

Term 4 2019 Calendar

8	2	3 Regional Athletics Fundraising Meeting -6pm	4	5 Whanau Sports Day	6 Family Merit Helpers Thank You Lunch
9	9 End of Year Reports Home	10 Fun Assembly 12noon 2020 Class placement letters home	11 2020 teacher middle block	12 Leavers Dinner	13 Last day 2019 Final assembly

Term 1 2020 Calendar

1	3 Day 1 2020 8:55am start Powhiri at 9:30am	4	5	6 Waitangi Day -No school	7
2	10	11 Fundraising Meeting	12	13	14
3	17	18	19	20	21 School Picnic Waikanae Pool
4	24 BOT Meeting	25	26 Information Evening Injections Year 7/8	27	28
5	2 Assessment Week	3	4	5	6 Family Merit Assembly
6	9	10	11	12	13
7	16 Maori Nurses arrive	17	18	19	20 Twilight Food Fair?
8	23 Quick Rip Years 4-8	24	25 School Photos	26	27 School Disco
9	30	31	April 1	2	3
10	6	7	8	9 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly	10 Easter Friday



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 8

2019

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.”**

~Winston Churchill

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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December 2, 2019

Kia ora whanau

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.

Postgate School Helpers Lunch: Letters have been sent home 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 6th December starting at 12noon. Please, if you have been helping Postgate out, keep Friday the 6th free. We would like to know by tomorrow if you intend to come. Come for lunch and then stay for Family Merit Assembly.

PostPatch-Before and Afterschool Care: After 16 years, Heather Hailwood is retiring. Heather would like to invite all past and present families to a Farewell "Munch and Mingle" this Friday, 6th of December. The farewell will be in the school hall. Pizza, Hot Chips, Strawberries, and Ice Cream will be provided but please feel free to bring a plate.

Kristy Ahern will take be the new owner of the Before and After Care Programme.

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

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: This year we are having a major push with our Summer Challenge. All children will be coming home with a 1B8 exercise book with the Summer Challenge glued in. All children will be making a start on this in class. Teachers will be Seesawing messages home over the next two weeks about the Summer Challenge.

Why the big push. Research shows and our own data tells us that the 'Summer Lag' is a very real thing. The 'Summer Lag' is 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.

So, grab your family and friends and get ready to take on the Postgate Summer Challenge 2019/20, and help your child collect points that will tally towards winning prizes.

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 it with your child.

2020 Class Placement Letter: Next Tuesday your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2020 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2020. Maybe you missed it last 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 11th December, your child will spend some time with their 2020 teacher.

Leavers Dinner/Year 8 Prize Giving: Our Year 8 Leavers Dinner is on Thursday 12th 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; which starts at 7:30pm.

Final Assembly: Our Year 8's Leavers Assembly, which also doubles up as our Final Assembly, is Friday 13th 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 2019 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.

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 2020: Monday 3rd February. A full school powhiri for new students, families, and staff will start at 9:30am

School Picnic at Waikanae Pool: Waikanae Pool has been booked for Friday 21st February, please take this day off work and join us for a family day out.

Walkathon: Our current total stands at \$17, 447 as of today. Please, for our stress levels, return your card and money. They should all be back, like three weeks ago! ha

Thanking you for your support.

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

Hei kona mai