

# Term 4 2018 Calendar

6	19	20	Nude Food Day 21	22	School Mufti Day 23
7	BOT Meeting 26	27	Nude Food Day 28	Aotea College Orientation Day 29	School Disco 30
8	3	Regional Athletics 4	Nude Food Day 5	6	Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit 2pm start 7
9	End of Year Reports go home 10	2019 Class Placement Letters go home 11	Middle Block with 2019 teacher Nude Food Day 12	Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prize Giving 13	Last day 2018 Leavers Assembly starts 11:45am School closes at 1pm 14

**School Wide Art Project:** We will be embarking on a school-wide art project in 2019. We will be creating a large mural for our school, using bottle top lids. Given the amount we will need, we better start collecting now! Please save all plastic bottle top lids of every size and colour. As you collect a bag full, send it along to school (preferably washed). This art project follows the Sustainability Inquiry we are currently exploring: Recycling, Reusing and involving our community to beautify our school.

**Sunhats:** Thank you for your support with the sunhats. It is great to see the children taking responsibility for their own health and safety. The basic school rule is: "No Hat, No Play".

**Key Dates 2017:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January- Day 1 for 2019  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February- School Picnic - Waikanae Pool

**Prayer Group:** Our Prayer Group now meet on a MONDAY morning at 8:50am. This is a great opportunity to ground your plane with other members of our school community.

**Police Presence:** Over the next few weeks there may be an increase in uniformed police officers at Postgate. No need to panic or for concern as the Police College are bringing in recruits to talk/interact with our children.



## Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 6 2018

**"Everyone you meet is a fighting a  
battle you know nothing about.  
Be kind. Always"**  
- Author unknown

If you can't say something nice about someone, say nothing at all.  
**Mission Statement**

### **To Create Life-Long Learners**

**Supporting statement:**  
*We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.*



**"Ma te mahi ngatahi,  
ka tu pakari te matauranga"**  
**"Together, We Learn and Achieve"**

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### **Kia ora whanau**

**Postgate PRIDE:** Congratulations to Tatiana Mareko who has been selected to trial for the New Zealand basketball Under 14 team in April 2019. Tatiana will go through an intensive four-day camp with the best coaches and young players from around New Zealand. Wow, what a huge honour and just reward for her outstanding performance at the recent regional tournament.

**Fundraising Committee Meeting:** Your Fundraising Team are meeting this Wednesday at 6pm in the staffroom. Danica is having email problems so apologies for the late notice.

**Walkathon:** Thank you to everyone who has returned their card and money. Tomorrow, the first set of letters will be coming home asking families who still have cards outstanding to return them to school. This is a requirement from our Auditor as this type of activity has a high fraud element to it. Our current total stands at \$15,586; as of today.

**Please, for our stress levels, return your card and money.**

**Important Notice for Year 1-3 Parents:** With the changes we have made to our reporting system, the major change is for parents in Years 1-3. In the past, the Postgate Expectation (National Standard) was based **after** either one, two or three years at school. The change is now it is based at the **end of** Year One, end of Year Two or end of Year Three. This may have an effect on your child's achievement from the previous year.

We know the first three years of schooling are vital, however, under the previous system, parents/students may have found out at the end of Year 4 that the learning may not have been where we'd all expected.

The current system may 'short change' some Year 1's as they have had lesser time working towards the expectation, however, we can all work together at the beginning of Year 2 to make any adjustments needed.

If you would like to discuss further, please see your child's teacher or me.

**Sustainability at Postgate School- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Thank you for your support last Wednesday with our first ever Nude Food Day. Small steps... I know some teachers spoke with their class and looked at good examples of Nude Food, with a few posting photos on Seesaw to give parents a greater idea. As long as you did something on Wednesday, it is a start and we will get better at how. There were lots of stories about families using recyclable ziplock bags, food co-mingling, and parents using different containers. The next big step, early next year

We are working with the Sustainability Trust and are hopeful to have new rubbish bins in classes next year to help with recycling and reducing our landfill rubbish

**Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting:** Thank you for your meeting last week.

**Strike Action:** Thank you for your support and understanding last week. Not sure if our actions have made much of an impression on the Government. There is no further strike action planned for 2018

**Year 8 Organised Disco:** Next Friday evening is our last school disco for the year. The disco is led by our Year 8 students which helps fund their Leavers Dinner in the last week of term. I believe we will be back to the normal disco times with the Junior School and Senior School having their own separate disco's. Junior Disco is from 5pm till 7pm with Years 4-8 running from 7:15 till 9:30pm. There will be combo deals, more details next week.

**Postgate School Helpers Lunch:** This is set for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12noon. Letters inviting parents to the lunch will be sent home next week. We would love to see you there. The support we receive from our community is tremendous and we would love to thank you. Sometimes we do miss people who have helped us, just come along as well. It's just an oversight if you do not receive an invitation, however, we will try our best to invite everyone. Please, if you have been helping out, keep Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> free. Come for lunch and then stay for Family Merit Assembly.

**Postgate Bees:** The bees are loving the Postgate School surroundings and have created a fair bit of interest at school and with other bees. We had a swarm in a tree by our hives the other week. They were from another hive somewhere around Whitby, wanting to 'hang' with our bees. Mike, our bee guy, gladly collected them with no fuss.

The bees are in the process of starting the 'Honey Run'. Fingers crossed for a bumper run.

**School Mufti Day:** Please remember, this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. All proceeds raised will be given to Sophie and her family as they continue to fundraise for Sophie's opportunity in America next year.

**Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School:** Thank you once again for your support of Postgate School.