

Term 2 2019 Calendar

5	27 Samoan Language Week Badminton	28 Badminton	29 MoveMprove Year 1-6 Proposed STRIKE DAY	30 MoveMprove Year 1-6 School Cross Country	31 Family Merit Assembly
6	3 Lizzy's Birthday No school	4 Badminton	5 MoveMprove Year 1-6	6 MoveMprove Year 1-6	7 BOT Election Date
7	10 Badminton	11 Parumoana Cross Country	12 MoveMprove Year 1-6	13 MoveMprove Year 1-6 BOT Vote Count Day St Marys Open Day	14 New BOT take office
8	17 BOT 6pm	28	19 MoveMprove Year 1-6	20 MoveMprove finishes Year 1-6	21
9	24	25	26 Careers Afternoon Year 7/8	27	28 School Disco
10	1	2	3 Learning Conferences ???	4 Learning Conferences ???	5 Family Merit Assembly End Term 2

Matariki Celebrations: If you would like to come and share your knowledge with our tamariki let Kelvin or Deb know.

We are also thinking of having a community hangi to celebrate Matariki, however, we need people with the skills and expertise to help do this for our community. If you have the know-how and the contacts for baskets, irons, rocks etc, please let either Kelvin, Deb, Lady or myself know.

Good Time Music Bus: Those families who have enrolled their child in music lessons for this term, please ensure you pay your bill to Good Time Music. They would greatly appreciate prompt payment.

Aotea College Enrolments 2020: If your child is in Year 8 and you are looking at enrolling your child into Aotea College next year, you had better get cracking and fill in an enrolment form!

Sports Uniforms: We are missing a number of sports tops. Can you please check around your house for numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 28, 31 and 36.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 5

2019

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"E ā 'oe nei, ae ā ā'u taeao.

For your kindness today, it is my turn tomorrow"

-Samoan Proverb

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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May 27, 2019

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Talofa Lava Aiga

Samoan Language Week: It is Samoan Language Week. Samoan people make up nearly half of New Zealand's Pasifika population (49%) and Samoan is the third most spoken language in New Zealand, with 144,138 people at the last Census identifying as Samoan. It is also the second most spoken language in Auckland.

The theme for 2019 is "Lalaga le si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia' - 'Weave an environment for a better future". We hope that everyone will draw on the skills and expertise of those who speak Pacific languages, and be brave, and have a go at speaking Samoan! Promoting and preserving language and culture is an ongoing journey that never ends with one generation and this is true for all languages.

"Ia a'oa'oina ma ausia fa'atasi tatou uma"

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

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Here are some websites that may prove useful in speaking/understanding Samoan:

<https://www.hrc.co.nz/your-rights/race-relations-and-diversity/language/our-work/samoan-language-week/>

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/learn/for-educators/teaching-resources/samoan-language-week-classroom-resource>

<http://samoan.manuatele.net/phrases.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPS1PCaISW0>

If we pronounce your name, your child's name or family name incorrectly, please let us know. Your PAG team are going to make a video of how to pronounce names correctly across our school. There was a great article in the NZ Herald this week by Teuila Fuatai entitled "Saying Names Right is About Respecting Cultural Identity".

No School Wednesday 29th May: Due to the MEGA strike, Postgate School is closed this coming Wednesday. There will be no one on site. We thank you for your cooperation.

Why are teachers striking? Simple response- More pay and better working conditions. For every hour of teaching, there is one hour of planning and assessment. This makes for a long day when teachers also have meetings to attend (staff meetings, curriculum meetings, IEPs, meeting with parents etc)

We believe everyone works hard at their job and teachers are no different. What hits teachers hard is the emotional toll. Teachers give their all; they pour their heart into the job and it does take a toll. This is where we get teacher burnout. Think about what it is like at home with 2, 3 or more of your children at home. We hear parents say "thank goodness the holidays are over. My kids were driving me crazy!" Our teachers have between 18-30 children in their class and deal with a wide variety of issues on any given day.

Yes, we get 12 weeks holiday a year. Well, not really holiday time. I like to think of it as non-contact time as there is still work to do. You'd be surprised how much we can do when no one is around!

Teachers are also dealing with more complexed issues involving children and families.

Teachers spend time inquiring into their own practice as to the effectiveness of their teaching and the effect it is having on student achievement. Teachers are far more accountable for what happens/not happens in their classrooms.

So on Wednesday, teachers will be striking and we thank you for your continued support.

2019 Whole School Cross Country! This Thursday, 30th May, (weather permitting). Come and support our runners as they compete for Whānau points on our challenging but achievable course! **Exploration and Endeavour syndicates (Years 1-3) will be racing 9:15am. Voyager and Crows Nest (Years 4-8) racing at 2:15pm.** Runners can wear their whānau colours with PRIDE and support their whānau. Come along and support our students!

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

Exploration Invitation: On Thursday, 6th of June, Exploration Syndicate (NE/Y1) will be running an information afternoon. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and see what, and how, we are teaching your children. We will have 3 main areas (Maths, Writing and Reading) which will have resources for you to explore, and a teacher to answer any questions that you may have. The second part of this afternoon will be for you to learn and play some games which will support your child's learning. These games will be available for you to take home at the end. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there! We will begin at 3:15pm. Please bring your children and if you have children starting school shortly, you are more than welcomed as well.

Thanking you for your support.

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

Hei kona mai