

# Term 4 2019 Calendar

1	14 October Start Term 4 Junior School Swimming starts	15 Year 4 Girls Self Defence	16 Powhiri- 9:15am Year 7 Girls Self Defence	17 Year 7/8 Girls Self Defence	18
2	21 BOT Meeting	22 Fundraising Committee 6pm	23 School Athletics Day	24 Walkathon	25
3	28 Labour Day No school Tokelauan Language Week	29 Battle of the Bands Year 7/8 Year 5 Girls Self Defence	30 Year 8 Girls Self Defence	31 Year 8 Girls Self Defence	November 1
4	4 MOKOTINI Poly Fest Evening	5	6	7	8 Family Merit
5	11 Year 4-6 EOTC Week	12 Parumoana Sports Athletics Day	13 Early Reading Together	14	15
6	18 Year 7/8 Camp Teapot Valley Nelson	19	20 Early Reading Together	21	22 Year 7/8s return from Camp
7	25 BOT Meeting	26	27	28	29 Year 8 Disco
8	2	3 Regional Athletics	4	5 Whanau Sports Day	6 Family Merit Helpers Thank You Lunch
9	9 End of Year Reports Home	10	11 2020 teacher middle block	12 Leavers Dinner	13 Last day 2019 Final assembly

## 2020 Term Dates:

Term 1 2020- Start Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February till Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC Mondayised) till Friday 3 July

Term 3- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July till Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct till Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



## Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 4: Week 1

### 2019

#### Mission Statement

## To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."**

- T.S Eliot

#### 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 whanau

**Niuean Language Week:** Fakaalofa atu ki a mutolu. The theme for this year is: Tokiofa, ofania, mokoina e vagahau Niue, which means 'Treasure, love and cherish the Niue language'.

**Welcome Back to Term 4:** By far the busiest term on our calendar has started in the best possible fashion, a clear sunny day. Please keep referring to the calendar on the back of this newsletter to stay in touch with key events; there are a lot this term. Term 4 is a bit of a mad dash with it being only 9 weeks or 44 days; yeah 44 school days until the end of the school year! Oh my...

Our Year 1-3 students started their swimming programme today at Tawa Pool; our Year 4-6 pupils have their EOTC Week starting Week 5, and our Year 7/8 pupils head to Teapot Valley, Nelson for all of Week 6.

Our Mokotini Poly Fest evening is fast approaching; all of Postgate School is involved in this. This is set for the evening of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, at Te Rauparaha Arena. Tickets will be on sale shortly. We are waiting to see if we were successful in our application for funding, which will have an effect on the cost of tickets.

All the key event dates for Term 4 are on this newsletter.

**Thank You:** A huge Postgate thanks to the families who came into school during the first week of the holidays to help with the costumes for the Mokotini Poly Fest evening. Your support was greatly appreciated and will shine through very shortly.

**Staffing Changes:** Asmita Rama is on maternity leave. Asmita was hoping to be here for the first few weeks of Term 4, but Baby Rama had different thoughts. Baby Rama is due very shortly. Ashley Newson (nee Russell) will team teach with Kelvin in Room 5 for the remainder of Term 4.

Tim Wilson has finished his short-term contract and Mrs Jacqui Reading will teach Room 1 for the remainder of 2019. Our apologies to the students and families of Room 1. It has been a disjointed year for them as they are now onto their third teacher. Just unlucky.

Welcome to Mrs Claire Davies has joined the Postgate Team. Claire will be doing release in Room 6 as part of Samantha's Provisional Teacher Development. Claire is taking over from Jacqui, who is now in Room 1.

**Powhiri:** There is a full school powhiri on Wednesday to welcome all new families to Postgate School. The powhiri will start at 9:30am.

**SunSmart Policy:** Term 4 will bring with it higher levels of UVA and UVB rays. Bucket or wide brimmed hats will now be compulsory. Caps and beanies are not

acceptable. Postgate takes your kids health and well-being seriously. No hat, No play!

The No Hat, No Play rule will kick off at the start of Week 2; there is a week's grace for children to get themselves organised. Hats can be purchased through the school office.

**School Athletics Day: This is set for next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Walkathon:** Walkathon Cards were sent home at the end of last term. Our Walkathon is set for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. All money raised from our Walkathon goes directly back into buying ICT equipment for our school. Over the past few years the BOT have matched and bettered whatever the school amount was. Already this year we have spent over \$40k on ICT gear; from Chromebooks, to Infinity computers, Ipads covers, Bluetooth headphones and keyboards, Talking Pens, Talking Tins, Literacy programmes and replacing our old server, which has been sent to Te Papa

As you well know, Ipads, Chromebooks and Infinity computers are not cheap. However, if we all make an effort to bring in \$100 in donations, wow, we'd have one of the best technology set ups in the country. \$100 times 341 students equal \$34,100. Throw in the BOTs contribution and BOOM!

**School Uniform Orders for 2020:** A uniform order will be placed at the end of next week, ensuring 2020 uniforms are here by the end of Term 4. If you know your child needs new uniform items, namely polo tops, please contact Jacqui or Lesleigh in the office. Your forward thinking will be greatly appreciated.

**Red Nose Mufti Day:** Thank you for your support with the Red Nose Mufti Day at the end of last term. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

**Endeavour and Exploration Swimming:** This programme will **start Monday, Week 1, Term 4.** The programme will run **every Monday and Tuesday, plus one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to make up for Labour Day** with each class having its own half hour lesson. Trained swimming instructors will be running the swimming lessons for our children.

Timetable for Swimming

Rooms 9,10	Depart Postgate School 09:45am	Depart Tawa Pool 11:15am
Rooms 11	Depart Postgate School 10:45am	Depart Tawa Pool 12:00pm
Room 13,14	Depart Postgate School 11:45am	Depart Tawa Pool 1:15pm
Room 12	Depart Postgate School 12:45pm	Depart Tawa Pool 1:45pm

**Thanking you for your support.**

**Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.**

**Hei kona mai**