

# Term 4 2018 Calendar

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

# Term 1 2019 Calendar

1	28	29	30 Day 1 2018 Full school powhiri at 9:30am	31	1 <sup>st</sup> February
2	4	5	6 Waitangi Day -No school	7	8
3	11	12	13	14	15
4	18	19	20 School Picnic Waikanae Pool	21	22

**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.



## Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 8 2018

**"Never give up on someone with a mental illness. When "i" is replaced with "we", illness becomes wellness."  
- Shannon L Alder**

### 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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ERO Report: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/postgate-school-17-05-2016/>

3 December, 2018

## **Kia ora whanau**

**2019 School Donation:** At our BOT meeting last week the Board of Trustees decided to keep the school donation at **\$0**; I believe this is now the fourth year we have not asked for a school donation. Once again, we would rather have your time, energy and support than your money. We understand as families you do work and have many other commitments; just when you can.

**Family Merit Assembly:** Our last Family Merit Assembly is set for this Friday at 2pm. Hopefully you'll be able to join with us to celebrate our students' success this term.

**End of Year Reports:** These are going home on Monday next week. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard; you have no idea the amount of time teachers have worked on these, it is insane! Please take the time to read and discuss with your child.

**2019 Class Placement Letter:** Next Tuesday your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2019 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2019. Maybe you missed it last year and I'll point out this year, a large number of stationery items are being provided by Postgate School through a grant we received. Hopefully, you appreciate the reduced cost of our stationery.

**Middle Block Wednesday:** During the middle session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December your child will spend some time with their 2019 teacher. Unfortunately, Samantha Rutherford will not be here, she is still down south. Students in her class will spend their session with a Postgate teacher.

**Leavers Dinner/Year 8 Prize Giving:** Our Year 8 Leavers Dinner is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm. The prize giving section of the evening starts at 7:30pm. The expectation is that all Year 8s are supported by at least one adult at the prize giving.

**Final Assembly:** Our Year 8's Leavers Assembly, which also doubles up as our Final Assembly, is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 11:45am**. School closes at the end of this assembly or at 1pm; whichever comes last. Please note the earlier time so, fingers crossed, we are all done come 1pm.

**End of 2018 School Year: School closes at 1pm next Friday.** There will be no staff at school come 1:30pm as we are going out for lunch and any 'lost' children will be placed in afterschool care, at the expense of the parent.

**End of Year Accounts:** There are a few families who have outstanding monies owing to our school especially Year 7/8 Technology fees and Japanese Language. We would appreciate full payment ASAP.

**Thank you from our Year 8s for your support at their disco last Friday. It was greatly appreciated.**

**Sports Uniform:** Please check all throughout your house for Postgate School Sports Uniforms. Can any sports uniforms items be returned to school this week, thank you.

**Day One 2019:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. A full school powhiri for new students, families and staff will start at 9:30am

**Blessing of our Waharoa:** This is still to be confirmed, however, we have pencilled in Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January as the date our Waharoa will be unveiled and blessed; ready for the new school year.

**School Picnic at Waikanae Pool:** Waikanae Pool has been booked for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, please take this day off work and join us for a family day out.

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

**Walkathon:** Our current total stands at nearly \$17k; as of today.

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

**Postgate School Helpers Lunch:** Letters were sent home last week 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. We would like to know by tomorrow if you intend to come. Come for lunch and then stay for Family Merit Assembly. And also bring some spare coins to purchase some cupcakes to go with your Subway lunch, because...

**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 this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, before and after our Family Merit Assembly. 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.

**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.

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