

Term 1 2021 Calendar

11	12	13	14 Learning Conversations	15 Learning Conversations Late night	16 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
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Term 2 2021 Calendar

1	May 3 Term 2 starts – 8:55am Powhiri for new families at 9am Plus four student teachers at Postgate	4 Year 4 Girls Self Defence	5 Year 7 Girls Self Defence	6 Year 7 Girls Self Defence	7
2	10 Te Whanau Kaitiaki hui – 6pm Staffroom	11 National Young Leaders Day	12	13	14
3	17 BOT Meeting 6pm	18 Rippa Rugby Tournament	19 Year 8 Girls Self Defence Michel Mulipola Visit - Samoan Comic Book Artist	20 Year 8 Girls Self Defence	21 Pink Shirt Day
4	24	25	26 Dental Van arrives Ole Football starts	27	28
5	31	June 1	2 Ole Football sessions at school	3	4 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
6	7 Queens Birthday - No school	8	9 Boostrix Y7 boys & girls Ole Football	10	11
7	14	15 Parumoana Cross Country	16 Ole Football	17	18
8	21 BOT Meeting 6pm	22	23 Dental van leaves Ole Football	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 11 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“The most valuable investment we can make is in our children's education. When we make education a priority, we give our children opportunity. Opportunity to learn at higher levels than their parents were able to learn; to earn at higher levels than we were able to earn.”

- Martin O'Malley

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/>

April 12, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Postgate School Thank You: Term 1 has raced by. Hard to believe we have done 11 weeks or approximately 25% of the school year.

Our staff wants to thank you for your wonderful contributions so far. Your support of our school makes our job more rewarding and gives us much valuable support.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who joined us at our School Picnic at Waikanae Pool; who came to our Information Evening; who have helped out with Junior School swimming; who have helped with the Room 4 and 6 trip to Zealandia; who coached/managed or supported our sports teams this term; who have kept an eagle eye on our school grounds during the weekends; who have actively engaged with learning with their child/ren's teacher/s; who attended the Evenings with Latu; who come to celebrate their child's successes at our Family Merit Assembly; who came to a 'normal' assembly to watch their child present; who came to watch their children race in the schools Cross Country; who attended their child's IEP, if needed; who dropped off baking and homemade Hot Cross Buns!; for your kind words and feedback; our Board of Trustees for their future focus, care, support and governance over our school; to our awesome staff who continue to work with high levels of professionalism, care, energy and remain focused on quality learning and teaching.

Feedback from our Current Survey: Thank you to the families who have replied to our survey. One comment that has come back is around bullying. At Postgate, we are not naïve, we know children will be involved in incidents in our school and that bullying can and will happen. At Postgate, we have a zero-tolerance for any form of bullying; from children or adults. If we know, we can address it. Yes, children will be children and we need to ensure our children know what is right vs what is unacceptable behaviour.

We have a process when issues are brought to our attention, so please if you have any concerns for your child/ren, we need to know. As LV Martin use to say, "If it's not right, we'll put it right because it is the putting right that counts." Showing my age here eh?

Please take a few minutes of your time to complete our survey for Term 1:

<https://forms.gle/ppMAZDhUH93AKVwt6>

Violins In Schools Year 4-5 Students: If your child is interested in joining Rebecca and her team please email 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. Our Learning Conversations are a very important element to this goal.

What is Goal 1 from our strategic plan?

To Focus on High-Quality Learning and Teaching through expanding opportunities

Postgate School will deliver a future focussed and holistic education that prepares our students well for their future. Our localised curriculum will maximise the learning potential of each student by providing personalised learning and is delivered using best practice and the best possible resources available to us. A Postgate education will help prepare our students to be lifelong learners.

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 was sent home a couple of weeks ago 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.

Learning Conversations are on Wednesday and Thursday after school.

School closes at 3pm both days and 3pm on Friday.

Medication at School: The majority of children who suffer from asthma do not have medication at school or as we found on Cross-Country Day, their medication has expired. Can you please ensure your child/ren have what they need at school, just in case?

Family Merit Assembly: Our final assembly for Term 1 starts at 2pm on Friday. If your child is receiving an award you will be contacted by your child's teacher.

Team Release Days: It has been a long time since we have had a Teacher Only Day during the school year. Under the current collective agreement, schools can close for three days each year to have a Teacher Only Day. We personally think this is unfair on families and as Postgate does, we do things a bit differently. This week all syndicate teams are released on different days and we get relievers in for these classes. This gives teams the ability to meet, discuss, reflect and plan for the next term without impacting families during term time. Families have told us that having random days off during the year and early finishes are a huge inconvenience to working families and we respect this.

Pedal Ready: The awesome Pedal Ready Team will be continuing into Term 2 for those classes who have not had the opportunity to ride. A huge thank you to Mel, Chris, Mata, and the rest of the team for *expanding opportunities* for our students at Postgate School.

Thanks to Mata and Gary for the Scooter Ready work with our Year 2/3 pupils.

Free Fire Wood: Please let me know if you are interested in the free firewood that will be available on the 29th/30th of April. 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.

Thanking you for your support.

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