

Term 1 2021 Calendar

2	Waitangi Day observed -No school	8	9	10	11	12
3		15	16	Subway starts again	17	18
4		22	23	AFL Programme Information Evening	24	25
5	BOT Meeting 6pm	1	Last day for Jacqui Dench	2	AFL Programme	3
6	Year 1-3 Swimming	8	9	10	11	12
7	Year 1-3 Swimming Assessment Week	15	16	Weetbix Triathlon	17	18
8	Year 1-3 Swimming	22	Quick Rip Years 4-8	23	24	25
9	Year 1-3 Swimming	29	30	31	April 1 Year 1-3 Swimming	2
10	Easter Monday -No school	5	Easter Tuesday -No school	6	7	8
11		12	13	14	15	16
						Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly

Yes Hat, Yes Play: A very simple message for Terms 1 and 4. All children must have a wide brim sunhat or bucket hat on their beautiful heads during morning tea and lunch time or anytime we are outside.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 2 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel."

- Dame Whina Cooper

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/>

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Kia ora whānau

Our school roll currently sits at 323 pupils; we 'lost' 15 students over the holidays having moved out of the area. This will see us finishing the year with around 350 pupils. Our first week of the school year was very smooth. The Year 8's have really stepped up as leaders and they have set a very high standard for us all for the rest of the year.

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 just 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.

Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes to the picnic.

A newsletter is coming home this week outlining key information and with a permission slip. No permission, no go!

Key Events coming up, Postgate School Information Evening. Meet the Team:

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 the introduction of our staff and what makes our school 'special'. We are looking at setting up a new programme for our school community and we need your help to know where this will go. We are very fortunate to have Latu To'omaga, a Postgate parent and an expert in his field, to lead and guide us on our exciting new journey. More about this next week.

After meeting with you in the hall briefly, your children will take you to their classrooms to meet their teachers where Syndicate Team Leaders will share with you class 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. Afterward, you will be able to meet all the 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.

Weetbix Triathlon: Postgate parents, Chris and Mel, have secured a very special rate for Postgate pupils wanting to do the Weetbix Triathlon on either Wednesday 17th March or Sunday 21st March. By using the code FDTGENPOS the cost of entering the triathlon is only \$10, saving \$35!

If your child does not have a bike, we are more than happy to lend one to them, easy as.

Personalised Learning: When we went to school the teaching approach, generally, was 'one size fits all'. Pupils were seen as either a whole class learning the same thing or as part of a group, learning the same thing. This notion of 'you are all the same' should have been left behind from the ark with the unicorns. Each child has their very own goals at school for Reading, Writing and Mathematics, they are no longer seen as a whole class or part of a group that learns the same. Personalised approaches to learning, teaching, and leadership, and working in partnership with families are central to the success of every pupil at Postgate School. Key questions you should be asking your child every day after school are:

- What were you learning to do in class today? (For reading, writing, and maths)
- Why were you learning this?
- What does this look like in your work?
- Can you give me an example?

If your child cannot answer the above questions, please come in and see your child's teacher. In the past, we have generally asked, "How was school today?" with a usual response of "Good", or "ok". Or "What did you do at school today", with a usual response of "Nothing". It has been noticeable that parents are taking 10 minutes at the start of the school day to take their child into class to discuss learning and their child's learning goals. We cannot stress enough how important this dialogue is with your child and your child's teacher.

Parking on Staithes Drive North- Before and After School: If you are doing a 'kiss and drop' in the mornings please use the stone wall entrance/carpark or directly out the front of the school; please keep moving. If you are staying a while at school, you should use the main carpark or the many parks by the stone wall; staying to pay money or staying to visit your child's teacher or staying to drop a cake to the staffroom. We have a few areas of concern namely, children crossing with their parents, down Staithes Drive. Come on, be a positive role model and use the 'Crossing Wardens' please. An orange cone is placed at the exit point of the office carpark when the bell rings at 3pm. This signals that patrols have started and no vehicles can leave until the cone has been removed.

Thanking you for your support.

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