



Term 3, Week 3 | Friday 1st August 2025

# COROGLLEN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Vision: The school and community working together to create an environment where students become lifelong learners.



### What's Happening?

#### Term 3

##### Week 3: Ahurei - Practice at MBAS

Friday 1 August

##### Week 4: Zero Waste

Tuesday 5 August

##### Ahurei - Practice at MBAS

Friday 8 August

##### Week 5: Parent Teacher Conference

See Skool Loop for an appointment time

##### Maths Week

##### Rail Safety Week

##### Ahurei - Practice at MBAS

Friday 15 August

### Principal's Blurb

#### Ahurei - Ko te Rangatahi o Te Tara o Te Ika Cultural Festival Practice

Today we traveled to Mercury Bay Area School to practice waiata for the up coming pōwhiri at the Ahurei - Ko te Rangatahi o Te Tara o Te Ika Cultural Festival. What a beautiful experience.

#### Short story: Being Prepared - Tsunami Drill

The piercing ding ding of the school bell sliced through the usual hum of Coroglen School, making every student give a little jump. This wasn't a real tsunami, but a Tsunami drill, and almost everyone knew what to do. "Okay let's go!" their teacher called, already leading the way out of the classroom. Matua B was waiting by the evacuation point in front of the pool fence. Once the roll was taken a wave of excited chatter mixed with determined footsteps as the group poured out of the school gate and onto Rangihau Road, their mission clear: reach the high ground, and fast! The air buzzed with energy, a mix of seriousness and the thrill of a grand adventure.

The initial walk quickly turned into a steady trudge as the road began to slope and ascend upwards. Rangihau Road stretched ahead, winding through lush green fields where orchards and sheep grazed peacefully, seemingly unaware of the urgent human procession. Bella's legs started to feel the burn, but she kept her eyes on the back of Matua B's blue denim jacket, setting a steady pace. The

## **Week 6: Ahurei - Practice at MBAS**

**Friday 22 August**

## **Week 7: Ahurei - Ko te Rangatahi o Te Tara o Te Ika Cultural Festival**

**Friday 29th August**

## **Week 9: Board Election Day**

**Wednesday 10th September**

## **Week 10: Teacher Only Day Mathematics Curriculum**

**Monday 15th September**

## **Term 4**

### **Teacher Only Day**

### **English Curriculum**

**Tuesday 28 October**

## **Community Notice**

### **Ear Service**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**3pm - 4.30pm**

**(drop in clinic only)**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**7.30am - 4.30pm**

**(By appointment and drop in)**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**7.30am - 10.30am**

**(By appointment and drop in)**

The ear nurse can provide advice on:

Glue ear assessment and management, wax / foreign body removal, grommet checks and treatment of discharging ears.

The ear service will be parked up across from the cinema in the Lee Street Carpark.

For enquiries regarding this service or to book an appointment for the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> August, Contact the Children's Ear Clinic on 07 838 3565

gravel crunched under their crocks and sneakers, a rhythmic sound accompanying their determined climb, and the warm New Zealand sun beat down, making them grateful for the gentle breeze that occasionally swept through the valley.

As they pushed higher, the school buildings slowly shrank behind them, becoming tiny toy models in the distance. The sounds of the valley began to change too; the faint bleating of sheep replaced the schoolyard chatter, and the rustle of leaves in the trees became more prominent. Bella glanced back, seeing a long line of her classmates, a colourful caterpillar winding its way up the road. Even though their legs were tiring, a sense of teamwork filled the air. They were all in this together, moving towards safety.

Finally, after what felt like a long journey, the road flattened out, and they reached the designated **Tsunami Safe Zone** – a tall gnarly tree that had weathered many a storm on top of that hill. A collective sigh of relief swept through the group. Bella found a spot near the edge of the rise and turned around, her jaw dropping. Below them, the entire Coroglen Valley unfolded like a magnificent painting. The meandering Waiwawa river sparkled in the sunlight, the patchwork of green fields stretched out to distant hills, and the tiny cluster of school buildings looked so small and safe from up here.

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## **Competition Time**

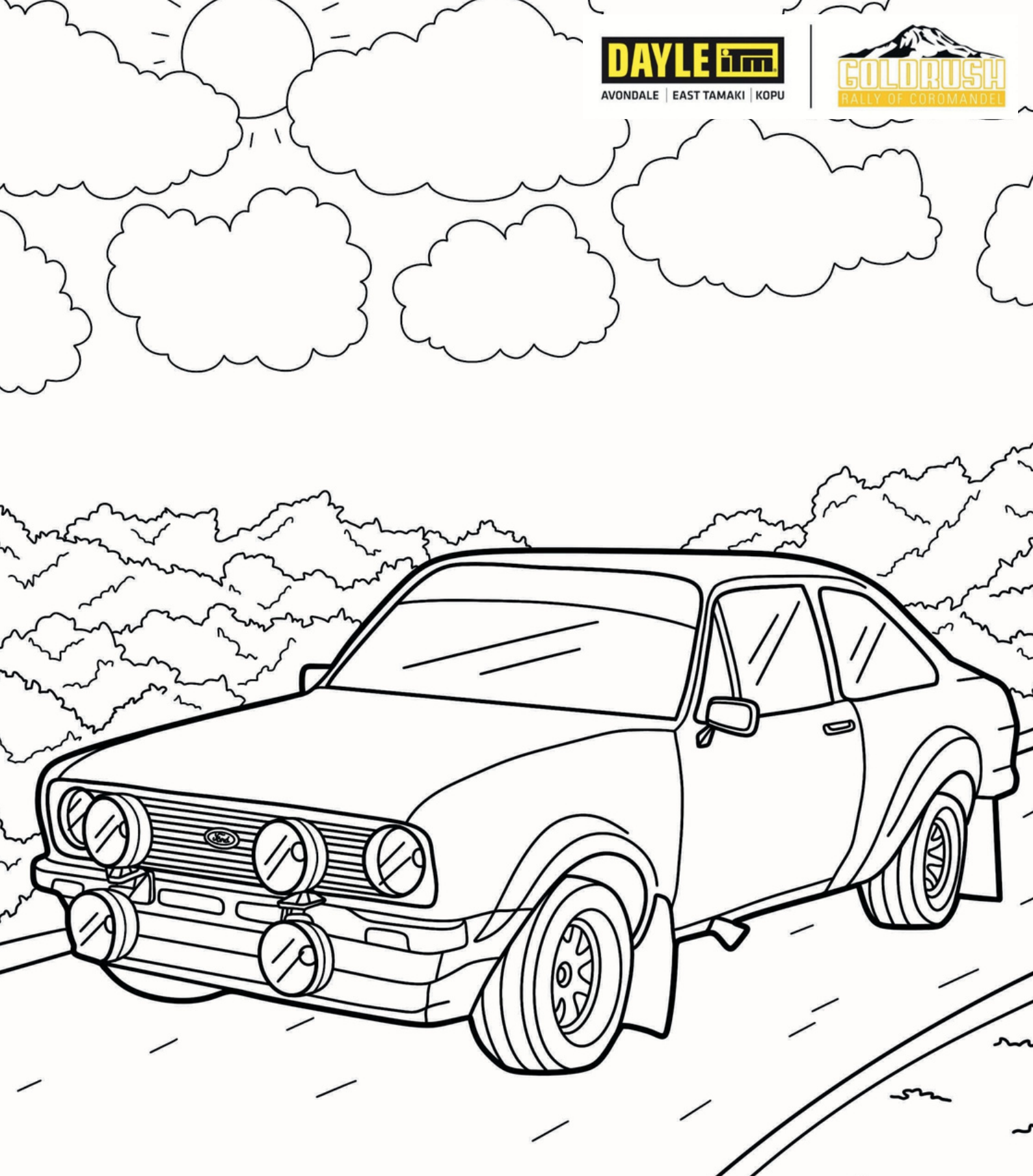
Rally NZ are returning to the Coromandel on the 23 August. Kicking things off on Friday 22 August, is the Dayle ITM Rally Street Party, with a car show and entertainment on Blacksmith Lane from 4.00pm – 8.00pm, it's a great chance to meet the drivers and see the cars up close!

If you go to Primary school in the Thames-Coromandel District, enter the colouring competition for a chance to win a ride in a real rally car! I have attached a colouring in form for you or you can pick one up from our Council Service Centre on Monk Street, Whitianga or the Mercury Bay Library.

Return your completed entry to either location before Friday 15 August.

The colouring competition has four age groups: under 5s, 5–7 years, 8–10 years, and 10–12 years.

Please note: due to height requirements, children under five won't be able to ride in the rally car but will receive a goodie bag and a special meet-and-greet with the drivers instead.



## WIN a Ride in a Rally Car!

Return your entry to Whitianga Council building by 8<sup>th</sup> August to go in the draw!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Num: \_\_\_\_\_



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SPECTATOR MAPS



SCAN ME

EVENT INFORMATION

SEE THE CARS & TEAMS | SATURDAY AUGUST 23RD, WHITIANGA

### EVENT & STAGE TIMES

#### FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

START | Blacksmith Lane  
From 5:00pm to 6:30pm

#### SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST

SS1 | Ventia Port Charles 1  
First Car 8:18am

SS2 | Ventia Port Charles 2  
First Car 10:06am

SS3 | Carbonworks Forestry NZ 309 1  
First Car 11:14am

Service A | First Car 11:49am  
Mercury Bay Sports Park

SS4 | Dayle ITM Coroglen 1  
First Car 12:37pm

SS5 | Carbonworks Forestry NZ 309 2  
First Car 2:05pm

Service B | First Car 2:40pm  
Mercury Bay Sports Park

SS6 | Dayle ITM Coroglen 2  
First Car 3:28pm

SS7 | Carbonworks Forestry NZ 309 3  
First Car 4:56pm

SS8 | Farmer Autovillage SS  
First Car 5:24pm

FINISH | Blacksmith Lane  
First Car 5:34pm



## SPECTATOR SAFETY

**RALLY EMERGENCY  
PHONE NUMBER 0800  
RALLYE (0800 725593)**

### STAY SAFE

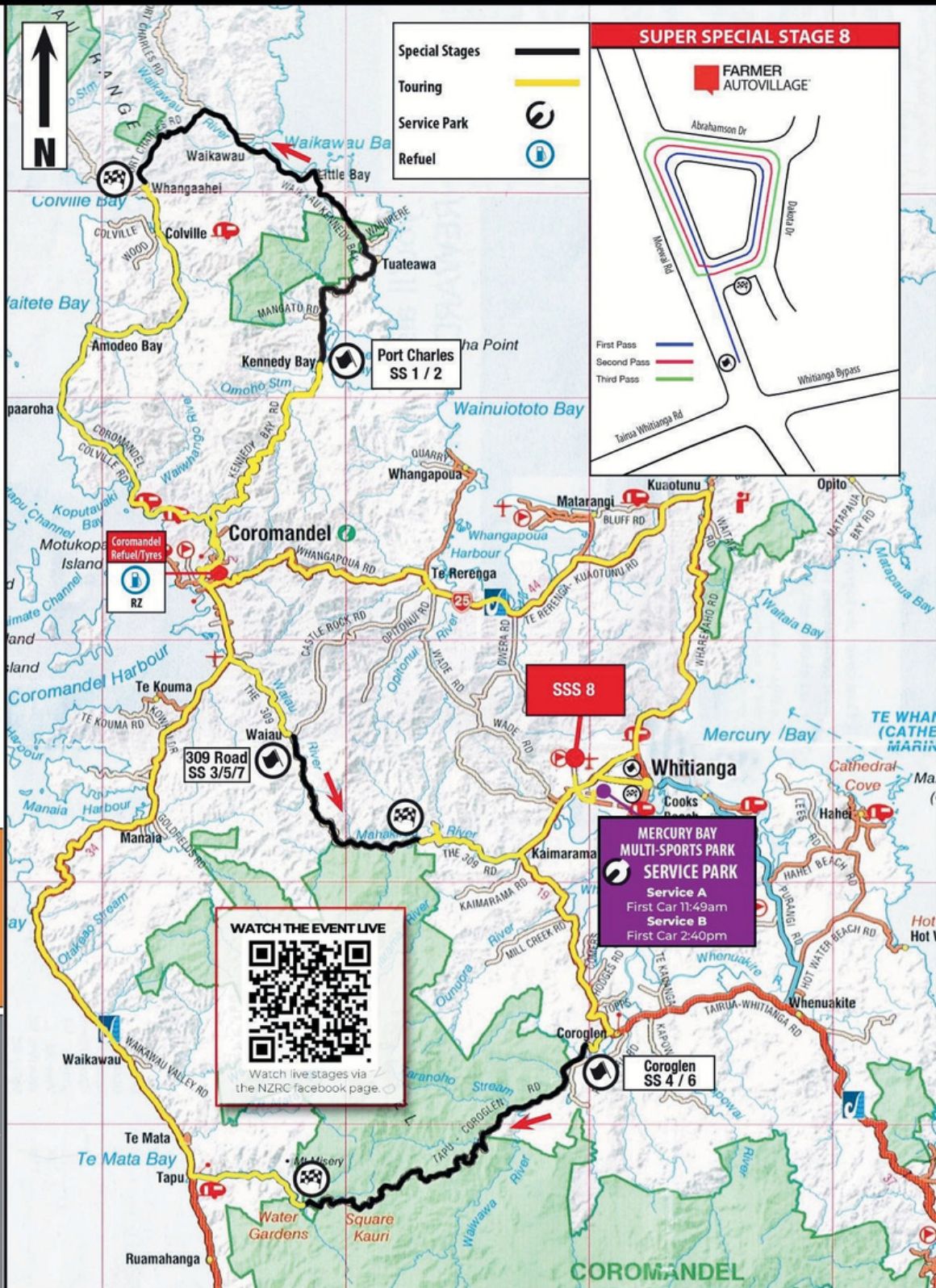
RALLYING CAN BE DANGEROUS, AND SPECTATORS ARE ADVISED THAT THEY WATCH AT THEIR OWN RISK. Study these diagrams. The orange areas indicate PROHIBITED AREAS where it could be dangerous to stand. Do not go there as this could cause delays or the cancellation of the stage.



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# PET DAY 2025

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Coroglen School has a long tradition with the annual Pet Day. So it is that time again for your child to raise a lamb, calf, goat or chicken. Please let us know if your child will be entering a pet.

**CONTACT THE OFFICE**

**07-866-3850**





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## School Board Elections

### A Parent's Perspective on the Coroglen School Board

With the Board elections upon us, I wanted to share my experience so far as a parent representative on the Coroglen School Board. I was co-opted onto the board at the end of 2023, and my journey has been incredibly rewarding.

I was initially interested in joining because I wanted to be part of the Principal hiring committee. Having had children at this school since 2007 and with more to come until 2030, I felt a strong desire to contribute as we shaped the school's future. Being on the hiring committee was a fascinating process, from interviewing candidates to managing the logistics. We received great support from the NZSTA and the Ministry of Education (MOE), and that guidance has continued throughout my time on the board.

I came into this role with no prior experience and was unsure if I had what it took, but I've quickly learned that it's okay to ask questions and that the learning curve is manageable. While I was concerned about the time commitment, it has been surprisingly easy to balance with a busy family life.

The board is responsible for:

- Planning for the future of our school.
- Employing school staff.
- Managing budgets.
- Reviewing policies and procedures.

It has been truly interesting to gain insight into how Coroglen School is run. I've enjoyed seeing how we can best support our teaching staff and getting a front-row seat to the workings of the education system. I have learned a lot in a short time, particularly the importance of teamwork and clear communication. Most importantly, as a parent, I get to see firsthand the school's unwavering commitment to doing its best for our children.

I strongly encourage you to consider joining the Board. It is truly rewarding mahi, and your unique perspective would be a valuable asset to our team.

Kind regards

Fiona Gates  
Parent Representative  
[Coroglen School Board](#)



**Values:** Māiatanga | Confidence, Pākiri | Curiosity, Auahatonga | Creativity,  
Whakaaro | Consideration, Pākari | Capable



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If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 6th August 2025. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 10th September 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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## People who are not eligible to be school board members

The following people are not eligible to be school board members. A person who:

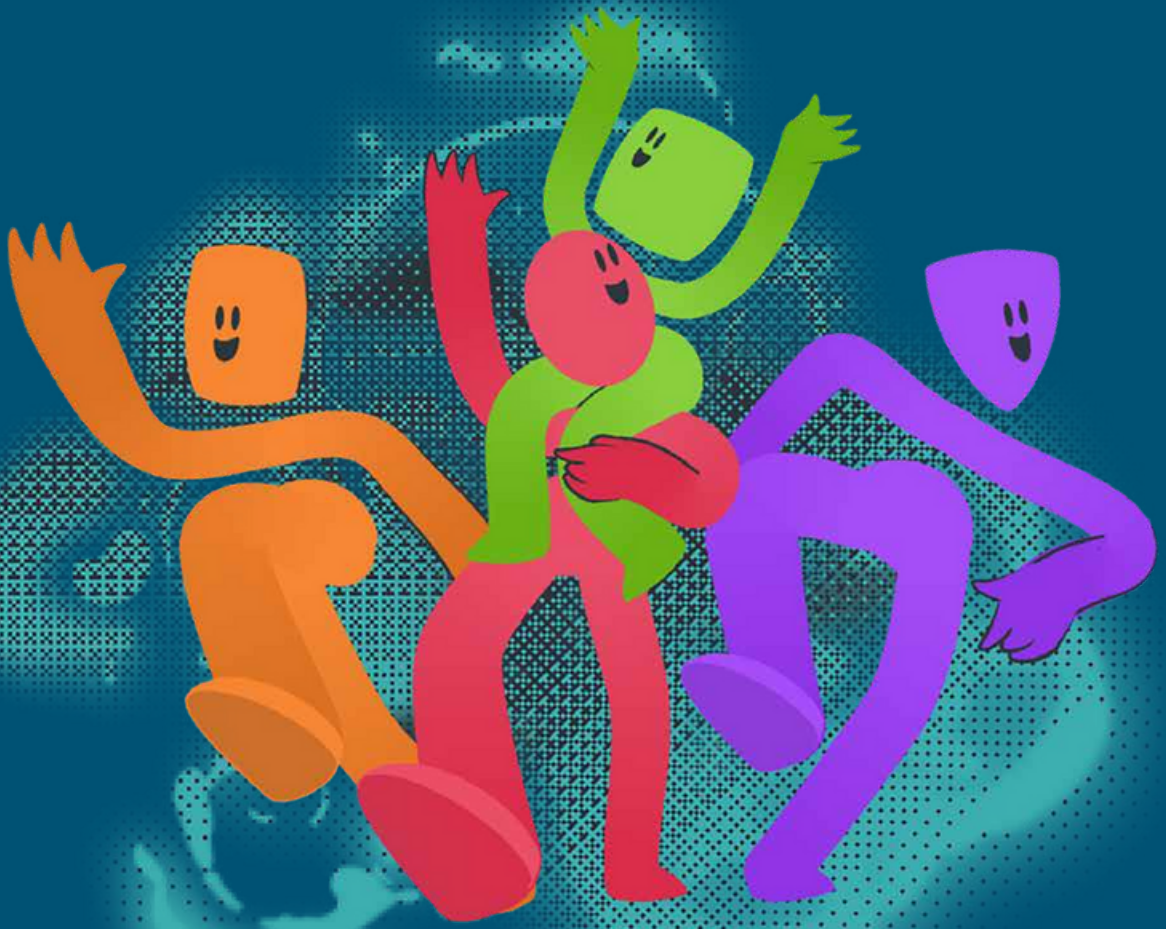
- is an undischarged bankrupt; or is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or
- being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Takeovers Act 1993](#); or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988](#); or
- has been convicted of a specified offence identified in [Schedule 2](#) of the Children's Act 2014, unless that person has obtained a pardon or been granted an exemption; or is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that
- either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, and is –
  - a person to whom [section 15](#) or [16](#) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
  - a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
  - deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020
  - (the list above is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSBA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.





# Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know  
to be a school board member.

Email your nominations to [office@coroglen.school.nz](mailto:office@coroglen.school.nz)



  
**SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS**

## Did you know?

A school board is the governing body responsible for the overall direction, governance, and strategic leadership of a state, state-integrated school, or kura.

Every state and state-integrated school and kura in New Zealand has a board.

It is the legal entity of the school and remains constant, regardless of changes in its membership.

In New Zealand, school boards (which used to be called “boards of trustees”) were established through the Education Act 1989, placing local communities at the heart of decision-making.

## What do boards do?

Boards work in partnership with their school, community, and the government to ensure the best for all ākonga (students).

They are responsible for the overall performance and strategic direction of the school.

The Education and Training Act 2020 sets out the objectives for all school boards.

These focus on ensuring all ākonga can reach their highest possible level of educational achievement in a safe and inclusive place that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Boards are responsible for:

- Setting the school’s strategic direction in consultation with the community, parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- Developing policies, procedures, and bylaws to ensure the school meets its legal obligations
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance, and health and safety
- Being a good employer of all staff in the school
- Reporting on the school’s progress to the community and the Ministry.

Boards do not get involved in the day-to-day running of the school. That is the principal’s job.

## How do boards and principals work together?

Boards and principals work together but have different roles.

Boards govern their school or kura, and principals are responsible for the day-to-day management. Governance and management work together in partnership.

The principal is both a member of the board and acts as the board’s educational leader and chief adviser.

## Who sits at the board table?

Boards are a mix of school-based members and members from the wider school community.

School-based members include the principal, a staff representative, and a student representative for schools with students above Year 9.

Community members are typically represented by 5 parent representatives. This number depends on the size and structure of the school or kura.

Boards of state-integrated schools, kura kaupapa Māori, and designated character schools can have different memberships. For example, state-integrated schools have members appointed by the school’s proprietor.

Boards may also co-opt additional people.

No matter how they join, everyone has ōritetanga (equal standing).

This means all board members have equal voice and say on the issues discussed, an equal vote, and equal accountability.

## Can the public attend board meetings?

Board meetings are open to the public, but they are not public meetings.

This means anyone can attend, but they cannot speak unless the board permits them to do so.

## School boards help shape futures

Giving every ākonga in our schools and kura the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

## What attributes can help a board member succeed?

Every board member brings their own unique experience and skills, but here are some things that will help any board member:

- Enthusiasm for student success
- Working well in a team
- Showing commitment and a willingness to learn
- Not being afraid to ask questions
- Good communication and people skills
- Honesty, integrity, and empathy.

## What support is there for board members?

Whether serving your first term or fifth, you can always learn something.

We're here to support all board members on their journey with a vast selection of learning opportunities, resources, advice and support.

To learn more, head to [tewhakaroputanga.org.nz](https://tewhakaroputanga.org.nz)

## What's the time commitment to be a board member?

The time commitment varies. Most boards hold 2 to 3 meetings per term, each lasting about 2 to 2.5 hours.

Board members also spend time reviewing documents and preparing to attend a meeting.

## Are board members paid?

Yes, every board member gets paid to attend board meetings.

This payment (called an honorarium) helps ensure there are no financial barriers to attending meetings.



## Who can become a board member?

School staff, students (Year 9 and above), parents, caregivers, whānau, and people in the wider community.

Actually, anyone who meets the eligibility criteria can become a board member.

There are members from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Diversity and varying perspectives on a board give it strength and allow true community representation.

It doesn't matter what you do – it matters that you care about education in your community and making a difference.

## Why join a school board?

Being a school board member gives you the opportunity to make a positive impact.

It's a great way to contribute to your community, and it directly benefits ākonga.

Plus, you'll collaborate with new people, build relationships, and learn lots about governance.

## How can you become a board member?

Next time there's an election or a vacancy on the board, put your hand up!

Triennial elections are held every three years to elect parent and staff representatives; some boards also have a mid-term election 18 months later.

Student representatives are elected every year in September.

Occasionally, a by-election may be held to fill a vacant position, and some boards choose to co-opt extra members from time to time.

## Want to know more?

Contact your school or kura, or head to [schoolboardelections.org.nz](https://schoolboardelections.org.nz) to learn more about becoming a board member.

Don't wait – Get on Board!



# [Coroglen School Website](#)



Term Dates



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Policies and Procedures



Welcome to Coroglen School

Sign In

Sign Out

## School Communication

It's awesome to see parents communicating with the school via the school website and Skool Loop for absences and general enquires.

Parents, remember to come to the School Office to sign in if your child is late and if you need to take your child to an appointment, please sign out.

All visitors to the site, except those dropping off or picking up students before and after school, are asked to report to the school office and sign in. This procedure is a must to keep everyone safe while they are on the school site.

Take part in your school review

SchoolDocs site: [coroglen.schooldocs.co.nz](http://coroglen.schooldocs.co.nz)

Community username: **coroglen**

Community password: **waiwawa**

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AND NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION AGAIN.

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