

Term 2 2020 Calendar

10	BOT 6pm	15	16	17	18	19
11	MUFTI DAY Bike Crew Funds	22	23	Floorball Year 4-8	School Cross Country	25
12		29	30	July 1 Learning Conversations till 6pm	Learning Conversations Late night	2
						3
						Family Merit Assembly End Term 2

Term 3 2020 Calendar

1	Start Term 3 Powhiri for new students/families/ staff	20	21	Water Skills for Life Years 1-6	Water Skills for Life Years 1-6	23	24
2		27	28	MoveMprove Years 1-3		30	31
3	Cook Island Language Week	3	4	MoveMprove Years 1-3		6	7
4		10	11	MoveMprove Years 1-3		13	14
5		17	18	Parumoana Cross Country	MoveMprove Years 1-3	20	21
						Family Merit Assembly 2pm	
6		24	25	MoveMprove Years 1-3	Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 5/6	27	28
7	Life Education In	31	1	MoveMprove Years 1-3	Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 7/8	3	4
8	Tongan Language Week	7	8	MoveMprove Years 1-3	Life Education Out	10	11
9	Te Reo Maori Language Week	14	15	MoveMprove Years 1-3	Year 7/8 Formal	17	18
10		21	22			24	25
						Inter-Regional Cross Country	Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 10
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Manaaki te katoa;
Be kind to all"**

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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ERO Report:

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

June 15, 2020

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whanau

Learning Conversations: On Wednesday, information about our Learning Conversations during Week 10 will be sent home. This includes detailed information about when, where, and most importantly a 'Booking Form'; this works on a first-in, first-served basis. Leave it till late, get a stink time!

Last year every family was present for our Learning Conversations; this is fantastic; shows a true partnership in learning.

The Learning Conversations are a three-way meeting which is mainly led by your child. This varies across our school depending on your child's year level. As the title suggests, the focus is on learning. Teachers have been asked to share with you your child's attendance rate. Next week I will send out our Attendance Report for Postgate School comparing the past 3-4 years. Unfortunately, some children/families have an attendance rate in the 40% bracket. The families who did not engage during Lockdown will find their child has an attendance rate between 40-60%. All children should sit above 90% if quality learning is to occur.

Did it matter if children were engaged or not during Lockdown? Did this have an effect on achievement levels? In short, YES. We have some outstanding results since we have come back and we have some very disappointing ones as well.

Please note: Learning Conversations are set for two days in 2020; Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July. Last year we only had one day as many parents/families were making regular contact with their classroom teacher. However, Lockdown and Alert Level 3 and 2 have stopped this continuing. The Learning Conversations are 15-minute slots.

Bikes in Schools: Our Cassidy Cycle Track is going awesomely. There is a huge demand for bikes during lunchtimes and Mr Glenn Cassidy and his crew deserve a massive pakipaki from us all. Glenn's bike crew needs more bikes which they can use for parts to fix bikes at school. If you know of someone who has a bike that is no longer needed, could you please bring it to school. It will be put to very good use.

Last year Bike Crew purchased pedal power Go-Karts, a motorised Go Kart and an 80cc motorbike; all designed for children. These have been in use and we want to get them out again for our children.

On Monday 22nd June our Bike Crew are hosting a mufti day (no school uniform day) to raise funds to get on top of the repair bill for the bikes and Go

Kart, which needed four new tyres last week. The Bike Crew is asking for a gold coin donation for the mufti day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Postgate School Achievement Data: Attached to this newsletter is 2019's achievement data results. The first section is our Analysis of Variance, which is also in our Annual Report, and our 2019 Postgate School Expectations Report. As stated, these are in our Annual Report (which can be found on our school website www.postgate.school.nz) If you have any questions about our data, please let me know.

Postgate School – Your Say Survey: Thank you to the families who have taken the time to complete the survey.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPUjHujbxd6iNEVzzVM-tsfUE7E-FcoAlavPw4b8hllp8BfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

One response that has come back which is creating a bit of thought is being able to provide warm lunches; either heating or purchasing. Before the Health and Safety changes, children did come to the staffroom to heat their lunch or put boiling water in their noodles. Because this was seen as a risk, a stop was made, however, if teachers wanted to come to the staffroom and do it for the children, then it was all go. The children had to stay and eat in the staffroom as they weren't allowed to carry hot food back to class. But, never say never. Remember, nothing is impossible; except for the heated swimming pool. Come on lotto!

Postgate School Saturday Morning Netball: If you would like your child to play Saturday morning netball for a Postgate Year 3/4 or a Year 5/6 team and if you are interested in coaching/managing either of the teams please contact Theresa Theresa@taeomanino.org.nz or myself as soon as possible.

Uniform Sales: We would like to keep with the same system of ordering uniform via email and payments via internet banking.

Playground Matting: We have quite a few half-meter squares of the old playground available for free for our community. These black squares have a number of uses; gym matting, outdoor matting, lifting soggy ground etc. If you would like some, help yourself.

Postgate School Business Directory: If you or your business would like to be added, please let me know, easy as. There are some new companies added. The PSBD is on our school website www.postgate.school.nz

School Cross Country: Our School Cross Country is set for Thursday 25th of June. More details to come closer to the event.

School Photos: These will be taken on the 28th of October. More details closer to the date.

Aotea College Enrolments 2021: Get cracking and fill in an enrolment form!

Porirua City Junior Football- 5 and 6 year olds. Held at Postgate School on a Sunday morning: Please contact Steve at porirucityfootballclub@gmail.com.

There is a special rate for Postgate School families.

Whitby Collegiate: To register for our next open day, visit our website whitbycollegiate.school.nz or give us a call on 04 234 1070

Thanking you for your support.

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