

## Term 3 2020 Calendar

8	7 Tongan Language Week BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom	8 Bee Healthy Dental Van arrives <b>Inter-Regional Cross Country</b>	9 MoveMprove Years 1-3	10 Life Education Out	11 Ballot for 2021 enrolments
9	14 Te Reo Maori Language Week	15	16 MoveMprove Years 1-3	17	18
10	21	22	23	24	25 Bee Healthy Dental Van departs <b>Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm</b>

## Term 4 2020 Calendar

1	12 October Start Term 4 Fijian Language Week Junior School Swimming starts – Years 1-3 First Aid lessons at school	13 Swimming Years 1-3	14 Powhiri- 9:15am for all new whanau and staff	15 Year 7/8 Formal	16 Swimming Years 1-3
2	19 Niuean Language Week Swimming Years 1-3	20 Fundraising Committee 6pm Swimming Years 1-3	21	22 School Athletics Day	23 Swimming Years 1-3
3	26 Labour Day No school Tokelauan Language Week	27 Swimming Years 1-3	28 School Photos	29	30 Swimming Years 1-3
4	2 Swimming Years 1-3	3 Swimming Years 1-3 Ki O Rahi	4	5 Parihaka Day	6 Family Merit Swimming Years 1-3
5	9	10 Parumoana Athletics Day	11	12	13 Year 5/6 and 7/8 Speech Comp
6	16	17	18	19	20
7	23	24	25	26	27



### Postgate School Newsletter

Term 3: Week 8  
2020

#### Mission Statement

### To Create Life-Long Learners

**“Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tatou māhi  
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work”**

#### 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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September 7, 2020

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

Mālō e lelei.

**Tongan Language Week:** Tonga Language Week Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga celebrates the culture and language of the more than 60,000 people of Tongan heritage who live in New Zealand. The theme for Tonga language week is "Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Lotu Mo'oni" which in English means "Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through Prayer and Faith".

Currently, there are more Tongan people born in New Zealand than there are in Tonga, giving lea faka-Tonga (the Tonga language) and anga faka-Tonga (Tonga culture) a special place here in Aotearoa.

Tonga Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga gives students of all ethnicities the chance to learn some basic lea faka-Tonga, and gives students who speak lea faka-Tonga the chance to be experts in the classroom.

This morning we had the raising of the Tongan flag and the playing of the Tongan National Anthem.

**Postgate PRIDE:** Thank you for your support of the Onesie Day on Friday. It is very empowering for our Year 1s to see that their voice was heard and that they too can be heroes; we can all be heroes if just for one day!

**Postgate PRIDE: The Elsie Locke Writing Prize 2020:** Congratulations to Zakkai Masoe for placing within the top 10 students in the Elsie Locke Writing Competition. We have attached a copy of Zakkai's writing with this newsletter. The Elsie Locke website can be found here:

<https://www.lifteducation.com/elsie-locke-writing-prize-2020/>

**Postgate PRIDE: Thank You:** Last week the KidsCan FunRun prizes were handed out and James Esera won a tablet. James has very generously gifted the tablet to our school which will be used in our Junior School area. Thank you, James. Awesome mate.

**Father's Day Stall:** Thank you for your support with our Fathers' Day Stall last week. Special thanks to Larissa, Alice, Katherine, Barbara, Alisha, Carly and Paula for their organisation and help last week. Awesome work ladies!

**Violins in Schools:** Rebecca from the Violins in School programme has been working with our Year 4-6 pupils teaching Violin on a Wednesday. **Rebecca is happy to offer 10 FREE sessions in Term 4 for 10 lucky students in Year 2 and 3.** These sessions are held every Wednesday morning 9-10am at school. If you would like your child to be considered for this please email, [kelvin@postgate.school.nz](mailto:kelvin@postgate.school.nz)

**Postgate PRIDE:** Unfortunately, our Year 7/8 Netball Team lost their final on Saturday, however, we are still extremely proud of them and their wonderful efforts throughout the season; as we are with all our sports teams.

**Netball Results:** Phoenix lost 11-16 against Norths.

Sapphires won 12-0 against Paremata

Black Pearls and Diamonds games were cancelled; however, Diamonds may have a friendly game later in the week

**PAG Dinner:** Thank you to the PAG for their meeting/dinner last week.

**Ballot for 2021:** A ballot for 2021 places at Postgate School will take place this Friday. What we can confirm is that Year 1s 2021 who live within the school zone and Year 1s 2021 who currently have a brother or sister at Postgate will be accepted. Everyone else for 2021 will be placed in the ballot.

We have no room at Postgate in Years 2-8 2021 for families who live outside our school zone. Our class sizes for next year sit at comfortable levels and close to what is recommended. Poor Alex Duff has 35 pupils at the moment; nearly a school record.

All letters will be posted early next week, so should arrive to families by the end of next week.

**The Alert Levels:** A reminder about Alert Level 2; will we ever move?

- All children are to bring their own water bottle
- All parents must remain outside classrooms; parents may enter the grounds (all year levels) BUT...
- **If you enter a building you must sign the register or use the COVID tracing app**
- All children, if leaving school early, must be signed out at the school office
  - All assemblies are online; gatherings must remain under 100
  - Hand washing/sanitising is a must as is coughing/sneezing into your elbow
  - If your child is unwell, they must stay away from school

As we may not move from Alert Level 2 until Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Senior School Formal has been postponed until Term 4. This is very disappointing as the students learnt the last of their traditional dances, the Hinky Dinky, last week.

The new date for our Year 7/8 Formal is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Year 8 Parents/Caregivers:** Have you enrolled your child at a local college? If not, best to do now. This is very important.

**Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.**

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