

## Term 2 2020 Calendar

12	29	30	July 1 Learning Conversations till 6pm	2 Learning Conversations Late night	3 Family Merit Assembly End Term 2 School closes 3pm
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## Term 3 2020 Calendar

1	20 Start Term 3 Powhiri for new students/families/ staff	21	22 Water Skills for Life Years 1-6 No water involved	23 Water Skills for Life Years 1-6 No water involved	24
2	27	28	29 MoveMprove Years 1-3	30	31
3	3 Cook Island Language Week BOT Meeting 6pm	4	5 MoveMprove Years 1-3	6	7
4	10	11	12 MoveMprove Years 1-3	13	14
5	17	18 Parumoana Cross Country	19 MoveMprove Years 1-3	20	21 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
6	24	25	26 MoveMprove Years 1-3	27 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 5/6	28
7	31 Life Education In	1	2 MoveMprove Years 1-3	3 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 7/8	4
8	7 Tongan Language Week	8	9 MoveMprove Years 1-3	10 Life Education Out	11
9	14 Te Reo Maori Language Week	15	16 MoveMprove Years 1-3	17 Year 7/8 Formal	18
10	21	22	23	24 Inter-Regional Cross Country	25 Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm



### Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 2: Week 12 2020

#### Mission Statement

### To Create Life-Long Learners

"He oranga ngākau,

He pikinga waiora;

Positive feelings in your heart  
will raise your sense of self worth"

#### 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"

"Mā te mahi ngātahi,  
ka tū pakari te mātauranga"

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ERO Report:

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June 29, 2020

## **Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whanau**

**School Cross Country:** Thank you to the many families who joined us at school on Thursday for our cross-country races. As with every year, the weather plays its part ensuring the runners stay cool and we all freeze! Thank you for championing for your child/ren; your children will not forget you were there.

**Family Merit Assembly:** Our Family Merit Assembly is this Friday starting at 2pm. We have a special guest(s) coming with some great news for our school.

**Violins at Postgate:** We have been given the opportunity for 10 pupils in Years 4-6 to learn the Violin at school every Wednesday at school from 9-10am. If you and your child are interested in this great offer, please let Kelvin know. [kelvin@postgate.school.nz](mailto:kelvin@postgate.school.nz) First in...

**Bikes in Schools:** Our Mufti Day last week was very successful and the Year 5-8s looked like they were having an awesome time whizzing around the track on the go-kart. Glenn is looking into purchasing another go-kart.

The Junior students were on the pedal go-karts in the hall and also appeared to be having a great time; all very excited.

Our Year 4 students were unhappy; stuck in the middle. Couldn't go on the motorised, too big for the pedal! We'll work something out for next time.

A huge thank you to our Bike Crew who organised the day and ran the different stations, giving all children a well-informed safety brief. Well done lads.

**Learning Conferences:** A recent survey our Year 5-8 students did is telling us that 23% feel that their parents and our teachers do not work well together. I think we are still waiting on 23% of our school community to book an appointment time!

Please remember these are being held this week on Wednesday (3pm – 6pm) and Thursday (3pm- 9pm). 77% of families are accounted for and it is now my 'job' to ring families we have not heard from; geez, I refuse to run around after my own children but ...

Championing for your child at this time is very powerful; every child needs a champion. For families new to Postgate School this is a must-watch: [https://www.ted.com/talks/rita\\_pierson\\_every\\_kid\\_needs\\_a\\_champion?language=en#t-168165](https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en#t-168165) Let us all be 'that' person in our children's lives.

Key questions to ask or key aspects you'd expect to hear during a Learning Conference:

- What has my child achieved this year? What were their previous learning goals?

- Can you show me the goals my child has achieved this year? Evidence-based. Using your child's written work, for example, and clearly pointing out examples of their goals in action. Or to your child: Can you show me where you have achieved your learning goals in... reading, writing, maths?

- How are you supporting my child to achieve their goals?

- What will the current learning goal look like when my child has achieved their goal?

- Is my child doing their best? Is my child demonstrating Postgate PRIDE on a daily basis?

- How can I better support my child with their learning; in and out of school?

A bell will ring when 12 minutes (or 24 for the Year 7/8s) have passed during your conference time (that's if I remember). Before your conference is over it is very important you and your child understand what their learning goals are and that you are clear about how you can help at home. Basically, ensure there is a plan moving forward. Your child's teacher will also give you a form which clearly identifies where your child is achieving in relation to the Postgate School Expectation; on work covered in class thus far.

**Please note:** School finishes at the normal time every day this week, 3pm.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** Over the last few weeks a few children have shown very unlike Postgate behaviours. We want to thank the parents for their swift actions when called into school. When rung they have come into school straight away and helped plan a way forward.

Since returning from Lockdown we have found children who experienced some sort of trauma Lockdown have been having 'issues' at school.

It is vital families share with us when there is something happening at home. This could range from a sick family member to tension between parents or if police are called to the family home. I received notification from NZ Police when they have been called to an incident where Postgate children are involved. Since returning from Lockdown, I have received more notifications than at any other time.

Please be aware we do not judge, that is not our job or our place too. I think Jesus said it best, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone", or something like that; my time at St Bernards College was many many many years ago. Our focus is on our students and how best we can support them. By knowing what is happening outside of school can help us tremendously at school; it can also help explain certain behaviours.

We were/are aware that families are potentially facing many struggles at this time and please remember, we are also here to help you. If you are good, your children will be also.

All students in Years 5-8 have or will do the Wellbeing@School Survey by the end of this term. This will help us gain a very clear picture of what school is like for our pupils and what we need to do to make Postgate an even better place to learn. The emotional wellbeing of everyone at Postgate is of the highest importance to us all.

One of the questions asked in the survey is “In the area where I live, people get on with each other.” 33% of Year 5-8 pupils have responded either strongly disagree/disagree with this statement. What would be useful from here is for families to have a discussion around how we can be safe in our neighbourhood, reasons why we may feel unsafe and how could we get on better with our neighbours/community.

We are seeking some solutions to this recent survey that we can fix now. An example is that 23% of students disagreed or strongly disagreed that the playgrounds/building were well looked after. The question today was, “What do we need to fix up over the holiday?”

**Holiday Checklist:** With two weeks holiday it is an ideal time to check your child’s hair for any unwanted visitors. A separate newsletter will come home at the end of this week reminding parents to check for headlice.

**Netball Results:** Phoenix 20-19 against Waves Emerald

Black Pearls win against Rangikura

Diamonds 1-19 against Maraeroa School Manaia

Serafina Pauga made it into the Porirua U13 Girls Rep team, along with a few of her friends from Postgate? This is the whisper we have heard?

**Thanking you for your support.**

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