

Term 4 2018 Calendar

9	10	11	12	13	14
End of Year Reports go home	2019 Class Placement Letters go home	Middle Block with 2019 teacher Nude Food Day	Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prize Giving	Last day 2018 Leavers Assembly starts 11:45am School closes at 1pm	

Term 1 2019 Calendar

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

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 9 2018

**"The BOT Chair said to me this morning,
"Have a great day",
so I went home."
- Me. Just joking**

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

Lots On: Please be aware of what is happening over the next 5 days, what your child is expected to bring home and anything else needed at school. The "What You Need to Know" is in chronological order below.

End of Year Reports: These are going home today. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard; you have no idea the amount of time teachers have worked on these, it is insane! So please, sit, read and discuss and maybe, draft up some goals for 2019?

Fun Assembly: Tomorrow after morning tea, once the seniors arrive back from Tech, we will be having our annual Fun Assembly. Children can bring fun Christmas stuff to wear to the assembly.

2019 Class Placement Letter: Also tomorrow your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2019 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2019.

Middle Block Wednesday: During the middle session on Wednesday 12th December your child will spend some time with their 2019 teacher. Unfortunately, Samantha Rutherford will not be here, she is still down south. Samantha's 2019 class will spend their session with Jess Baddiley.

Pasifika Advisory Group: Our PAG is having a shared dinner on Wednesday 12th December in the staffroom, starting at 6:30pm. The PAG will also be making the lolly lei's for our Year 8s during this time also. All are welcome.

Leavers Dinner/Year 8 Prize Giving: Our Year 8 Leavers Dinner is on Thursday 13th 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 14th 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 this Friday. There will be no staff at school, once 1:30pm rolls around 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.

Sports Uniform: Please check all throughout your house for any Postgate School Sports Uniform. Please return any sports uniform items this week, thank you.

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: This year Literacy and Numeracy have combined forces to come up with the ultimate Postgate Summer Challenge; Reading, Writing and Mathematics. It has been split into a Year 1-3 and Year 4-8 challenge. Your child/ren will each get a copy of the challenge that suits their current year group.

So grab your family and friends and get ready to take on the Postgate Summer Challenge 2018, and help your child collect points that will tally towards winning certain prizes.

The 'summer lag' continues to be a very real barrier to children's academic success; time spent away from school can set a pupil back a number of months. Please find some time to help your child with their learning journey.

Day One 2019: Wednesday 30th 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 know that it will be after Waitangi Day, for the unveiling and blessing; sometime in the new school year.

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

THANK YOU: As this is the last official newsletter, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Our awesome kids. They make Postgate a very special place to work. Their energy and passion for learning are contagious. We are blessed to have wonderful students.
- You; our school community. The pride that reflects out of your child is a reflection of their home environment. As a staff we are truly grateful for your support of all things Postgate. From our Board of Trustees, Te Whanau Kaitiaki and Pasifika Advisory Groups, to the lovely ladies of our Fundraising Committee, to the parents who tutor our children on a Friday for Kapahaka/Kalapu Pasifika, to the parents who regularly meet with their child's teacher, keeping engaged with the learning process.
- The staff at Postgate see their role here as more than 'just a job'. Their energy, passion and commitment to your children motivates me in my role. Postgate is fortunate to have such wonderful people, who put the needs of the children before themselves.
- Ron Morrissey and Jess Baddiley for their wonderful contribution to Postgate School over the past 7 and 8 years respectively. The impact Ron and Jess have had on our school is immense. We wish them all the best at their new schools.
- To the families who are leaving Postgate School at the end of this year, we wish you and your family every success in your new ventures. To the families who have been with us for many years, like over 15 (Aiulu, Hailwood, and Gibson families) thanks for all your support over the many years.
- A special farewell to our Year 8's; your leadership and role modelling have been greatly appreciated. We know you will make us all proud of your achievements at college.

On behalf of the Postgate School Family, we'd like to wish you a safe holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Please look after our/your children during the holiday break.

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