

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 World Vision meeting with Student Council	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 2: Week 1 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“Normal is an illusion.

What is normal for a spider is chaos for the fly.”

- Morticia Addams – Addams Family

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/>

May 3, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to Term 2.

Postgate School Thank You: Your support of your child and our Kura last term is and was greatly appreciated by us all. I get asked by many people why Postgate is so successful and my response is it's like a perfect storm; so many different people/groups (students, parents, community, staff) coming together from all fronts to create a very special place. Thank you for being so awesome!

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui: Our TWK (Maori Advisory Group) are having their first hui for the year next Monday 6pm in the staffroom. If you would like more information, please contact either Lady, ladytalaepa@gmail.com or myself at school

Why do we have a Te Whanau Kaitiaki and a Pasifika Advisory Group? We need to make a difference for all our learners and New Zealand's current statistics tell us ethnic groups have been underserved by the education system and we need to make changes or improve our service to make that change. The "Ministry of Education Statement of Intent; Priority Outcome 1 Improving education outcomes for Maori learners, Pasifika learners, learners with special education needs, and learners from low-socioeconomic backgrounds." Translated in straight-talking speak; We have to change the statistics for our priority learners to maximize the contribution of education to the New Zealand economy and Maori and Pasifika learners continue to be underserved by the education system.

Feedback/Feedforward from our Community Survey Last Term:

What You Value most: Supportive, community-minded, open, honest, it is a WE school (where we go one, we go all) and we feel included (*that's because you are*), strong sense of community, Inclusive, an open-door policy where tamariki come first, the overall culture and the commitment shown by everyone.

What do you value least?

*Bullies (*and so do we!*) *At Postgate we have a zero-tolerance for any bullying or any anti-social behaviours so please always let us know.*

*No weekend sports for kids. *There is plenty of sporting clubs that offer sport. We decided a number of years ago to withdraw from Saturday netball and reduce teams playing after school as the workload on teachers was too great. However, parents said, "We can take these teams, you concentrate on learning and teaching". This has seen a large number of Postgate teams back in action over the last few years. Thank you.*

And thank you to Nicole Mitchell for organising our teams for week-day sports.

*Miss bible studies. *Unfortunately, as a state school...*

Fix if you could: *More seesaw posts; please let your child's teacher know this as well as myself.

*Notify parents of issues; *At Postgate, we have a few key saying. One is 'No secrets' meaning if there is an issue notify parents. While it may be minor to us, to an 8-year-old, different story; see quote on the front page. On the flip side to this, "We dig for gold, not for dirt". We know that Postgate is not always perfect, however, we want to celebrate with you the many great things our students do. Instead of ringing parents to inform you of a negative, let's ring to celebrate our children.*

*Tuckshop, more subway days, fish n chips Fridays; *I've put these three together. We have an obligation to be focused on improving children's health and well-being as well as considering the financial implications we place on parents*

*Non-slip mats in cloakrooms; *where are we thinking we need these? In all cloak bays or just one? I don't spend a lot of time in the toilet areas around the school so please let me know. The building work I spoke about a couple of years ago, is now moving again. The delay has been with people at a higher pay grade than myself. Oh my gosh, you would not believe the roadblocks! However, above the line thinking Adam, it is all go again*

Other comments: I cannot praise enough to others how Postgate school is the best school in Wellington. Love the open-door policy. The teachers are awesome. It's the kind of school where you don't have to drag your kids up in the morning to get ready for school and that says it all so thank you We love sending our children to Postgate. I know little kids have their differences and I'm not sure if I'm supposed to let them work it out or step in regarding e.g.: mean things said. Love the school, community, and vibes. Just thank you for everything.

Learning Conversations: Thank you for your support at the end of last term. The message you send your children at these meetings has a major effect on them moving forward. We know Postgate children are very proud of their learning and to share it with those whom they love is ka pai!

Thank you to the families who provided us with feedback/feedforward. <https://forms.gle/1c21Ym6Gk1K358jM9> We have another round of Learning Conversations at the end of this term where you will be informed of how your child/ren are traveling along State Highway Postgate in relation to our Postgate School Expectations.

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 has what they need at school, just in case?

Subway Lunches: Envelopes are at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday morning at the very latest. **PLEASE NOTE: The prices have increased! A 4 inch is now \$6, a 6 inch is now \$7 and a 12 inch is \$10. An increase of 50 cents. A bottle of water is now \$2:50, an increase of 50 cents. Subway Tawa will honour any old envelop/prices so no panic for this week.**

Thanking you for your support.

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