

Term 2 2020 Calendar

5	25 Samoan Language Week	26	27	28	29 Samoan Language Week Assembly -Online
6	June 1 Lizzy's Birthday No school	2	3	4	5 Family Merit Assembly Online?
7	8	9 Parumoana Cross Country?	10	11	12
8	15 BOT 6pm	16	17	18	19
9	22	23	24	25	26
10	29	30 Wellington Regional Cross Country?	July 1	2	3 Family Merit Assembly End Term 2

Samoan Language Week EXTRA: Here are some simple words/sentences that we can share in our workplace or for our teachers to use in class this week

Taeao manuia	Good morning	Fufulu ou lima	Wash your hands
Talofa tamaiti	Hello children	Fa'alogo lelei	Listen carefully
Talofa faiaoga	Hello teacher	Mālō le galue	Commend you for doing the work
Fa'amolemole	Please	Tōfā soifua	Goodbye
Fa'afetai lava	Thank you very much	Feiloa'i taeao	See you tomorrow
Nofo i lalo	Sit down	Manuia le aso	Have a good day
Tu 'i luga	Stand up	Ia fa'apena fo'i	And you also



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 6
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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"

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

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<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/postgate-school-17-05-2016/>

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Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Talofa Lava Aiga

Samoan Language Week: Unfortunately, we were unable to have our flag raising this morning due to the poor weather. On our next fine day, we will raise the Samoan flag alongside the New Zealand flag and sing the Samoan National Anthem

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 2020 is "*Tapena sou ōso mol au malaga. Prepare yourself a gift for your travels*". 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! Have a go today:

- Tālofa lava: Hello (formal)
- Mālō le soifua: Hello/Good health
- 'O ā mai 'oe? How are you? (to one person only)
- Manuia fa'afetai: Good, thank you
- Manuia le aso: Have a great day
- Tōfā soifua: Good bye (formal)
 - Uso – A male (tama) referring to his brother calls him 'uso'
 - Uso- A female (teine) referring to her sister calls her 'uso'

But, a male cannot refer to a female as an uso and vice versa.

Promoting and preserving language and culture is an ongoing journey that never ends with one generation and this is true for all languages.

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"Ma te mahi ngatahi, ka tu pakari te matauranga"

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. There was a great article in the NZ Herald by Teuila Fuatai entitled "Saying Names Right is About Respecting Cultural Identity".

Due to C-19 we cannot have a full-on Samoan Language Week as in recent years. I know Ms Rutherford is very disappointed as this was her teaching highlight last year especially with the community support her class got.

Welcome Back: Wow! What an adventure we have all shared together. Many highs, some lows, frustration, uncertainty, family time, and returning to school. C-19 will be something we will all remember and a story we will share with others for years to come.

Last week back at school was awesome; it was like we were never away. Kids settled well back into their mahi and the aroha/love they showed for their fellow classmates was plain to see. The human face to face contact was something all of us at Postgate had missed. In saying that, I think it would be fair to say we all were very tired by the end of the week

Your work with our children during Lockdown made this week so much easier. I'm unsure what it has been like at other schools but our attendance and engagement have been very high with only a small handful of children who are still to return to school; hopefully, we'll see everyone back this week.

With C-19 turning our schooling on its head, we will be making further changes to our reporting to parents' timetable. Usually, we hold Learning Conferences at the end of Term 2. We may be pushing this out to mid-Term 3. We will inform you once we have our dates in place.

We are hopeful that today's announcement from the Prime Minister means we can move back to the Postgate Way where parents/grandparents/caregivers can walk their child into school and pick them up from their classrooms. Entering classrooms maybe another week or so away, however, if we ensure physical distancing outside the classroom, I know we'll be fine.

Our continued low/zero count numbers should see Postgate return to normal very soon, which is very exciting for us all. We're looking forward to our first post C-19 Family Merit Assembly with all our school community invited, happily enjoying student success and enjoying each other's company.

We acknowledge that sending your child/ren back to school was scary. We'd spent 7-8 weeks keeping our distance from others and then, boom; it was like hens in a chook factory. It was a huge mind shift for adults and especially our children. We have all adapted quickly and we thank you for your on-going support.

Keep smiling, keep being awesome, keep being kind to yourself, and others.

Manuia le aso.

Thanking you for your support.

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