

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 2020 Helpers Lunch
9	7	8	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 4: Week 1 2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“Ka mate kāinga tahi,
Ka ora kāinga rua**

There is more than one way to achieve an objective”

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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October 12, 2020

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

Ni sa bula vinaka! Fiji Language Week Macawa Ni Vosa Vakaviti celebrates the culture and language of the more than 14,000 people of Fijian heritage who live in New Zealand.

The 2020 Fijian Language theme is:

Noqu Vosa, Noqu iSema Bula. - My language, my living link.

This theme reflects the strength and connection of a people's language and cultural identity provide as they make their life's journey, particularly during challenging times. Our languages are our identity and are key to our wellbeing and success. COVID-19 has truly challenged all of the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand and the ability to communicate to Pacific peoples in their own languages has been critical in our fight to stop the spread of the virus.

Powhiri: There is a full school powhiri on Wednesday to welcome all new families to Postgate School. The powhiri will start at 9:15am, or not long after.

SunSmart Policy: Term 4 will bring with it higher levels of UVA and UVB rays. Bucket or wide-brimmed hats will now be compulsory. Caps and beanies are not acceptable. Postgate takes your kids health and well-being seriously. No hat, No play!

Our school policy clearly states that only wide-brim sunhats are acceptable or bucket hats. Caps are not part of the Uniform Policy and are unacceptable.

Any child who does not have a wide brim or bucket hat on during Term 4 (or Term 1) has to sit in the shaded area. The "No Hat, No Play" rule is school policy.

Christine Neville is offering a hat naming service. For \$5 Christine will screen print your child's name inside their hat. Hats are like gold during the summer months at Postgate. If there is one piece of clothing that will 'wander' off, it is a sunhat during Terms 1 and 4.

The "No Hat, No Play" rule will kick off at the start of Week 2; there is a week's grace for children to get themselves organised. Hats can be purchased through the school office.

School Athletics Day: This is set for next Thursday, 22nd October.

Family Merit Assembly: Thank you to the families who joined us on the last day of Term 3 to celebrate student achievement and successes.

Endeavour and Exploration Swimming: This programme will **start Monday, Week 1, Term 4**. The programme will run **every Monday, Tuesday and Friday**, with each class having its own half-hour lesson. Trained swimming instructors will be running the swimming lessons for our children. There is no charge for this programme.

Timetable for Swimming

Rooms 10,11	Depart Postgate School 09:10am	Depart Tawa Pool 10:50am
Rooms 8, 9	Depart Postgate School 10:10am	Depart Tawa Pool 11:50pm
Room 12, 13, 14	Depart Postgate School 11:30am	Depart Tawa Pool 1:45pm

Term Dates 2021:

Wednesday 3rd February – Day 1 for students 2021 – Easter is during Term time. - Friday 16th April - End Term 1

Monday 3rd May - Term 2 starts - Friday 9th July - End Term 2

Monday 26th July - Start Term 3 - Friday 1st October - End Term 3

Monday 18th October – Start Term 4 - Tuesday 14th Dec – Last day 2021

Cohort Entry for New Entrant/Year 1 pupils: From next year there is a change for our Year 1 pupils starting school; Postgate is moving to Cohort Entry. There will be two dates during each term when children who have turned 5 can start school. No longer at Postgate will children start school when they turn 5. Whānau who have children starting school next year has been made aware of this. A reminder to our 2021 New Entrants, your acceptance letters should be back to school by this Wednesday, 14 October.

Board of Trustees Election: You should have received at the end of the last term a nomination form for the upcoming BOT election. You can nominate yourself. If you have any questions please let me know or you can contact Denise Harrison at school, who is our Returning Officer.

School Uniform Orders for 2021: A uniform order will be placed at the end of next week, ensuring 2020 uniforms are here by the end of Term 4. If you know your child needs new uniform items, namely polo tops, please contact Jacqui or Lesleigh in the office. Your forward-thinking will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.

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