

Term 1 2019 Calendar

6	4	5	6	7	8
Assessment Week Ole Football Good Time Music lessons					
7	11	12	13	14	15
Ole Football Good Time Music lessons			Wini's Wednesday		
8	18	19	20	21	22
Ole Football Good Time Music lessons Powhiri for Maori Nurses					
9	25	26	27	28	29
Ole Football Good Time Music lessons BOT Meeting	Parumoana Cricket Tournament		School Photos	Robbie Freau Rugby. Year 5/6	Sausage Sizzle
10	April 1	2	3	4	5
Ole Football Good Time Music lessons		Year 8 Ocean Sports Programme	Year 8 Ocean Sports Programme Maori Nurses leave Principal Conference		School Disco Principals Conference Gumboot Friday
11	8	9	10	11	12
Girls Ole Football Good Time Music lessons					Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly

The Arts - We need your support!

We are also looking for musicians who would be interested in leading a Year 7/8 group in preparation for the 'Battle of the Bands' competition in Term 3.

We are still collecting bottle tops and lids for our 'Bottle Top Mural'. Send them along to school (washed please!). We are going to need thousands of tops and lids, so keep collecting them in all shapes and colours.

If you are interested in helping out as a musician or mural artist please contact Heather at heather.browne@postgate.school.nz or pop into see her in Room 14.

Parking on Staithe Drive North- Before and After School: If you are doing a 'kiss and drop' in the mornings please use the stone wall entrance/carpark or directly out the front of the school; please keep moving. If you are staying a while at school, you should use the main carpark or the many parks by the stone wall; staying to pay money or staying to visit your child's teacher or staying to drop a cake to the staffroom.



Postgate School Newsletter Term 1: Week 6 2019

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
“Small minds cannot comprehend big spirits. To be great, you have to be willing to be mocked, hated and misunderstood. Stay Strong.”

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.



“Together, We Learn and Achieve”
“Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga”

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Kia ora whānau

We are nearly half way through Term One. With five weeks down it seems to be going by very quickly. There has been a huge amount on at Postgate School, giving our whole school community many opportunities to be involved at school, formally and informally. We want to stress again, that this is your school, that we want families to be fully engaged in their child's education knowing that when the home/school partnership is strong children achieve better at school.

Thank you for all your efforts during Term 1 to enhance our school. Postgate PRIDE at its best.

Postgate School Information Evening. Meet the Team: Thank you to everyone who came down to Postgate last Wednesday evening. Our visitors were blown away by the large response from our community and the positive vibe they encountered.

Special Postgate thanks to:

- The Stapp family (STAPP Contracting) for the free Sausage/Steak Sizzle, and free water
- Liz Pepe for the cakes
- The awesome people at PaknSave Bakery for our Cassidy Cycle Cake. The icing person came in specially, on their day off, to ice the cake. What a legend!
- The Leaiifano family, once again, for the supply of bread
- Asmita Rama for the Lolly Scramble; like old school days!
- Our Postgate School community for making our visitors and their children feel at home at our opening
- Our special visitors, Mayor Mike Tana; Kris Faafoi's body double, Geoff Hayward; Leanne Pearson from NZTA; Paul McArdle from Bikes in School; Rachel Scott from Partners Porirua; Chris Te'o, USO Bike Ride; and Wendy Baker, Northern Ward Councillor
- Damion Stapp (STAPP Contracting) for all the work constructing our Cycle Track
- And of course, our guest of honour, Glenn Cassidy for all his work with our Cycle Track. Glenn was very humbled on Wednesday

Paul McArdle, from Bikes in Schools, attends all openings of bike tracks throughout New Zealand. His comment to me was Postgate's is the best he has seen. From the design, the container, using concrete (others are limestone), the access on and off, the wifi inside the container to the computers to help with fixing the bikes, the equipment Glenn has purchased to fix the bikes, the community turnout and the off-road section. He was blown away. The best bike track and largest community turnout he had seen!

Family Merit Assembly: Thank you to the many parents who attended our Family Merit Assembly on Friday.

What's Next on the Postgate Radar? With the School Picnic done, the Good Time Music lessons continuing, a sample of our Postgate Honey, and the Meet the

Team/Cassidy Cycle Track officially opened (we trust you and your child have appreciated these events) a few parents have asked what is next. Well, let us tell you what is still to come...

Teachers are checking their class lists twice, seeing who they have met and yet to meet. They will be ringing all parents they haven't seen to invite them down to school. There is also a **Sausage Sizzle and school disco later this term.**

Our waharoa is nearly finished and we are ever hopeful of a Term 2 unveiling.

Our waharoa has many stories now associated with it. Not only does the carving tell a story but the carving itself holds many tales.

On the property front, we have had confirmation that Rooms 7 and 8 will be removed and two new classrooms will be built in their place. The Junior School toilets have been approved to be remodelled and Rooms 9 and 10 will have some work done as well.

There are a few other building projects that have been approved and now we have to work out a timeline for them all to happen.

Over the next five years, over 1.3 million dollars of property work will be done on Postgate School; we are hopeful that the work may be done a bit quicker than 5 years, however, that is the current timeframe.

The biggest area for what is next is, and always has been, our continued focus on lifting teacher capability. We know that the only way we can lift student achievement is to lift the capabilities of our teachers. We are doing this through the lens of Teacher as Inquiry. Our Numeracy and Literacy groups have an inquiry as well as every syndicate team. All inquiries are based on our achievement data; where do we have to do better.

Staff at Postgate continue to work smart to lift their own capability and in turn, this will lift student achievement and improve student outcomes, while trying to maintain the highest standards.

Wini's Wednesday: In support of a Postgate whanau member- Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle. This will be held next Wednesday, 13 March.

Postgate Honey Jars: Please remember to return your honey jars and if you'd like to purchase some more, this can be done through contacting Mike on Facebook- Harris Road Honey. A larger jar sells for \$12

BOT Elections: At the start of June we have our Board of Trustees Elections. We have three positions up for renewal. There is a hui at Aotea College to give you a greater insight if you are interested. Please refer to the attached flyer.

The success of our school relies on a well-functioning Board of Trustees. Trustees must be focused on representing all Postgate children and families. If this sounds like a leadership position you may be interested in, please come and ask us questions about this most important role in our school.

Thanking you for your support.

Mauruuru kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.