

Term 1 2021 Calendar

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		Weetbix Triathlon		Year 1-3 Swimming Sunday Weetbix Triathlon
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

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 3 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

*"Expect nothing,
Appreciate everything."*

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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February 15, 2021

Kia ora whānau

We trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Our move to Alert Level 2 is hopefully short-lived and everything that is happening this week and next continues. We'll send out notifications throughout the week to keep you updated.

Summer Challenge: If your child completed the Summer Challenge it is now time for the books/work to be returned to Hayley Walters in Room 12. Can we please make a huge effort to get them in by this Friday, ready for a special assembly in Week 4. I'm currently doing our 2020 Assessment Reports and I'll be interested to find if there is a link between achievement/Lockdown Attendance/School Attendance and Summer Challenge. My hunch tells me those who were fully involved in all areas will be achieving at high rates than those who did not.

Welcome: Today we welcome 6 student teachers from Victoria University who will be joining us for the week to gain an insight into how a school year starts. We hope that Tracey, Sophie, Emma, Dikla, and Zoe have a wonderful week with us and we also look forward to them representing the staff in the Staff vs Parents vs Students swimming race on Friday.

School Picnic, THIS Friday 19th February. The Weather Forecast Looks Primo! You are all invited to come to Waikanae Pool with us on Friday; the forecast is for a wet fun day. You can come on the bus, you can take your car, you can swim in the pool, you can sit in the shade, you can play cricket with the kids, you can go down the hydro slide and you can buy me an ice cream. It is up to you.

There is no charge for parents/extended whānau. That's right, our school picnic will cost you zero dollars unless you buy me an ice cream; that will cost you.

All children must bring back their permission slips. The cost for students is \$5. What do the children get for their \$5? A return bus ride to Waikanae Pool, entry into Waikanae Pool, free use of the hydro slide, a sausage sizzle, a great fun day out of the classroom, a lolly scramble, and sore eyes from the chlorine in the pool.

Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes for the picnic.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing, it is a mufti day, that your child has sunblock and a sun hat, and your child has a packed lunch.

The buses will leave just around 9:30am and will return to school at approximately 2:30pm.

Alex is on the BBQ and will require a bit of help. There is a sausage sizzle for all children and extras are cooked for parents. **Tatou tatou** (what's mine is yours and what is yours is mine) is happening for our BBQ lunch. A table will be out for parents to share a salad, home goodies etc to have with the meat from the BBQ. This happened last year, which was led by some parents wanting to share.

Special thanks to Peter and Glory Bossmann-Tolefoa who have generously donated 500 sausages for our school picnic. Peter and Glory have done this for the past 4 years for our school; 4th and final year as Grace is in Year 8. You guys rock!

A newsletter was sent home last week outlining key information and with a permission slip. No permission, no go!

The weather looks ideal for Friday. We have booked 7 buses so there is plenty of room for everyone.

Postgate School Information Evening. Meet the Team: Please remember to come **next Wednesday, 24th February.** Let's all get along to show our support for our children's learning and your school.

The plan is...

- All families are invited to Postgate School on **Wednesday 24th** to meet the school community, including staff, other families, and students
- We will all start in the school hall; that's all of us. We should be in the hall for approximately 20-30 minutes. It just depends on how excited I get!
- There will be a presentation in the hall about really really important information about Postgate. We will all learn something new, guaranteed or we'll give you your money back.
- Once the presentation is over we will disperse into various areas around the school
 - Year 7/8 parents will meet in the Senior Block
 - Year 4-6 parents will meet in your child's individual classrooms
 - Year 2-3 parents will meet in their individual classrooms
 - Year 1 parents will meet in Room 13

****Have more than one child at Postgate and don't know where to go? The Year 7/8 or Year 1 meetings first and then stroll along to your child's other teachers to catch-up**

- All classrooms will be open for you to have a look through and also to look through your child's books and an excellent opportunity to discuss current learning goals and what your child is learning to do in the classroom
- The PE gear will be out for kids to play with while you are busy
- Key representatives from your Te Whanau Kaitiaki, Pasifika Advisory Group, and The Board of Trustees will be here for you to meet

Parenting- The Toughest but Most Rewarding Job, Ever! It is tough challenging work being a parent. Society changes, lifestyles change, and children change and develop as they get older. From our community surveys last year, it became clear that parents wanted guidance, help, or even confirmation that they were doing the best job possible. I know from experience that winging it doesn't always work as a parent. To have some new learning, some understanding of what my child is experiencing due to brain development or share stories with other parents would have been most useful. Our current parenting toolbox has been handed down from our parents and if we are lucky we have added a few extra tools and removed the ones that weren't so effective. We are extremely fortunate to have Latu To'omaga work alongside our school this year to provide leadership in our parenting journey. Latu will be at our Information Evening.

Weetbix TRYathlon: Postgate parents, Chris and Mel, have secured a very special rate for Postgate pupils wanting to do the Weetbix Tryathlon 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.

Breakfast in School/Lunch at School: Last year we supplied breakfast and lunch to those children who arrived at school without either. We are fortunate to have wonderful staff like Maureen and Carly who helped provide this to our students. We are doing the same this year. Our policy is to ask no questions, that if the children arrive then they must be hungry, so they were fed.

If your child needs breakfast before school please send them to Mr. Harper or to the hall.

Teachers monitor students eating during the 10 minutes before lunch play. Children who do not have lunch or not enough lunch are asked if they would like lunch; from there, they go to the hall.

We are lucky to have top-up food like muesli bars, fruit pottles, and snacking nuts for children. An extra bonus last year was the boxes of apples for our children; they smashed through them!

Subway Lunches: Start again Wednesday. Envelopes are at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday morning at the very latest.

Porirua City Football Club – Sunday Football at Postgate School - Registrations for all age groups for mixed boys and girls for season 2021. The first Kicks program for 5 & 6 years starts on Sunday 2nd May at 9.30am at Postgate School sports field. First Kicks cost \$60.00 (includes Reg \$20 + Club shirt \$40.00) Say you are from Postgate and you'll get a cheaper rate!

Teams from 7th grade and above start on 10th April, costs depend on the grade, POA

If your son/daughter is keen to join or you know of anyone who is interested

Email Steve at poriruacityfootballclub@gmail.com to register your interest

We will be having a registration night later in February, to be confirmed

You can also visit our website www.poriruacityafc.co.nz

Thanking you for your support.

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