



Term 4, Week 10 | Friday 12th December 2025

COROGLLEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

Principal's Blurb

My Coroglen Adventure Log - Final Day!

Wednesday 10 December 2025. Last Day Ever (for this year!)

WOAH. Today was the BEST. Like, seriously the best adventure ever!

It started with the whole Coroglen Squad heading out on a secret mission to the Mercury Twin Cinemas. The objective? To watch 'Pets on a Train'. It was epic! So many funny animals. And the popcorn... oh man, the popcorn was legendary! I think I might have accidentally dropped a bit under my seat, but no biggie, it was worth it. That movie totally earned its "epic saga" status.



After the cinema, everyone had this crazy burst of energy, like we'd just chugged a potion of speed!

We had to burn it off, so the Command Team (aka the teachers) led us to the Whitianga Bike Park. It's like our own personal arena for stunts and blazing trails! I raced my friends down the big hill, and almost wiped out but totally stuck the landing! (Growth mindset, right?).

But then, the ultimate surprise cache arrived! It was Vicky Bosson, our Logistics Master! She's always super cool, but today she was like a superhero. She pulled up with a HUGE haul of Pizza Hut boxes! PIZZA! It was like finding hidden treasure. We were all so ravenous, those pizzas didn't stand a chance. It was seriously: "Ravenous kids check! Pizza check! Happy children." Everyone went silent for like, five whole minutes, just focused on eating.



After all that amazing food, we just scattered and played everywhere. It was so much fun just running around, riding, and chilling with everyone.

Today felt like the perfect end to our year-long quest. I learned so much, but mostly today, I just had pure, unadulterated FUN. Can't wait for next year's adventures!



A Coroglen Birthday: Cake, Community, and Celebration

At Coroglen School, a birthday isn't just another date on the calendar. It's a moment where the tight-knit nature of our little school really shines.

In a school of our size, news travels fast. By the morning bell, there's usually a buzz in the air and an extra bounce in the step of the birthday student. Everyone knows whose special day it is, and the well-wishes start at the gate.

The highlight, naturally, is the shared celebration within the classroom. Whether gathered on the mat in the junior room or taking a break from lessons in the senior class, the traditional "Happy Birthday" is sung with genuine gusto. Rice would make her famous cake - a sweet tradition that brings the



Thank you Matt and Anne-Marie for supporting Coroglen School!



students together for a few moments of pure, sugary joy.

But at Coroglen, it's about more than just the cake. Celebrating a birthday here is an affirmation of belonging. It's a chance for the school whānau (family) to pause, recognize one of their own, and make them feel like the most important person in the valley for a day. It is these simple, shared milestones that help make Coroglen School feel less like an institution and more like an extended family, creating memories our tamariki carry long after the candles are blown out.



Coroglen School needs a reliable, practical person to join our team for the start of the 2026 school year. We are looking for someone to take ownership of the cleanliness and basic maintenance of our

wonderful little rural school.

The Job:

- Cleaning classrooms and facilities daily.
- General handyman repairs and maintenance duties.
- Ensuring school security.
- Part-time hours, mostly term-time.

You Need:

- To be reliable and trustworthy.
- A good eye for detail and solid practical DIY skills.
- A clear Police Vet (mandatory for working in schools).

Help us keep Coroglen School a sparkling, safe, and great place to learn!

To apply or find out more, please contact Principal, Karlos Bosson at principal@coroglen.school.nz or call the school office on 07 866 3850.

Term Calendar

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 10th December	Last Day of Term 4	Fun Event
Monday 9th February 2026	Term 1 Begins	
Monday 20 April 2026	Term 2 Begins	

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such a vital part of the Coroglen School community!

Ngā mihi nui,

The Team at Coroglen School

Celebrating Excellence: End of Year Prizegiving 2025

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini." (Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many.)

As the sun sets on another incredible year at Coroglen School, we gathered this week to celebrate the achievements, growth, and "coolness" of our wonderful tamariki. Our 2025 Prizegiving was more than just an awards ceremony; it was a reflection of the hard work, resilience, and community spirit that defines our little school in the valley.

Reflecting on a Year of Progress

2025 has been a year of significant milestones. From our senior students tackling complex challenges in Mathematics and Reading to our juniors showing immense leaps in their foundational learning, every student has a story of progress to tell.



We saw students like Maayan and Aria lead the way in academic growth, while others showed the true Coroglen spirit by supporting their peers on the playground and in the classroom. Whether it was on the sports field, in our cultural performances, or within our daily classroom kōrero, our "Coroglen Cool Kids" have truly stepped up.

Honoring Our Achievement

While we celebrate every student's individual journey, our Prizegiving allows us to shine a light on specific areas of excellence:

- Academic Excellence: Honoring those who have consistently strived for the highest standards in their learning.
- The Coroglen Values Award: For the students who embody our school values—kindness, inclusivity, and respect—every single day.
- Sporting & Cultural Spirit: Celebrating the energy and passion our students bring to the wider life of the school.

A Heartfelt Thank You

An event like this reminds us that it takes a village to raise a child. To our amazing staff,



thank you for your tireless dedication to our students' success. To our parents and whānau, thank you for your partnership and for trust in us. And to our wider community, your support makes everything we do possible.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we say a fond farewell to our Year 8 graduate - Sadie-Belle, we wish you the very best for your high school journey! - we also look forward to welcoming new faces and fresh challenges in the coming year.

Please note that we are currently looking for a Part-Time Cleaner/Caretaker for 2026. If you know someone reliable who wants to help keep our school sparkling, please see the separate ad in this newsletter!

We wish all our families a safe, sun-drenched, and happy summer holiday. See you all in 2026!

Ngā mihi nui,
The Team at Coroglen School



Board Spot

A Message from the Coroglen School Board

As we reach the conclusion of the 2025 school year, the Board of Trustees would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for our kura. Coroglen School continues to be a place where community, growth, and excellence go hand-in-hand, and that is thanks to the collective effort of everyone involved.

To Our Fantastic Staff

First and foremost, a massive thank you to our teaching and support staff. Your fantastic effort throughout the year has been the engine behind our students' success. Whether it was the targeted focus on Reading achievement or the impressive gains we saw in the mid and end-of-year Mathematics results, your dedication to differentiated learning is evident. You don't just teach; you care for our tamariki as if they were your own whānau, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

To Our Amazing Students

To our Coroglen Cool Kids: we are so proud of you! We have seen an amazing effort from every single student this year. From the juniors making their first big leaps in literacy to our seniors taking on leadership roles and showing significant academic progress, you have all "leveled up." A special mention to our Year 8 leaver - thank you for your contribution to our school; we know you are ready for the big adventures ahead.

Welcoming Hope Lifting

We are absolutely delighted to officially welcome Hope Lifting to the Coroglen team as our new Junior Teacher. Hope brings a wonderful energy and a passion for early-years education that fits perfectly with our school's values. We know our younger tamariki are in excellent hands, and we look forward to seeing the junior room thrive under her guidance in the coming year.

To Our Community

Thank you to the parents, caregivers, and local Coroglen community. Whether you helped with a working bee, cheered from the sidelines, or supported your child's learning at home, you are the reason our school feels so special.

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and sun-filled summer holiday. We look forward to seeing those bright smiles back at the gate in 2026!

Ngā mihi nui,

The Coroglen School Board of Trustees

Reporting and Strategic Planning - Community Consultation

We have commenced our planning for the Coroglen School Strategic Plan for 2026 - 2029.

What is Reporting and Strategic Planning?

The Reporting and Strategic Planning - Community Consultation process is the core mechanism by which the Board ensures the school is accountable, meets community needs, and plans for the future.

Here is a breakdown of what that process entails for Coroglen School:

1. Strategic Planning (The 'Where Are We Going?')

This involves the Board setting the school's long-term vision, typically over a three year cycle.

Board Spot

- **Purpose:** To define the key priorities (like the technology, cultural competency, and local curriculum initiatives mentioned previously) and set measurable goals for student achievement and school development.
- **Outcome:** The Strategic plan, which includes the strategic goals.

2. Community Consultation (The 'What Do You Think?')

This is the essential input phase, ensuring the strategic goals align with the values and aspirations of the Coroglen whānau and community.

- **Purpose:** To gather feedback that informs the school's priorities, particularly regarding the Local Curriculum and cultural commitment (Te Ao Māori).
- **Methods:** This is done through formal surveys, open community meetings (hui), and informal communication methods, ensuring parents have a voice in shaping the school's direction.

3. Reporting (The 'How Did We Do?')

This is the accountability phase, where the school demonstrates its effectiveness and financial stewardship.

- **Purpose:** To transparently show the community and the Ministry of Education how the school performed against the goals set in the Annual Plan.
- **Mechanism:** The Principal and Board produce the Annual Report (including financial statements, student achievement data, and a statement of variance against targets). This report is reviewed by the Board and must be publicly available. Newsletters like the Canvas document also serve as informal progress reports.

In short, the process makes sure Coroglen School is not only legally compliant but also strategically focused on what matters most to its local community and that it reports back clearly on the progress made. Go to Skool Loop for the link to the Community Consultation - 3rd December please. We do value for your feedback.

Attendance Counts: Partnering for Success at Coroglen School

At Coroglen School, we recognise that family life is busy and complex. However, we must strongly affirm that consistent attendance is the single most crucial foundation for a child's successful learning journey and overall well-being. When students are here, they are connected, supported, and ready to learn.

The Critical Link: Why Every Day Matters

Missing even small amounts of school time can have a surprisingly large impact on a child's academic progress.

The New Zealand Curriculum requires daily engagement in key curriculum areas like Literacy and Numeracy. These subjects build sequentially; today's lesson relies on yesterday's concepts. When a student misses a single day, they don't just miss one lesson—they miss the vital connections and prerequisite knowledge needed for the following week. This compounds over time, making it harder for the student to keep up and master skills. Consistent presence also strengthens their social and emotional development, ensuring they maintain vital friendships and feel connected to the school community.

Board Spot (cont)

Coroglen's Commitment to Engagement

We are committed to making Coroglen School a place where every child wants to be. We promote high attendance by:

Providing a positive, safe, and engaging learning environment where students feel a strong sense of belonging.

- Delivering an exciting curriculum that incorporates project-based and inquiry learning to maximise interest and motivation.
- Actively monitoring attendance to quickly identify any emerging patterns of absence so we can proactively offer support to families if needed.

Your Partnership: Supporting High Attendance

We need your help to reinforce the message that 'Attendance Counts.' Together, we can ensure every student reaches their potential.

Here are three simple, non-judgmental ways you can support your child's attendance:

- **Establish Strong Routines:** Ensure a consistent bedtime and morning routine that guarantees your child is rested and ready to leave for school on time.
- **Communicate Absences Immediately:** If your child is genuinely unwell, please notify the school via Skool Loop website or text 0272 053495 before 9:15 am on the day of absence. This ensures we know your child is safe and allows us to track attendance accurately.
- **Schedule Smartly:** Wherever possible, please schedule non-urgent appointments (dental, medical checks) outside of school hours to minimize disruption to valuable classroom time.

Our school goal for 2026: Regular Attendance Target:

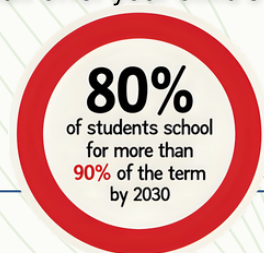
Term 1 - 77% (14 students) Regular attendance (> 90%)	Term 2 - 66% (12 students) Regular attendance (> 90%)	Term 3 - 55% (10 students) Regular attendance (> 90%)	Term 4 - 83% (15 students) Regular attendance (> 90%)
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Your dedication to making every day count is the most valuable partnership you can offer your child's education. Attendance information - Frequently Asked Questions -

<https://www.coroglen.school.nz/information/attendance/>

Coroglen School Attendance Summary (Term 4)

Whole School Roll	Regular Attendance (More than 90% of the time)	Our Term 4 goal	National Target (2030)
17 Students	This is our target for Term 4 83% (15 students)	52.9% (9 students) Regular Attendance (More than 90% of the time)	80% of students attending school regularly



While we celebrate the six students maintaining 90%+ attendance, we look forward to partnering with you to reach these collective goals.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Coroglen School Board

Our Supporters Page

A Sincere Note of Thanks to Our Coroglen School Supporters

Kia ora koutou,

As we move through Term 4, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported Coroglen School this year. Our school thrives because of the incredible generosity, expertise, and commitment shown by our wider community. We truly are more than a school; we are a dedicated collective.

Enabling Big Dreams: Our Funding Partners

A massive thank you goes to the various Pub Charities and Trusts we have been working with on grant applications. Securing external funding is vital to achieving our major goals, such as purchasing a school van for Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). Your willingness to back our vision enables us to provide learning opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom walls.

We also acknowledge the contractors and suppliers, like those who have been improving our school environment, such as the pool shed and pool shade. Thank you for keeping our kura safe and well-maintained.

The Power of Whānau Engagement

Your commitment to our school community transforms our daily environment. We want to specifically acknowledge:

- Fundraising Support: Your enthusiastic response to the Pet Day Fundraising and Kids' Art Orders was fantastic! These successful initiatives not only provides unique gifts but also raises valuable funds to support our programmes.
- Thank you to many businesses who have supported us in our fundraising endeavours.

Your support, in whatever form it takes—time, resources, or belief—is what makes Coroglen School such a strong and special place to learn and grow.



Ngā mihi nui,

Karlos Bosson
Principal





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Welcome to Coroglen School

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School Communication

It's so 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

Community username: **coroglen**

Community password: **waiwawa**

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