



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



Upcoming Dates

Monday 15 December

Students visit new class and meet 2026 teacher

Tuesday 16 December

Splish Splash Day - Year 0-2
Y6 Formal

Wednesday 17 December

Y6 Big Day In

Thursday 18 December - LAST DAY

Uniform collection

Thursday 18 December

School closes at 12.30pm

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2026 Dates

Friday 30 January 2026

"Getting to Know Your Child" Conferences
Uniform shop open junior playground

Monday 2 February 2026: School starts

Thank You

A Message from the SPCA...

Thank you for collecting money on behalf of SPCA and making a difference! The \$805.00 you collected for SPCA will immediately be put to work to help the animals in our care and in our communities.

A Message from All Saints Church...

On behalf of the All Saints Anglican Church, Howick Food Bank I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your incredibly generous donation of canned goods, and non-perishable food items to our church food bank. Your contribution makes a significant difference in our community.



Dear Parents and Whānau

The countdown has begun as we head into the final few days of the school year.

Celebration Night

What a wonderful night we had for Celebration Night! Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible. It was a fantastic evening full of positive energy, happy faces, and enjoyment for our families. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did.

Prizegivings

Last week's prizegivings were a special celebration of school life - recognising individual achievements and the collective hard work of all our students. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining us and sharing these proud, memorable moments with their children. I wish all of our Year 6 graduates and their families every success in their future education.

Regards

Dorothy Bigwood

Uniform Donations Needed



Old uniform sitting at home that you no longer use? Please donate to the school shop so we can resell and raise money for the school.

WHERE?
UNDER THE DOME

WHEN?
18th of December from 8-9am

What?
Anything! All Cockle Bay uniform items are accepted
More information at the office



CHROMEBOOKS FOR SALE



We are on-selling 3 year old Chromebooks that have been used by our seniors.

If you would like to purchase one, please purchase via Kindo.

These will be ready for collection on Tuesday, 16th December from 12:30pm.

Each Chromebook is \$70 (with a charger).



TEACHER/CLASS LIST Term 1 2026

Year 6 – Takahē

Room 11 Mrs Vicky Warner (Team Leader)
Room 12 Miss Nina Woodhall
Room 13 Mr Brendan Jones
Room 14 Mr Matthew Cheung
Room 15 Mrs Rachel Doeg/Mrs Jo Curwood

Year 5 – Kākāpō

Room 7 Mrs Winnie Liesenfeld
Room 8 Miss Liz Hewlett (Team Leader)
Room 16 Miss Lucy Ginn
Room 17 Mrs Amber May/Mrs Vanessa Childs

Year 4 – Kōtuku

Room 3 Mrs Sanober Saher
Room 2 Mrs Rebecca Barton Y3/4
Room 5 Mrs Sandra Meyer
Room 6 Mrs Mellini Pillay (Team Leader)/Mrs Katrina Robinson
Room 9 Miss Kirsten Shrue
Room 10 Mrs Nicole Cork

Year 3 – Weka

Room 1 Mrs Elissa McGregor (Acting Team Leader)
Room 18 Mrs Bronwyn Bull
Room 19 Miss Louise Parker
Room 20 Miss Courtney Chellev

Year 2 – Tūi

Room 21 Miss Madeline Henty
Room 22 Mrs Sue Harder/Mrs Laura Edgar
Room 23 Mrs Lisa Carroll
Room 24 Mrs Shorelle Adams
Room 25 Mrs Catherine Dennis (Team Leader)

Year 1 – Kea

Room 26 Mrs Hayley Sanileva (Team Leader)
Room 27 Mrs Tanya Roux
Room 28 Mrs Emma Forbes/Mrs Lisa Burns
Room 29 Mrs Tayla Nankivell
Room 30 Miss Michaela Wallwork

Year 0 – Kiwi

Alisha Coleman (Team Leader)

The full staff list will be shared at the start of Term 1, 2026.

CROSSING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for friendly helpers to supervise the Trelawn Place crossing in the mornings and afternoons.

Your time will make a big difference in keeping our students safe on their way to and from school!

amberm@cocklebay.school.nz



Uniform Donation Drive

If you have clean school uniforms that are too small or no longer needed please consider donating them.

COLLECTION DETAILS:

When: The last day of school, Thursday 18th December

Time: 8.15am - 9.00am

Where: Under the Dome area.

AND

UNIFORMS FOR SALE:

When: "Getting to Know Your Child" Conferences,
Friday 30th January

Time: 10.30am - 1.00pm

Where: In the Junior Playground

Please ensure all donated items are clean and in reasonable condition

Thank you for supporting the Second Hand Uniform Shop,
it provides a great service for Cockle Bay families
and raises valuable funds for our School.



Farewell

At this festive time of year, we feel a mix of excitement and a little sadness as we say goodbye to staff heading off on new adventures. While we celebrate all they've contributed, we will miss them and sincerely thank them for the enthusiasm, commitment, and energy they have devoted to our school.

Tammy Lam

Tammy joined CBS ten years ago as a teacher aide before teaching in the ESOL and English Language Learner area, becoming our go-to translator and a trusted contact for parents. In her support staff role, she has made many friends and is a valued staff member. Tammy is heading to Australia and hopes to continue her work in education. We are grateful for her contributions and wish her all the best in this next chapter. We will miss you, Tammy!

Lynnette Leggett

2020 was a memorable year in many ways, not least because we were joined by Lynnette, our specialist music teacher. Lynnette directed student productions of Madagascar, Disney's Alice Junior, The Bee Musical, and Seussical Jr, as well as delivering many other impressive concerts and singing performances. While we are sad to see her go, we are fortunate that our community will continue to benefit from her expertise. Lynnette, thank you for sharing your gift with us all. Your passion, talent, and dedication have left a lasting mark on our school community, and we wish you all the best in your future musical adventures!

Madi Kinnane

Madi has been a valued member of the Kea team since 2024. During her time here, she has built strong and caring relationships with her students, bringing patience and a calm, nurturing presence to the classroom. She has been a willing and enthusiastic participant in school events, including an impressive appearance as a Rainbow Fairy on Book Day. Madi, we have truly appreciated the way you have supported our youngest learners, and we wish you every success in whatever comes next.

Ariana Nathan-Welch

Ariana has been a classroom teacher at Cockle Bay School since 2024 and leaves us to complete her Masters in Speech and Language Therapy. During her time with us, she has led Kapa Haka with poise, grace, and kindness, creating a welcoming and encouraging environment for her students. We were very proud when she learned the karanga to represent our school during our recent Marae visit. We thank Ariana for all her contributions and wish her every success in this exciting next chapter of her journey. Noho ora mai, Ariana!

Thanks also to part-time teachers Leann Brennan, Jacqueline Brannigan, Christina Timmer; and David Ashby and Tash Barber from our specialist team. Your contributions have been much appreciated, and we hope to see you back some time in the future.



COCKLE BAY NETBALL CLUB MUSTER

Come along to our 2026 muster!

We're a small, fun, and friendly netball club with Teams from Yr5 to Yr8, both competitive and social. Our main focus is on having fun and enjoying all the benefits that netball has to offer. Our objective is to create an inclusive environment and have fun on and off the netball court. All skill levels and abilities are welcome. Enthusiasm, teamwork, and motivation are what matters.

 There will be Trials for Year 8 Teams on the Muster Day and 2nd Trials on the 8th March

When: Sunday 1st March 10am
Where: HPNC Courts - 451 Pakuranga Road
Hope to see you all there!



Holiday programmes

5-10 year olds
Loads of science fun to keep your children busy this summer!

- Hillcrest
- Hillsborough
- Freeman's Bay
- Glen Innes
- Takapuna
- Massey
- Birkenhead
- Mt Eden

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EPIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IS YOUR CHILD OR TEEN INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY?



JANUARY 2026

For beginner & advanced coders
Ages 9&10, 11&12, 13&14, 15 to adult
Fun, Free & Educational!

Sign up at codingnz.com/holidays

CUBING EAST AUCKLAND

SUMMER OPEN 2025

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6TH 2025
8:45AM TO 12PM

HIGHLAND PARK
COMMUNITY HOUSE
47 AVENUE DRIVE

A FRIENDLY RUBIK'S CUBE COMPETITION FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS TO PARTICIPATE IN AND TO MEET OTHER CUBERS FROM DIFFERENT LOCAL SCHOOLS!

A FIRST LOOK INTO THE SPEEDCUBING WORLD - A BRIDGE BETWEEN CUBECUBS.NZ, SPEEDCUBING NEW ZEALAND, AND WORLD CUBE ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS!

PRIZES SPONSORED BY SPEEDCUBE.CO.NZ!

REGISTER THROUGH YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL CUBE CLUB OR THROUGH THE ONLINE FORM TODAY:
[CUBINGEASTAUCKLAND.NZ/EVENTS](https://cubingeastauckland.nz/events)

WWW.CUBINGEASTAUCKLAND.NZ



Cockle Bay School

Holiday Programme for 5-13 year olds

19th - 24th December 2025 &
5th January - 30th January 2026

7.30am - 6.00pm*

* except 24th December, 1.00pm Finish

bizzybodz.co.nz

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Enquiries

09 530 9020
admin@bizzybodz.co.nz
021 837 397 (Programme direct dial)

December 2025 - Cockle Bay Programme

Please bring a hat, drink bottle and lunch with you every day!

Monday 22nd Dec
Summer Splash

Bring your togs, towel and a big smile. It's time for some serious fun. From water balloons to games, this day is packed with activities you won't want to miss!

ONSITE \$40.00

Tuesday 23rd Dec
Kids Choice

It's kids choice today! We will have plenty of games and activities for you to choose from.

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 24th Dec
Festive Fun

It's almost Christmas! Join us for a magical evening of festive fun as we count down to the big day. Programme closes at 1pm.

ONSITE \$30.00

On Wednesday 24th December the programme will close at 1pm.
We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Friday 19th Dec
Xmas Party
Get into the festive spirit with a party day of Christmas fun! Wear your favourite Christmas outfit and join us for a day full of music, games, crafts, and a special Christmas dinner!

ONSITE \$42.00

January 2026

Monday 5th Jan
2026!
New Year new vibes and non-stop holiday fun! We're celebrating the start of 2026 with exciting games, creative crafts, and plenty of music!

ONSITE \$40.00

Tuesday 6th Jan
Messy Play

Come along for some messy fun with slime, paint and playdough. Make sure you have your own masterpiece! Don't forget to wear old clothes, things are about to get colourful!

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 7th Jan
Messy Wheels

Bring along your bike, scooter or skateboard, and join us for some wheel challenges. NO HELMETS! NO SWEETIES! Safety first so we can enjoy the ride all day long!

ONSITE \$40.00

Thursday 8th Jan
Tie Dye

Join us for a vibrant day of tie dye fun where you'll create your very own masterpiece! Don't forget to wear old clothes, things are about to get colourful!

ONSITE \$45.00

Friday 9th Jan
Water Wars

Bring your togs, towel and water gun! Can you win the water war? Bring an ice block to stand off afterwards!

ONSITE \$40.00

Monday 12th Jan
Crazy Carnival

Sleep right up for a day packed with classic games and challenges. Don't miss the music, laughter, and fun. It's going to be a blast!

ONSITE \$40.00

Tuesday 13th Jan
Wet'n'Wild

Today it's all about water fun with wild games and water play. Don't forget to bring your togs and a towel, you're going to get soaked!

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 14th Jan
Drum Nuts

Get ready to feel the beat! The awesome team from COCZ will join us today for a hands-on drumming workshop. It's going to be loud, fun, and full of energy!

ONSITE TRIP \$48.00

Thursday 15th Jan
Beach Day

We are off to Manurewa Beach! Join us for our fantastic competition, beach games and a dip in the ocean!

ONSITE \$40.00

Friday 16th Jan
PJ Party

Come in your comfiest pyjamas for a day full of relaxing games, movies, cosy crafts, and tasty treats. Bring a pillow or cuddly toy and get ready to chill out in style!

ONSITE \$40.00

Monday 19th Jan
Treasure Hunt

Ahoy, adventurers! Get ready to follow clues and explore in our thrilling treasure hunt! At programme 2 marks the spot, will you find the treasure?

ONSITE \$40.00

Tuesday 20th Jan
Mad Hatter's

Tumble down the rabbit hole for a day of topiary-fun! Wear your oldest hat and join us for a day of mad games, and a not so ordinary tea party.

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 21st Jan
Nerf Wars

Are you ready for the showdown of the holidays? The Party of Nuts team will bring the ultimate Nerf Wars experience to our site! We'll provide the gear, you bring the energy!

ONSITE TRIP \$48.00

Thursday 22nd Jan
Movies

Get ready for a fun-filled trip to Manurewa! So back, relax and enjoy The Grand Prix of Europe. Limited spaces available.

TRIP \$50.00

Friday 23rd Jan
Wipeout

Today is a total water wipeout with plenty of water games and activities to keep you cool! Bring your togs, a towel and water soldiers if you have them.

ONSITE \$40.00

Monday 26th Jan
Auckland Anniversary Day

Work as a team to create a fun game product to sell at our Bizzy Bodz Market stall in the afternoon. Get ready to start with your customers!

No programme available

Tuesday 27th Jan
Market Day

Work as a team to create a fun game product to sell at our Bizzy Bodz Market stall in the afternoon. Get ready to start with your customers!

ONSITE \$40.00

Wednesday 28th Jan
Bubble Mania

Today we'll be making our own bubble water, creating giant bubbles, and enjoying a day of bubbly activities. It's going to be a day that truly pops!

ONSITE \$40.00

Thursday 29th Jan
Park Picnic

Let's go to Howick! Join us for a day with exciting games, fun with friends, and some picnic treats. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and bug spray!

TRIP \$50.00

Friday 30th Jan
Karaoke Party

It's time for our Karaoke Party! This is your chance to grab the mic, sing your heart out, and enjoy a day full of music, laughter, and good vibes.

ONSITE \$40.00

Friday 30th January 2026

BKTE East Programmes: Wero Adventure Course (10 - 13 year olds only)
Get ready for an action-packed day at the new High Ropes Adventure Course at Vector Works. Designed especially for kids seeking 10-13 year olds Children must be at least 125cm or taller to climb, weigh less than 120kg and wear closed shoes. Drop off and Pick up at Cockle Bay School Only.

TRIP \$60.00

Book online now!
enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz
or call us on: 09 530 9020 or 021 837 397



ALL BOYS WELCOME!!

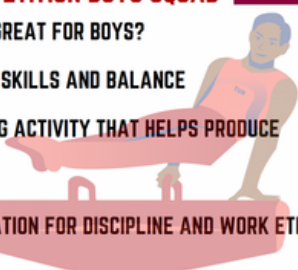
WE ARE RECRUITING FOR OUR COMPETITION BOYS SQUAD



WHY IS GYMNASTICS GREAT FOR BOYS?

IS YOUR SON STRONG FOCUSED AND ENERGETIC?

- IMPROVES MOTOR SKILLS AND BALANCE
- A WEIGHT BEARING ACTIVITY THAT HELPS PRODUCE STRONG BONES
- PROVIDES FOUNDATION FOR DISCIPLINE AND WORK ETHIC
- ITS FUN!!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 5-10 YEAR OLD BOYS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TRAINING 4+ HOURS PER WEEK (NO PREVIOUS GYM EXPERIENCE REQUIRED). PLEASE COME TO OUR OPEN DAY ON 14 JANUARY 2026 AT 15 BEN LOMOND CRESCENT, PAKURANGA

EMAIL: RECMANAGER@HOWICKGYM.CO.NZ TO REGISTER & QUESTIONS

BOTANY TAEKWONDO

Botany Taekwondo has been training the ITF style of Taekwondo at Cockle Bay School for over 15 years
Come and have some fun with us, get fit, and learn a new skill, with qualifications that are recognised around the world.

We operate a two week free trial. Want to know more? Visit our website at botanytaekwondo.co.nz or just turn up on a Wednesday night and say "hi". All abilities and ages welcome.

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

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



How to book

Booking with Enrolmy
We're excited to announce that our new Bizzy Bodz site is now live on Enrolmy: enrolmy.com/bizzy-bodz. 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

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)