

Term 1 2021 Calendar

1	1	2	3	4	5
			Day 1 2020 8:55am start Powhiri at 9:30am		
2	8	9	10	11	12
Waitangi Day observed -No school					
3	15	16	17	18	19
			Subway starts again		School Picnic Waikanae Pool
4	22	23	24	25	26
			AFL Programme Information Evening	AFL Programme	
5	1	2	3	4	5
BOT Meeting 6pm	Last day for Jacqui Dench	AFL Programme	AFL Programme	Languages start Family Merit Assembly	
6	8	9	10	11	12
Year 1-3 Swimming					Year 1-3 Swimming
7	15	16	17	18	19
Year 1-3 Swimming Assessment Week					Year 1-3 Swimming
8	22	23	24	25	26
Year 1-3 Swimming	Quick Rip Years 4-8				Year 1-3 Swimming
9	29	30	31	April 1	2
Year 1-3 Swimming				Year 1-3 Swimming	Easter Friday -No school
10	5	6	7	8	9
Easter Monday -No school	Easter Tuesday -No school			School Cross Country	School Disco
11	12	13	14	15	16
					Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 1 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

***"Postgate School is not a cruise ship. There are no passengers.
Postgate School is a learning ship. We are all crew!"***

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"
"Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga"***

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ERO Report:

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

February 3, 2021

Kia ora whānau

Welcome Back: The staff welcomes all children and their families back to school and trust the holiday period was a time of relaxation and enjoyment. We particularly welcome all new children and families into the Postgate family.

New Staff: The Board and staff extend a very warm welcome to our new teachers Ms Tamara Michell (Room 2), Ms Kelsey Flett (Room 11), and Mrs Kylie Joseph (Room 10). We congratulate all our new staff on their appointment and look forward to their contribution to the Postgate team.

We also welcome back Mrs Ashley Newson after a few years on maternity leave.

School Powhiri: Thank you to the many parents who joined us today to welcome our new teachers, pupils and their families to our school; very impressive turnout!

Unrelenting Focus: “The most important thing remains the most important thing”. What is the most important thing for Postgate School? Quite simply it is to accelerate student achievement regardless of the current achievement levels of your child and improve student outcomes as well as developing an all-round pupil.

We are also here to serve the community and students are at the centre of all decisions made at school.

We also have a strong focus on developing the full child; academic, sporting, cultural, social and emotional well-being. We work smarter to provide all children with a balanced programme that suits your child and their identity. We cherish your input; we want to make Postgate your school and for you to know that you are a valued partner in the learning journey your child/ren are on; you set the standard for your child’s education.

School Picnic, Friday 19th February: On Friday the 19th all of Postgate School will be at Waikanae Pool for our School Picnic. The buses will leave around 9:30am and will return to school at approximately 2:30pm. It would be great if you could join us for the day, either travel with us by bus or by private car. Alex is on the BBQ and will require a bit of help; just like last year where Alex didn’t even pick up a tong! I usually take on the extra responsibility of being the taste tester and it would be great if a parent took this self-appointed responsibility off me.

Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes to the picnic.

More details to come shortly.

Violins in Schools: We are extremely fortunate to once again have the services of Rebecca and the Violins in Schools organisation. The first intake for 2021 is for children in Years 6-8. If your child is keen, please email kelvin@postgate.school.nz now, before all the spots are taken.

Postgate School Information Evening: All families are invited to come along to our Information Evening on Wednesday 24th February. Please bring your children. We will start the night off in the hall at 6pm with an introduction of our staff and what makes

our school ‘special’. With so many new families at our school we know it is vital for our ongoing community success to meet again.

After this session your children will take you to their classrooms to meet their teachers where Syndicate Team Leaders will talk to you about programmes and the importance of collaboration between home and school. If you have children in different areas of the school, you will need to choose which classroom you visit for this session. Afterwards you will be able to meet all other teachers of your children.

It is important that at least one parent from each family attends this evening. It shows your children that you place a high importance on their schooling and allows them to show you their classrooms and what they are learning at school.

School Donation: The BOT has set the school donation for 2021 at \$0; same as last year.

Newsletters: If we have your email address, an attachment will be sent to you. Only those who request a paper copy will be sent home, all the rest are either via email or they will be on the website.

Uniforms: The children look fantastic in their uniforms. The Board of Trustees appreciates your co-operation in ensuring all our pupils are demonstrating Postgate PRIDE. All children are required to wear black shorts or pants. Please contact me if you have any concerns over the uniform. They certainly stand out in the playground. Children are reminded that they are not to wear other items of clothing with the uniform, e.g. School uniform with a different pullover or sweatshirt etc. We also have a lot of lost property, mostly non-uniform items (puffer jackets etc). Please come and have a look otherwise they will end up in the ‘Clothing Bin’.

Open Door Policy/No Door Policy: If your child is experiencing any kind of problem at school or if there are any concerns you have at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are happy to talk with parents at any time.

Start as we mean to go on: It is very important we set high expectations for all our pupils and Postgate School needs your support. **The school day starts at 8:55am.** All children must be at school before the bell rings. Research shows there is a link between attendance/lateness and underachievement, 9 times out of 10 it is not the child’s fault.

Also, **we ask that children do not arrive at school before 8:30am.** If someone else is responsible for school drop-off, can you please inform them. Teachers are still setting up for their day and under Health and Safety, schools are not responsible for the welfare of children until this time. Before School Care runs until 8:30am and maybe this is an option? Please phone the school office if your child is going to be late or absent. Our school attendance registers are now electronic and any unexplained absence will be marked as truant.

Thanking you for your support.

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