

Term 2 2021 Calendar

2	10 Pasifika Advisory Group Fono – 6:30pm Staffroom	11 National Young Leaders Day	12 Te Whanau Kaitiaki hui – 6pm Staffroom Waka ama – selected Yr 7/8s	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 Aotea College to visit Year 8s	25	26 Dental Van arrives Ole Football starts	27 Olympic Ambassador to visit Postgate	28
5	31 Samoan Language Week	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 2
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“The biggest lie I tell myself is: “I don’t need to write it down, I’ll remember it.”

- Still justifying why I forgot the Mother’s Day Stall

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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May 10, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui: Date Change! Our TWK (Maori Advisory Group) are having their first hui on Wednesday 6pm in the staffroom/whanau room. If you would like more information, please contact either Lady, ladytalaepa@gmail.com or myself at school

Pasifika Advisory Group Fono: Your PAG are meeting on Monday evening at 6:30pm in the Staffroom/Aiga room. If you would like more information please contact Tom tommyaiulu@gmail.com or myself.

Why do we have a Te Whanau Kaitiaki and a Pasifika Advisory Group? We are here to serve our school community. 72% of our school population is Maori/Pasifika. We want to make sure all our children are successful now and in later life. Research shows that when schools work alongside the community they serve, educational outcomes improve dramatically. As a school we are always searching to meet the wants and needs of our community.

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."

Expanding Opportunities: Goal 1 from our School Charter states, *"To Focus on High Quality Learning and Teaching through expanding opportunities" A Postgate education will prepare our students to be lifelong learners.*

Last week Postgate students had the opportunity for 'expanding opportunities' through; Student led powhiri, Pedal Ready, violin lessons, Good Time Music lessons (user pays), boxing, waka ama, self-defence, He Māori Ahau - Year 7 and 8 Boys Leadership programme, basketball, netball and this week Samoan Siva practice starts on Tuesday.

Samoan Language Week: Starting Week 5 (30 May) is Samoan Language Week. We have been very fortunate over the years to have parents/families share with our children their heritage and language. Teachers will be learning, with the children teaching, Samoan phrases in the classroom. If you would like to assist in a classroom, please let your child's classroom teacher know. It would be fantastic to see Samoan Aiga's in our school sharing their culture and heritage. If that sounds like you, please contact your child's teacher or myself.

Planning for 2022: Yes, that's right, 2022. Planning for 2022's intake of pupils is well advanced. If you have a child who is turning 5 in 2022 please check with Lesleigh that she has all your details. We will have to hold a ballot, like last year, and early notice is a great help to us. If you know of a family who is interested in sending their child/ren to Postgate School, please tell them to come and visit us ASAP.

There are additional road blocks coming for families who live outside out school zone, which is reducing in size. Forward planning by us all helps with our future plans.

Did you know that people who live in Whitby cannot attend a Whitby school?

Absent Text Line: To make life easier, you can send us a text if your child is going to be absent from school. We do not answer this phone so there is no point ringing it, just text, but only for absentees please. The school cell phone number is 027 7466791. When you text with an absentee could you please supply all the information below:

- Child's name in full, not text speak! i.e. Adam Campbell
- Room number or teacher's name i.e Room 16/Freddie Jones
- Reason for absence i.e Man Flu

Besides texting, you can always ring on the landline and let us know. The school phone number is 2359358. Or you can email us at school. Please ensure you have your child's teacher, Theresa and/or myself in the email address line.

Learning Conversations- We'd like your Thoughts: Last chance before we start acting on the feedback/feedforward received. <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

Thanking you for your support.

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