teachers are looking forward to meeting you this Thursday 6 August, and discussing your child/children's progress and next learning steps. Meeting together is an important way you can help your child/children to be successful at school.

If you have overlooked booking a conference slot, it is not too late. Please follow the link below and book one now. Bookings close at 9.00am, Thursday 6 August, 2026. If you cannot attend on Thursday, please contact class teachers to make an alternative mutually convenient time.

Note: Rooms 31 and 32 will schedule conferences separately, as these are Beginning School Assessment meetings after 6 weeks at school.

These classes will still finish at 2pm on 6 August.

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

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



Here is a link to the video which explains our new reports. In order to maximise your 10 minutes of conference time, it is suggested that you watch it ahead of time. The [MOE Parent Portal](#) also gives guidance for parents around the curriculum, reporting and how they can help at home.

School Closes 2pm Thursday 6 August.

All children must go home. No students can remain onsite unless enrolled at Bizzy Bodz. Bookings can be made at www.bizzybodz.co.nz or ph: 095309020.

Note: The grounds are closed for play due to noise affecting conferences.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (P.B.4L.)

PB4L is built on the principle that we need to teach, reinforce and reward the behaviours we want to see, while managing inappropriate behaviour in consistent ways that help children own it, fix it and learn from it. It is helpful if parents at home reinforce school expectations.



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

Wednesday 5 August: Y5 & 6 Speech Finals at 11am

Thursday 6 August: Conferences, School Closes 2pm

Friday 7 August: :Wushu Dance Performance

Tuesday 11 August: HPPA Cross Country

Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12 August: 'Finding Nemo' Somerville Intermediate

Wednesday 12 August: Wacky Walking Wednesday

Thursday 13 August: Saving Day HPPA Cross Country

Friday 14 August: P.T.N. Fish 'N Chips Lunch

17-21 August: ICAS Science & Spelling Bee

Monday 17 August: Rehu Tai HPPA Speech Finals

Tuesday 18 August: P.T.N. A.G.M. 7.30pm

Friday 21 August: HPPA Gymnastics

In term 3 we are focussing on:

- Week 2: 4cs - Self regulation
- Week 3: Neurodiversity - understanding others
- Week 4: Eating Expectations
- Week 5: Team Focus
- Week 6: Caring for the environment
- Week 7: Making good choices
- Week 8: Team Focus
- Week 9: Play areas + personal responsibility for safety of self and others
- Week 10: Resilience & responding to feedback



On Mondays, at our P.B.4.L assembly, a student from each class receives an award for displaying exemplary P.B.4.L behaviours.

P.T.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!

P.T.N. Beats by Bingo Night was a fun night for all who came along and supported the P.T.N. Thanks to the team who organised this parent night.

Attendance

Attendance data for Cockle Bay School in Term 2 is pleasing, with 85% of students attending regularly in Term 2. Our website shares the school's Attendance Management Plan.

Teachers are asked to contact parents of students whose attendance crosses a threshold of concern i.e. 5 days, 10 days, and 15 days of absence. Students who attend regularly are more likely to make pleasing academic progress and be confident socially at school.

We know this is the winter term when bugs are around. If in doubt as to whether your child is well enough for school, please contact the school office or a health professional for advice. They should stay home if sick or contagious.

If your child is reluctant to attend school, please let us know so we can try to give appropriate support. Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things. We want all our students to thrive and be resilient at school.

Policies for Review Term 3

- [School Community Engagement Policy](#)
- [Inclusive School Culture](#)
- [Enrolment](#)
- [Student Attendance](#)
- [Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations](#)
- [Concerns and Complaints Policy](#)



Parents are invited to give feedback on these policies. Simply go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/login>, and use the community usernames and password below: **Username:** cocklebay **Password:** sandspit

Ngā mihi nui
Dorothy Blgwood

Team Assemblies - Principal's Awards

Friday 14 August : Seniors (Tākahe Team)

Friday 21 August Juniors (Tūi Team)

Friday 28 August: Seniors (Kōtuku Team)

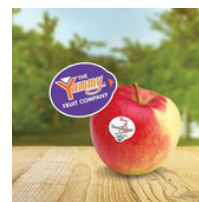
Friday 4 September: Juniors (Kea 3 classes)

Friday 11 September: Seniors (Kākāpō Team)

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

Yummy Apple Sticker Promotion

Our school is participating in the Yummy Apple sticker promotion to win a share of \$200,000 in free sports gear for our students! We would love your support to collect as many stickers as possible - we only have until the end of this term to collect! Please see the attached newsletter [HERE](#) for more details.



Out of Zone Enrolments

Application forms are on the Cockle Bay School website.

Applications close 14 October.

Ministry Advice re Attendance:

When your child can be away...

School attendance is a legal requirement. Your child must be at school unless they are sick. Health guidance is available to help you decide if your child is well enough to attend school.

Knowing if a child is well enough to be at school - Te Whatu Ora

Taking time off school for whānau family holidays or other activities is not an acceptable reason for being away.

Missing 1 week of school each term adds up to missing a whole year of learning by the time your child is 16. Regularly attending school helps your child to get the most out of their education.

Please talk to school staff if you need help to get your child to come to school.



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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
PRESENTS



Disney • PIXAR
FINDING NEMO
JR.

Book, Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez,
and **Robert Lopez**

Book Adapted by
Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by
Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

AUGUST 11 & 12, 2026
Wednesday & Thursday at 7pm

Somerville Intermediate School Gymnasium
Tickets available on Event Brite for \$16pp + Event Brite fees