

# Term 4 2020 Calendar

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 Final Disco – Year 8s organising
8	30 BOT Meeting	1 Wellington Regional Athletics	2	3 Year 8s visit Aotea College	4 Family Merit Assembly 2020 Helpers Lunch
9	7	8	9 End of Year Reports Go home.	10	11 Middle Block with 2021 teacher Fun Assembly 2pm
10	14 Year 8 Leavers Dinner	15 Final Day for 2020 Final Assembly School finishes 1pm	16	17	18

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> October – Start Term 4 - Tuesday 14th Dec – Last day 2021

**SUBWAY LUNCHES** – Still happening every Wednesday. Same system as last term. Drop off your order anytime but before the bell on Wednesday morning.  
**2021 Enrolments:** This term has seen a crazy number of families looking to enrol their child at Postgate. Our roll for 2021 is full. Unless families live inside the enrolment zone, we cannot accept anyone.

**SunSmart Policy:** No hat equals no play! No exceptions! Or as Mr Duff says, “Yes Hat, Yes Play!”

**Thank You:** Thanks to the families who attended Friday’s Family Merit Assembly. Your support of your child is greatly appreciated by the staff and more so by your child; they have just forgotten how to show it.



## Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 4: Week 5 2020

#### Mission Statement

### To Create Life-Long Learners

**“Me mahi tahi tātou te oranga o te katoa.  
 We should work together for the well-being of everyone”**

#### 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/>

November 9, 2020

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

**Board of Trustees:** Your BOT met last Monday evening. We had a full agenda and we'll share with you today agenda items that were covered.

There was a comment in our Strategic Consultation, "*Visibility and proactiveness of key matters i.e. Board matters and decisions*". The board is transparent, open, and willing to share all information with you. We will be creating a tab on our website for BOT matters and will contain BOT Minutes ratified policies and any data reports shared. Everything is available from the office, just ask.

**All meetings are open** to the public and anyone can attend. Actually, your board would love to see you there. The meetings generally run for an hour and a half, if everyone has done their homework.

On the board are representatives from Te Whanau Kaitiaki and the Pasifika Advisory Group who feedback board matters and we try to attach everything to a newsletter.

Attached to this newsletter are the results from our Health Consultation (what the BOT took from all the comments), an overview of the Strategic Plan Consultation, our National Norm Testing Data Report, an E-AsTTle Writing Report, and our minutes from our last meeting, earlier in the term.

**A casual vacancy** has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voters who wish to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Phil Townley – Chairperson, Postgate School Board of Trustees, Postgate School Staithes Drive North Whitby, by: 30/11/2020

The Board are very appreciative of your support and for your work with our consultations last term.

**We are fortunate** to have a passionate board who not only lead with their heads but also their hearts. The biggest strength of your board is that they are focused on the success, development, and progress of all children at Postgate. They care deeply about your child/ren.

## **Health Consultation Statement for the Postgate School Community**

The Board thank you for your time and energy in helping us with our Health Consultation.

It was fantastic to see so many of our Postgate families engaged and providing feedback and support to enable us to deliver the best possible environment for our children. POSTGATE PRIDE

There was great feedback, with an overall theme that Postgate is doing many things very well and to continue to keep doing the great work that we are doing. We were happy to see many people speaking about Postgate PRIDE; our school values system.

Postgate School knows and understands that all-round health and academics are both very important; that to be an all-rounded successful student, you need a healthy balance.

There are many areas that make up the notion of being a healthy person and more of this is being landed with schools. However, as a community and whanau, we need to ensure we take responsibility for the healthy living of our children and our families.

We all know the importance of eating healthy, caring for our body, and ensuring we get enough sleep. These skills must be passed on to our children through our actions at home.

As a school, we would like to do healthy living courses next year. Maybe you have the skills or expertise to pass onto families of Postgate. If this sounds like you please let us know. [principal@postgate.school.nz](mailto:principal@postgate.school.nz)

All the information collected during the consultation period will be passed onto Nicole Mitchell and the various Team Leaders

Thank you once again.

**Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting:** Thank you for your meeting last week

**Good Time Music Feedback:** We are interested in your feedback/feedforward from families who have paid for music lessons during terms 2-4. We'd love to know your thoughts. Please send them through to [kelvin@postgate.school.nz](mailto:kelvin@postgate.school.nz)

**Teaching Staff for 2021:** Michelle Dundon-Smith is taking a year's leave in 2021 to relax, refresh, and relive life. We wish Michelle an enjoyable year away from school.

As stated last term, Chris Shaw is off to the Winterless Far North and has secured a teaching position at Hikerenui School.

We welcome three new teachers to Postgate in 2021: Tamara Mitchell who is joining us from Dunedin; Kelsey Flett is coming from St Peters and Pauls in Lower Hutt and Kylie Joseph, Postgate parent and current teacher aide in Room 12 will also join the teaching staff as a Year 2/3 teacher.

Teachers and teams for 2021

Year 7/8- Cecilia Kennar (Team Leader), Tamara Mitchell, Kayne Leighton

Year 4-6- Alex Duff (Team Leader), Samantha Rutherford, Heather Browne, Jo Riley

Year 2/3: Kelsey Flett (Team Leader), Kylie Joseph, Cheryl Moeau, Tina Faulkner

Year 1: Hayley Walters (Team Leader), Nicole Mitchell, Catherine Bland

Not leaving but still on maternity leave for another year- Asmita Rama.

Still here – All other staff including Lesleigh and Jacqui, Denise and David, Teacher Aides; Carly, Lianne, Ma, Maureen, Tracy and Tomasi. Along with Glenn, Kelvin, Deb and anyone else I've missed.

Any questions, please let me know.

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

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