

# Term 4 2018 Calendar

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

**2018 Achievement Data:** I have attached a few charts to show how our students are achieving this year in relation to New Zealand's performance in writing. The charts are for students in Years 4-8. They clearly show that our students are achieving extremely well when compared with NZ's performance. I am happy to explain these charts further with you.

Our Postgate School Expectation data has been loaded by our teachers and I am in the process in analysing this now. Early signs is that our data has improved on last years, with more students achieving At or Above the expectation than in previous years; a reflection of the quality of teaching and learning at Postgate School.

**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 now 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.

**Prayer Group: Is now Friday 8:55am in the staffroom.**



**Postgate School Newsletter**  
**Term 4: Week 7**  
**2018**

**"Gossip is like tearing open a goose down pillow into the wind and then trying to collect each and every feather"**

**- Dina Kleiman**

*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**

**Staffing News:** Ron Morrissey has accepted a Deputy Principal position at Martinborough School in the Wairarapa and will be leaving us at the end of the 2018 school year. Ron has been with Postgate since 2012 and has made a tremendous contribution to our school.

It is disappointing to lose quality staff in the likes of Ron, Jess and Kayne; quality teachers are hard to find, crikey, teachers are hard enough to find. However, people's lives move on, people's careers move on or there are more important aspects to their life that needs attending. We wish Ron, Jess and Kayne all the best for 2019 and beyond. Fingers crossed Kayne is back in 2020.

We are currently going through the process of employing a new DP and for 2019 we will operate with two Deputy Principals. Asmita Rama has been promoted to one of these roles. We congratulate Asmita on her new role at Postgate School.

Next week, the three new teachers to Postgate School will be here working with their 2019 team. During Week 9 both Ms Nicole Mitchell (Year 7/8) and Ms Christina Dodds (Year 1) will be here to meet and greet their 2019 class, Wednesday Week 9, middle block.

Unfortunately, Ms Samantha Rutherford, will not be able to make it as she currently lives and studies in Otago, but is here next week for a visit.

**A Couple of Manic Weeks:** With 15 days left in the school year, "Hold onto your hats; it's going to be a wild ride!" The next 15 days are pretty crazy around here and we'd appreciate your help with the little things. For example, ringing if your child is going to be absent. While it may only take a few minutes of your time, it is a considerable amount of time for us.

**DISCO, this Friday:** Our Year 8s are responsible for the last disco of 2018. All funds raised from the disco go towards funding their Leavers Dinner in the last week of this term. The full school disco starts at 5pm and finishes either when you have had enough or 8:30pm, whichever comes first. Entry is \$3 and there will be a wide selection of food to purchase as well as the standard drinks. There is the Postgate famous \$10 combo ticket. A \$10 combo ticket consists of entry, hot food, fresh homemade baking, a bag of lollies and a drink. It would be fantastic to have a huge turnout to thank the Year 8's for their leadership and tuakana-teina throughout 2018.

**Pasifika Advisory Group:** Our PAG is having a shared dinner on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the staffroom.

**Walkathon:** Our current total stands at \$16,850; as of today.

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

**Postgate School Helpers Lunch:** Letters are being sent home today so if you haven't received yours, please check in the bottom of your child's school bag or book bags. If it isn't there, please let me know and I'll send you another one. This is set for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December starting at 12noon. Please, if you have been helping Postgate out, keep Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> free. Come for lunch and then stay for Family Merit Assembly. And also bring some spare coins to purchase...

**Student Led Fundraiser:** Elyssa, Asher, Elizabeth, Mikayla, Keisha and Jessica are a group of senior girls hosting a bake sale to fundraise for the SPCA. The bake sale will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the end of next week. If your child would like to buy a treat and help support the SPCA, please send them to school with some money.

If **you** would like to donate some baking or know someone who would that would be amazing. Please drop it off at the staff room on the morning. The SPCA is an animal saving program that helps protect over 45,000 animals every year. Animals who are sick, injured, abused or are just simply abandoned the SPCA will take them in and foster them until they have found a loving family for them.

**School Mufti Day:** Thank you for your support of the Taylor-Edwards family on Friday. Karl and Nadia and very humbled and grateful for your support.

**Overdue Library Books:** As a school, we have invested a huge amount of money over the past few years. Those who have been at Postgate for a while will remember the old library and the lack of books inside it.

There are a large number of overdue library books. We will be sending charge notices home shortly for the replacement costs. Please look through your house for any Postgate School books.

**Special Thanks to the Staff of Postgate School:** It has been an incredibly busy term so far. The commitment they have to our school is fantastic. There have been many activities outside the classroom namely Junior Swimming, a couple of visits to various places, and endless hours of writing reports that take up a huge amount of their personal time. They all still rock up to school and give 100% for our children. We are very fortunate to have top quality staff.

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