

Term 1 2021 Calendar

6	Year 1-3 Swimming	8	9	Parent Evening #1	10	Girls Futsal Tournament	11	Year 1-3 Swimming Family Merit Assembly	12
7	Year 1-3 Swimming Assessment Week	15	16	Weetbix Triathlon Parent Evening #2	17	18	19	Year 1-3 Swimming Sunday Weetbix Triathlon	19
8	Year 1-3 Swimming	22	Quick Rip Years 4-8	23	Parent Evening #3	24	25	26	Year 1-3 Swimming
9	Year 1-3 Swimming BOT Meeting 6pm	29	30	31	April 1 Year 1-3 Swimming	2	Easter Friday -No school	3	4
10	Easter Monday -No school	5	Easter Tuesday -No school	6	7	School Cross Country	8	School Disco	9
11	12	13	14	15	16	Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly 2pm	17	18	19

Term 2 2021 Calendar

1	Term 2 starts – 8:55am Powhiri for new families at 9am	3	Year 4 Girls Self Defence	4	Year 7 Girls Self Defence	5	Year 7 Girls Self Defence	6	Year 7 Girls Self Defence	7
2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
3	17	18	Year 8 Girls Self Defence	19	Year 8 Girls Self Defence	20	21	22	23	
4	24	25	Dental Van arrives	26	27	28	29	30	31	
5	31	1	2	3	4	Family Merit Assembly 2pm	5	6	7	
6	Queens Birthday - No school	7	8	Boostrix Y7 boys & girls	9	10	11	12	13	



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 6
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"The capability to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."

- Brian Herbert

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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March 8, 2021

Kia ora whanau

Family Merit Assembly: Our first Merit Assembly is this Friday 12th March with a 2pm start. If your child is receiving an award a staff member will contact you at least by the Monday prior to the assembly.

Postgate School Evening's with Latu: Our first evening with Latu is this Wednesday. The focus for our first session is "Neuroscience and how a child's brain develops and how they see the world." This topic was by far the most popular choice from our questionnaire. Let's all be willing; see quote front page.

There will be a simple BBQ going from 5:30pm, so no need to panic at home, come get a feed a school, chat with others and have a drink before we start at 6pm with Latu. We are very grateful to Latu for sharing his expertise with us as we learn and grow together. "Together, We Learn and Achieve".

Our evening is open to you, your family and any friends that maybe interested, they don't have to be from Postgate School. Let's spread the knowledge.

Please complete the quick survey to let us know that you will be there: <https://forms.gle/RSPxAus1WPdsM9xc8>

Evenings with Latu: We had over 120 families complete the survey, over 55% of our school community. We have two more evenings with Latu. They are on **17th and 24th of March**. Once we finalise the topics we will message this out.

Jacqui Dench Has Left the Building: Jacqui was amazed and very grateful to the many families who rang, emailed and came in to say goodbye last week. Jacqui wanted me to pass on her thanks. She will be missed and we'll miss her. But don't be sad because we have Theresa now! Theresa has appreciated the kind words and the parents who ring when their children are away.

Movin' March: Movin' March has started and it was great to see so many children getting their cards stamped in the mornings. We are encouraging students to walk, run, bike, scooter to school as much as possible. Each day get your card stamped by students in front of the Senior Block and once it is completed you will get a prize!

Junior Swimming – Years 1-3: Swimming lessons for our Years 1-3 started today and every Monday and Friday for the next four weeks. A huge thank you to the parents who have made themselves available to help us out; it is hugely appreciated.

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

Postgate School Thanks: We've had a very busy five weeks back at school and there is no sign of anything slowing down, as you would expect from Postgate School. We are nearly halfway through the first term; tomorrow is halfway. We'd like to thank you for all you are doing to support your child/ren and our school. By attending the Information Evening, by checking in on your child's learning, by supporting your teacher/s and filling out the Parent Evening Questionnaire you are showing your child the value of education. This is massive and sends your child a very positive message.

Thank you to the families who have sent emails to their child's teacher. This is so powerful and gives our staff a huge lift. It also has an impact on your child as happy teacher is way better than Mr/Mrs Grumpy!

We've had families going a little bit further and being very generous with their time, money or goods. The cakes, bikes and shoes have been warmly received. To the families who have paid a little extra swimming money or Young Leaders money or Camp money, thank you for your kindness and looking out for others. It can be easy to overlook the fact that we are a decile 3 school; deciles are ratings used by the Ministry of Education to work out some of the funding for schools. A school's decile measures how many of its students live in low socio-economic or communities with less money; growing up in Naenae and Epuni we weren't a poor family, we just had no money. A school's decile rating does not measure school performance or the quality of education.

Our school philosophy is that no child is left behind, either in the classroom, playground or after school! Your BOT sets aside money in the school's budget to take the financial strain off parents as schooling can be very expensive. An example of this is the Year 7/8 Camp every two years. In 2021, families will pay \$350 for their child to attend camp, however, this is not the true cost of sending each child. Two years ago, the BOT contributed nearly \$10,000 towards camp. The easy option is to go somewhere closer. However, we look for the best opportunities at Postgate, not the easy one.

The first time we went to Teapot Valley in 2007, the cost was \$240. An increase of \$110 over 14 years! Not bad eh?

Thank you to parents who have used the naughty finger, letting us know that something wasn't right. We want you to let us know. Most things can be addressed in less than an hour. It is that simple. Others, may need a bit of time.

Wednesday marks the half way point of Term 1. The first five weeks have been fantastic! Roll on Week 6.

Thanking you for your support.

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