

Term 4 2020 Calendar

7	23	24	25	26	27 Final Disco – Year 8s organising
8	BOT Meeting 30	Wellington Regional Athletics 1	2	Year 8s visit Aotea College 3	Family Merit Assembly 2020 Helpers Lunch 4
9	7	8	End of Year Reports Go home. 9	10	Middle Block with 2021 teacher Fun Assembly 2pm 11
10	Year 8 Leavers Dinner 14	Final Day for 2020 Final Assembly School finishes 1pm 15	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 18th 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!"

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Child Safety: A polite reminder that due to Health and Safety children should not be arriving at school before 8:30am; as a teaching staff we cannot be responsible for them before this time. We have children arriving as early as 7:50am!



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 7
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
"He aha te mea nui o te Ao?
He tamariki, he tamariki he tamariki"

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 23, 2020

Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

A Couple of Manic Weeks: With 17 days left in the school year, “Hang onto your cap; it’s going to be an awesome finish!” The next 17 days are pretty crazy around here and we’d appreciate your help with the little things. For example, ringing if your child is going to be absent. While it may only take a few minutes of your time, it is a considerable amount of time for us.

PAG Meeting Tonight: Your PAG is meeting tonight in the staffroom starting at 6:30pm. I’ll be there. Will you?

Whānau Sports Day: Our Whānau Sports Day planned for this Wednesday has now been pushed out a week until next Wednesday 2nd December. Fingers crossed we have summer weather next week.

DISCO, this Friday: Our Year 8s are responsible for the first and last disco of 2020. All funds raised from the disco go towards funding their Leavers Dinner in the last week of this term. The school disco starts at 5pm and finishes at 9pm. **We ask that the Years 1-4 have left the disco by 7pm as the older children don’t really fancy dancing between kids playing tag!**

Entry is \$3 and there will be a wide selection of food to purchase as well as the standard drinks. There is the Postgate famous \$10 combo ticket. A \$10 combo ticket consists of entry, hot food, fresh homemade baking, and a drink. It would be fantastic to have a huge turnout to thank the Year 8’s for their leadership and tuakana-teina throughout 2020. **Wepua atu! Go hard! Give it heaps!**

Thank You: We received many messages of support and thanks for the lengthy post about happenings in and out of school. We never shy away from what is real and believe in honest communication; whether it be from your teacher or another staff member. The incidents I spoke about last week are all very minor, kids will be kids. However, we all know something small can easily grow into something big!

It is important as a school and as families, that we keep abreast of what might or might not be happening in our children’s lives. It is like tending to our garden. If we leave it, weeds will quickly grow and in no time at all, we are looking at a mess in our own backyard. If we regularly turn over the soil, put some goodness back in, and pull out weeds that just started to grow through, we reap the rewards.

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We have had a very busy couple of weeks:

Parumoana Athletics: Thank you to the families who supported our children at the interschool athletics. Postgate finished a creditable 6th overall; interesting that the order almost followed the number of pupils each school has.

Our Year 7/8 girls relay team came 1st and our Year 5/6 boys relay team came second. Once we get the official results through, we’ll share them with you.

Parumoana Principals: 11 local principals visited Postgate last Wednesday. For most, this was the first time they have set foot onto our school grounds. They were welcomed with a powhiri and it left a mighty fine impression on them. The comments back about the ‘feel’ of our school, the wairua, and the children did make our hearts swell with great PRIDE.

During our meeting, the local principals spoke about what is happening/not happening at their schools. It was clear that we are all far from perfect. The conversation was centered around the ongoing effects that Lockdown has had.

ERO: Last Monday we welcome the Education Review Office back to Postgate School. It has been a while, 2016 since we last had ERO at Postgate School. ERO is changing the way/manner in which they review schools, which is now about walking alongside a school or holding a school’s hand (maybe pushing from behind?) in order to get the best results for all our children.

No longer are there judgments or return times given as the journey with ERO is now over 3 years and not 3 days as past reviews have been. This will ensure that what we don’t know can be addressed and will help us provide an even better all-round education for our children.

For someone who is competitive, wants to be in the lead (I use to be a very competitive cross-country runner until the cream donuts and gravity took over. I told my doctor that I don’t have a weight problem, I have a height problem. I should have been 6 foot 9) and know we are all doing the absolute best for our community, the change is a bit different. However, we’ll need to continue to be our own best/worst critics to ensure we are always moving forward and that our focus remains on our tamariki.

Postgate School Helpers Lunch: This is set for Friday 4th December starting at 12noon. Letters inviting parents to lunch have been sent home. Hopefully, the Postgate Pony Express did its job!

We would love to see you there. The support we receive from our community is tremendous and we would love to thank you. Sometimes we do miss people who have helped us, just come along as well. It’s just an oversight if you do not receive an invitation, however, we have tried our best to invite everyone.

Please, if you have been helping out, keep Friday the 4th free. Come for lunch and then stay for Family Merit Assembly.

As always, lunch is supplied by Subway, so any special dietary requirements, please let me know.

Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.

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