

Cohort Entry



Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There's evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life.

We believe it offers our tamariki the best start to their school life. It also means less disruption for our new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date, rather than on an individual and ad hoc basis throughout the year. New entrants start school as a group after they have turned five, and there will be two entry points per term (beginning and mid-point).

2026 Mid-Term Dates for Schools with Cohort Entry

TERM	START OF TERM DATE	MID-TERM DATE	END OF TERM DATE
1	02/02/2026	09/03/2026	02/04/2026
2	20/04/2026	02/06/2026	03/07/2026
3	20/07/2026	24/08/2026	25/09/2026
4	12/10/2026	16/11/2026	15/12/2026

The mid-term date is the mid-point between the start of the term and the start of the next term.

- If your child's birthday is before the **start of term date**, then they can start school at the **beginning of that term**.
- If their birthday is between the **start of term date** and the **mid term date**, then they can start school on the **mid term date**.
- If their birthday is between the **mid term date** and the **start of the next term's date** then they can start school at the beginning of the next term.