

# Term 1 2021 Calendar

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	Easter Monday -No school	Easter Tuesday -No school	7	School Cross Country	8
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 Ole Football in	24	25
9	28	29	30 Ole Football – Last session	1 July	2
10	5	6 Regional Schools Cross Country	7	8	9 Family Merit 2pm End of Term 2.



## Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 9  
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:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/postgate-school-17-05-2016/>

March 29, 2021

## **Kia ora e te whānau**

**Postgate School Evening's with Latu:** Our three fantastic evenings with Latu have come to an end. I'm 100% certain that everyone who attended these evenings loved it and has benefited tremendously from it. One of our strategic goals is about People and our work with Latu fits well within this goal.

We thank Latu for his skill and expertise as well as his relaxed and direct delivery style. People who attended all three evenings have spoken about an awakening/awareness in themselves and their parenting styles. We love your work Latu.

Our Postgate Staff, how awesome are they! For three Wednesdays in a row, they were here cooking, cleaning, videoing, or supervising children. They don't receive extra pay but stay to support and be part of your community. So cool.

Where to now? Great question. A few things around Postgate were paused while our evenings with Latu took place; Whanau Kaitiaki, Pasifika Advisory Group and Early Reading Together. We need to get these wheels rolling again.

Please take the time to complete our very quick questionnaire to provide us with some feedback/feedforward as we look to our next exciting journey with Latu. <https://forms.gle/WZzSsvMsrodXEtHu8>

We will be booking Latu in for more evenings during Term 2. We will message this out to you.

All three Evenings with Latu are on our school website: [www.postgate.school.nz](http://www.postgate.school.nz)

**Junior Swimming – Years 1-3: This is our last week of Years 1-3 swimming. Our Juniors are swimming today and Wednesday this week. Wednesday.**

Thank you to the many parents who have joined our Team down at Tawa Pool to assist with our children. The Junior School Swimming programme is a massive undertaking, both logistically and financially, and it would not happen without your support and our awesome staff.

**Last Week's Damage to Postgate:** As reported last week, thanks to the fast action of many parents we had the names of the young hoons by lunchtime Tuesday. Parents of the children involved rung me deeply embarrassed and I have received apology letters from the majority of children involved. The others are coming in to see me. Thank you for all the responses. The PRIDE we show in our school is far-reaching. You guys rock!

**Violins In Schools Year 4-5 Students:** If your child is interested in joining Rebecca and her team please email [kelvin@postgate.school.nz](mailto:kelvin@postgate.school.nz). This is for Year

4-5 students only and is limited to 12 students. This is all completely free thanks to the Violins in Schools team!

**Learning Conversations:** Goal number one on our strategic plan is Teaching and Learning and our Learning Conversations are a very important element to this goal. At the end of this term, we will be holding Learning Conversations; a three-way conversation between students, parents, and the teacher. A paper notice will be coming home tomorrow to book your time. As always, first in, best suitable time. The expectation is every child is represented by a family member. This is part of your commitment to your child's education and the partnership between school and home.

**Pedal Ready:** We have been very fortunate to have the amazing Pedal Ready Team at school superbly led by Postgate parents Mel Tyrell, Chris Te'o, and Mata Robati along with Rhonda and Malcolm. This is for our Years 5-8 students.

Our Year 2-3 students will start on a Scooter Ready course shortly.

I know, poor Year 4s and Year 1s.

**Easter Holidays:** Please note that Postgate School is closed this 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 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. Yippee!!!!

**Enrolment Scheme:** Hopefully, you've seen what is proposed for 2022 for Postgate School. There will be a period of community consultation, led by the Ministry, later in the year.

We are looking at putting a special clause in our scheme known as the 'Grandparent Rule', where for 5 years after a zone has been placed brothers and sisters who were in zone will be counted as In Zone, even if the family now lives out of the zone.

**Movin' March:** Movin' March is coming to an end and it was great to see so many bikes and scooters at school last week; that many we had to close the Bike Container as it was chocka on the track. Please remember, each day get your card stamped by students in front of the Senior Block and once it is completed you will get a prize!

**Free Fire Wood:** Please let me know if you are interested in the free firewood that will be available on the 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> of April. We are thinking of issuing a

voucher for those who have expressed an interest; no voucher, no access to school. We'll be looking to leave the school gates open over that weekend giving further access to the wood.

**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 is 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)

**No Newsletter Next Week:** There is no newsletter next week, as there is no school Monday. Yay, Sunday evening off!

**Thanking you for your support.**

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