

Term 3 2020 Calendar

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 Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm

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 Nominations close for BOT election
4	2 Swimming Years 1-3 BOT Meeting	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
8	30 BOT Meeting	1 Wellington regional Athletics	2	3 Year 8s visit Aotea College	4 Final Disco Family Merit Assembly BOT Election voting closes
9	7	8 2020 Helpers Lunch	9	10 BOT Count Votes	11 End of Year Reports
10	14 Year 8 Leavers Dinner	15 Final Day for 2020 Final Assembly	16	17	18



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 3: Week 9
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“Kia Kaha
te Reo Māori”**

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:

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

September 14, 2020

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whanau

Nau mai, haere mai, ki te wiki o Te Reo Maori

Maori Language Week: 9th – 16th September. The chosen theme for 2020 is again 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'.

'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

Strength for an endangered language comes from its status, people being aware of how to support revitalisation, people acquiring and using it and from the language having the right words and terms to be used well for any purpose. It's a part of the national promotion of te reo Māori undertaken by Crown agencies and coordinated by the Māori Language Commission as part of the Crown's Māori language strategy, the Maihi Karauna. This strategy supports the revitalisation strategy of Māori and iwi, led by Te Mātāwai.

Te reo Maori is a taonga of Māori, guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi and the Māori Language Act 2016 also makes clear it is for every New Zealander and a valued part of our national identity.

Nationwide Goals of Māori Language Week

- Create a positive environment for the use of Māori language.
- Promote Māori language initiatives and events.
- Encourage non-Māori speaking New Zealanders to use reo Māori.
- Encourage speakers of Māori to support others who are just starting out.
- Encourage community, business, government and media organisations to participate.
- Promote resources to make Māori language more accessible.
- Contribute to awareness of the Crown Māori Language Strategy and the Māori and iwi strategy that work together for revitalisation.

Hundreds of people now celebrate September as Mahuru Māori, in which they dedicate themselves to speaking only Māori.

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Every New Zealander can help strengthen our language; Te Reo Maori is New Zealand's language.

This morning saw the raising of three New Zealand flags (our National flag, Tino rangatiratanga flag; Tino rangatiratanga translates as 'absolute sovereignty'. And the third flag is that of the United Tribes, New Zealand's first official flag) Ms Vernon and Whaea Maureen also gave a korero.

Health Consultation Survey: <https://forms.gle/8S18yvYWHnKkSqn96>

Awesome work Postgate School. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Takes a little bit of time, however, it will benefit your whanau moving forward.

Strategic Planning Survey: <https://forms.gle/tS5BgXNEwrg1z9mr7>

It is very important your family has their voice heard, even if you are happy with the current direction. From the feedback/feedforward we receive, your BOT will either modify our current direction or plot a brand new course that relates to our school community. Just like a General Election, if you don't say, you can't moan later on.

TOGETHER (whanau, tamariki, Kaiako, Board of Trustees, Ministry of Education, support agencies, everyone involved in education) we are responsible for the continued growth and development of ALL children. This is one way of looking out for all our children.

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

Enrolment for 2021: All letters have been posted and should arrive this week. However, if we have the wrong address for families, no chance of receiving this letter. If your letter has not arrived by Friday, please come and see us. Any questions, please let us know.

All in-zone and brothers/sisters of current students have been accepted into Postgate School for 2021. All other Year 1 pupils have been balloted.

We did not accept any other students in Years 2-8 in order to keep class sizes to what we are funded for, more realistic for all.

Term 4 Sports: Miniball/Basketball at Te Rauparaha. Please read the attached notice.

Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.

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