

Term 4 2020 Calendar

9	7	8	9	10	11
			End of Year Reports Go home.	2021 Class Placement Letters go home	First Block with 2021 teacher Fun Assembly 11:30am
10	14	15	16	17	18
	Year 8 Leavers Dinner	Final Day for 2020 Final Assembly School finishes 1pm			

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.

2021 Leaving Us: Thank you to the families who have informed us they are leaving town. We wish you every success in your new town and school.

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

2021

Friday 19th February- School Picnic - Waikanae Pool

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. I will be 'rounding up' early arrivers.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 9
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Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“Ēhara tāku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

My valour is not that of the individual, but that of the multitudes”

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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Kia ora mai anō tātou katoa whānau

THANK YOU: As this is the last official newsletter, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Our awesome kids. They make Postgate a very special place to work. Their energy and passion for learning are contagious. We are blessed to have wonderful students. Their smiles, joy for learning and friendly personalities make my/our job a dream!
- You; our school community. The pride that reflects out of your child reflects their home environment. As a staff, we are truly grateful for your support of all things Postgate. From our Board of Trustees, Te Whanau Kaitiaki and Pasifika Advisory Groups, to the lovely ladies of our Fundraising Committee (all that planning for the Food Fair!), to the parents who tutor our children on a Friday for Kapahaka/Kalapu Pasifika, to the parents who regularly meet with their child's teacher, keeping engaged with the learning process.
- The staff at Postgate see their role here as more than 'just a job'. Their energy, passion, and commitment to your children motivates me in my role. Postgate is fortunate to have such wonderful people, who put the needs of the children before themselves. Their outstanding efforts during Lockdown was a clear indication of the commitment and passion they have for your child/ren.
- Chris Shaw, Michelle Dundon-Smith and Amy Grant for their wonderful contribution to Postgate School.
- To the families who are leaving Postgate School at the end of this year, we wish you and your family every success in your new ventures. To the families who have been with us for many years, we have many families who have been with us since their child was 5 years old, thanks for all your support over the years.

Special thanks to Hamuera and Horiana for their guidance over our school over their many years. They have both guided us on our Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori journey. They have both been a taonga to our school and while they will still be just an email away, their passion now lies with the next step of Rosemarie's journey at Aotea College.

- A special farewell to our Year 8's; your leadership and role modelling have been greatly appreciated. We know you will make us all proud of your achievements at college.

Reflection: Who would have thought... Looking back who would have thought/predicted we would have been through what we have. This year has been extraordinary and my concern is the effect it has had on our youth; now and future.

The whole C-19 experience/experiment is something from a movie and there might be a greater price to pay in years to come. I'm sure someone will do a bit of research into the social and emotional effects of Lockdown and anxiety levels associated with it

We have seen behaviours at Postgate that we have not experienced in a long time and I know of other schools dealing with similar behaviours, most a lot worse than we have had. As a school community, we need to ensure our children are well cared for, in and out of school. The next six weeks are vital that we unite as families, ensure our kids are kids and limit the amount of social media available to them. In these C-19 times, our face to face interactions is even more important. *Kanohi ki te kanohi*. Ironic eh?

Lots On: Please be aware of what is happening over the next 7 days, what your child is expected to bring home and anything else needed at school. The "What You Need to Know" is in chronological order below.

Syndicate Planning Days: Most teachers will be out of their class for one day this week planning for 2021. This is like a Teacher Only Day but students are also here. We know it is a pain to take extra time off during term time so we get relievers in so we do not disturb working families.

End of Year Reports: These are going home Wednesday. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard; you have no idea the amount of time teachers have worked on these, it is insane! So please, sit, read and discuss and maybe, draft up some goals for 2021?

Fun Assembly: Friday after morning tea, we will be having our annual Fun Assembly. This is a time to celebrate, have a little bit of fun and give out the last of our prizes.

2021 Class Placement Letter: On Thursday your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2020 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2020.

Middle Block Friday: During the first session on Friday 11th December, your child will spend some time with their 2021 teacher.

Leavers Dinner/Year 8 Prize Giving: Our Year 8 Leavers Dinner is on Monday 14th December starting at 6pm. The prize-giving section of the evening starts at 7:30pm. The expectation is that all Year 8s are supported by at least one adult at the prize giving.

Final Assembly: Our Year 8's Leavers Assembly, which also doubles up as our Final Assembly, is **Tuesday 15th December starting at 11:45am**. School closes at the end of this assembly or at 1pm; whichever comes last. Please note the earlier time so, fingers crossed, we are all done come 1pm.

End of 2020 School Year: School closes at 1pm next Tuesday, 15th December. There will be no staff at school, once 1:30pm rolls around as we are going out for lunch and any 'lost' children will be placed in afterschool care, at the expense of the parent.

Sports Uniform: Please check all throughout your house for any Postgate School Sports Uniform. Please return any sports uniform items this week, thank you.

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: This year Literacy and Numeracy have combined forces to come up with the ultimate Postgate Summer Challenge; Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. It has been split into a Year 1-3 and Year 4-8 challenge. Your child/ren will each get a copy of the challenge that suits their current year group.

So, grab your family and friends and get ready to take on the Postgate Summer Challenge 2020/21, and help your child collect points that will tally towards winning certain prizes.

The 'summer lag' continues to be a very real barrier to children's academic success; time spent away from school can set a pupil back a number of months. Please find some time to help your child with their learning journey over the next six weeks.

Day One 2021: Wednesday 3rd February. A full school powhiri for new students, families and staff will start at 9:30am

School Picnic at Waikanae Pool: Waikanae Pool has been booked for Friday 19th February, please take this day off work and join us for a family day out.

On behalf of the Postgate School Family, we'd like to wish you a safe holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Please look after our/your children during the holiday break.

Thanking you for your support of Postgate School.

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