

Term 1 2021 Calendar

7	15 Year 1-3 Swimming Assessment Week	16	17 Weetbix Triathlon Parent Evening #2 5:30pm dinner 6pm start in Rm 2	18	19 Year 1-3 Swimming Sunday Weetbix Triathlon
8	22 Year 1-3 Swimming Pedal Ready starts for Years 4-8	23 EndZone Tournament Years 4-8 Zealandia Pre visit Room 6 and 4	24 Parent Evening #3	25	26 Year 1-3 Swimming
9	29 Year 1-3 Swimming BOT Meeting 6pm	30 Zealandia visit Room 6 and 4	31	April 1 Year 1-3 Swimming	2 Easter Friday -No school
10	5 Easter Monday -No school	6 Easter Tuesday -No school	7	8 School Cross Country	9
11	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly 2pm

Term 2 2021 Calendar

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



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 7
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“As-salāmu ‘alaykum
Peace be upon you.”**

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 15, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Reflecting Back Christchurch Mosques Attacks: As-salāmu ‘alaykum: Peace be upon you: Kia tau te rangimarie. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Muslim brothers and sisters today. As a mark of respect, we will gather together at 1:59pm for a Muslim prayer lead by Jazleen Khan followed by 51 seconds of silence and then we will sing the waiata, Te Aroha. **Te aroha (Love). Te whakapono (Faith). Me te Rangimarie (And peace). Tatou tatou e (Be amongst us all).**

Postgate PRIDE: Renata Pereka-Piwari from Room 2 has been named in Wellington Little League Baseball team to represent our province in a number of up and coming tournaments. Awesome work Renata!

Postgate PRIDE: Well done to our Year 5/6 cricket team who won the ‘Hooked on Cricket’ tournament last week. Awesome work everyone.

School Attendance: Another extract from the Attendance Matters Report...
“Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. Parents and boards of trustees are legally responsible to ensure students’ regular attendance at school”.

“Irregular attendance may be an early indicator of problems with student motivation or teaching effectiveness. Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially”.

-- Attendance Matters

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Family Merit Assembly: Thank you to the many parents who came to our Merit Assembly on Friday to celebrate our student successes over the first half of Term 1. Our next Merit Assembly is on Friday 16th of April; the last day of Term 1.

Assessment Week: Over the next few weeks the children from Year 4 to Year 8 will be sitting a number of national norm tests; Progressive Achievement Test in Reading and Maths (PAT Reading and Maths); Supplementary Tests of Achievement in Reading (STAR); an E-AsTTle writing sample. At Postgate we see any form of assessment as a marker to how well we, the teachers/school,

have done. Assessment is about the impact the teacher has had on the learning.

“The success and failure of my students’ learning is about what I (the teacher) do or don’t do” – John Hattie.

These results and others, will be shared with you at a Learning Conversation later in the term.

Postgate School Evening’s with Latu: Our first evening with Latu was A-MAZ-ING. Thank you to the 70 plus parents who took the time out to invest in their children and to develop their understandings a whole lot more. Once again, through our actions, positive and negative, we are sending powerful messages that influence our children’s future. Please fill complete the register for Wednesday night’s session: <https://forms.gle/3wQkgX3UEKS8Ji8M7>

Evenings with Latu: We have two more evenings with Latu. Our next session is this coming **Wednesday 17th March**. The theme for the evening continues on from last week, Neuroscience and how a child’s brain develops with a flow into the 'Parenting Resource Kit session'.

Once again, this is opened to everyone, regardless if you attended the first session or not. We’d love to see you there.

Our last session is on the **24th of March**. Once we finalise this topic we will message this out.

Pedal Ready: A reminder to our Year 4-8 pupils to get their Pedal Ready consent forms back to school as soon as possible, please. If your child has mislaid their copy, let us know and we’ll give them another one. The programme starts next Monday.

Head Lice: From what I’ve heard, these little critters are on the loose again. Please check your child’s hair. We have free head lice treatment packs at school. Just see Theresa or Lesleigh in the office.

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; every Monday and Friday for the next three 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.

Thanking you for your support.

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