

# Term 1 2021 Calendar

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 Year 1-3 Swimming	April 1	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 Pedal Ready finishes Learning Conversations	15 Learning Conversations Late night	16 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly 2pm

# Term 2 2021 Calendar

1	May 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 BOT Meeting 6pm	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	June 1	2	3	4 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
6	7 Queens Birthday - No school	8	9 Boostrix Y7 boys & girls	10	11
7	14 Parumoana Cross Country	15	16	17	18
8	21 BOT Meeting 6pm	22	23 Dental van leaves	24	25



## Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 8  
2021

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**  
**“Whānau – Where life begins and aroha never ends.”**

### 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:

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## **Kia ora e te whānau**

**Reflecting Back:** Nearly a year ago we went into Lockdown unsure of what lay ahead or how long it would last. I'm sure people made vows about what they were going to do differently following this experiment. How have they worked out for you a year on? Spending more time with the whanau? Living to work or working to live?

As a school I was extremely proud (and still am) of how we pulled together and looked after each other; as we still do. The very basic notion of being kind is one we should always keep with us. The smile you see on a face can hide deep sorrow/feelings behind it. Please continue to *"be kind to yourself and others"*.

**School Attendance:** Oh man. The old shot gun effect; where you make a statement and hit the wrong targets. I'd be confident in saying, if you are reading this newsletter, you were the wrong target.

At school we use many different codes for absenteeism. If your child is away and there is no call/reason given they are marked as truant. If you notify us that they are sick, it is marked as Medical and if there is a justified reason, for example the Weetbix's tryathlon, a wedding, a tangi, or a family getaway, then it is marked as justified; we love hearing about families taking off for a few days to be a family. Thank you to the parents who ring or text Theresa in the office. It is greatly appreciated

**Postgate School Evening's with Latu:** Our last evening with Latu is this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March. We thank Latu for his investment into our school. Latu's warm and engaging personality, as well as his depth of knowledge and understanding, has made the two previous evenings a wonderful occasion and learning experience for us all. Please complete the register so we can have everything in order for Wednesday night; seating, childcare, dinner. <https://forms.gle/nZoChXGz1xb6AeYNA>

Once again, the evening with Latu will start at 6pm. For families who would like something to eat, this will be ready from 5:30pm and childcare will be available. If you are intending to come, please complete the quick register; same as the last couple of weeks. Pizza for dinner this week, the chef has the night off!

*"How do I help my daughter to enjoy reading"* was a question that was asked through our questionnaire. Our Early Reading Together Programme run by Postgate School, for the past 6 years, is a good place to start. You are best to come in and see either Hayley Walters or Deb Vernon at school.

**Arrival at School:** I know, too hot, too cold, at school, not at school. Please remember that students should not be at school before 8:30am. We

understand some parents may need to drop off a few minutes earlier and that's cool. However, some children are rolling in at 8am. This is unfair to our teachers who are still preparing for the school day. Please remember, there is a before and afterschool care option available at school.

Thank you to the parents who bring their children to me on the days they have to drop off early. That is never a problem.

We are all aware of the Health and Safety regulations and kids who are unsupervised in the playground before 8:30am fall into this category. Both Kelvin and I are in the playground every morning at 8:30am.

**Easter Holidays:** Please note that Postgate School is closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of April and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April for the Easter break. I know, schools are closed on the Tuesday. I believe this is a throwback to the three-term school year when the Easter period was also a mid-term break. Oh well, who am I to argue with an extra day off! All schools are closed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of April. It is an educational day off. Yippeeeee!

**Enrolment Scheme:** As mentioned last week, the Ministry of Education are looking at changing the enrolment zones for the schools in Whitby and surrounding areas. The proposed Postgate zone is shrieking, on all sides. The conversation the MOE are having is around out of zone students, that they should be attending their local school. As you might imagine, this conversation takes many twists and turns. I have included the proposed map which shows our current zone and proposed zone; getting smaller. There will be an opportunity shortly for community consultation.

**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 have started; every Monday and Friday\* for the next two weeks. A huge thank you to the parents who have made themselves available to help us out; it is hugely appreciated. Except next week when they will be swimming Monday and Wednesday.

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

**Football Notice:** The Porirua City Football Club are looking for more u13 players. Girls turning 12 this year are also eligible to play. If people are interested they can get in touch with Steve at [porirucityfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:porirucityfootballclub@gmail.com)

**Thanking you for your support.**

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