

Term 2 2021 Calendar

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 Fathers' Group Hui/Fono/Meeting 6pm - Staffroom
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.

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.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 3
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
"The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts"

- Marcus Aurelius

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 17, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Te Whānau Kaitiaki Hui: Thank you to the whānau who attended Wednesday night's hui.

Pasifika Advisory Group Fono: Thank you to the 'aiga who attended Monday's night fono.

BOT Meeting: Your Board of Trustees are meeting tonight. One of tonight's discussions is our School Uniform Policy, which is part of our three-yearly review. Hayley will also be sharing what Postgate teachers are doing to lift their own capability through Teaching as Inquiry.

Currently, we have the Education Review Office working along side us. Their last visit was in 2016, so it has been 6 years since we last had a review. We are one of 75 schools across Aotearoa trialling a new method of review. Basically, ERO 'drill' down until they find an area they can support the school and walk alongside with. Depending on what is happening/not happening in a school will determine ERO's next steps and how often they work with a school; those most at risk will be visited regularly, those doing the absolute best by their learners, not so often.

Once we get an official statement from ERO I will pass it on.

Pink Shirt Day/Kindness Challenge Week: This Friday all children are encouraged to wear something pink in support of anti-bullying; either a shirt, something in their hair, hat, just something pink. Children are also asked to bring a gold coin.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Also, it is Kindness Challenge Week. Copies of the challenge card were sent home via the weekly Friday 'Next Week at Postgate' email.

Sessions with Latu: Last week Cat and I met with Latu to discuss and plan our where to next. From the feedback/feedforward we received from families the majority were looking to established a Fathers Group and Understanding the Teenage Brain.

The first Fathers Group session will be held on Friday 28th May at 5:30pm in the Staffroom. We believe that at the end of a week when we are tired, feeling lethargic is the ideal time to start as we'll be able to express how we feel and

what is happening/not happening for us and our families. Postgate will provide dinner for our dad's. A google form will come out during the week to register interest.

Our Understanding Teenagers series will be held next term; 11th and the 18th of August. These workshops will be limited to 20, however, there will be two or three running during the day to cover for everyone's needs.

Latu is available at anytime to answer any questions you may have or offer assistance or point you in the direction of services who can help. Latu can be found on Facebook – Latu Toomaga.

Postgate School is also here for you, whatever you need, we'll be able to help or find people who can. You are never alone.

Rainbow Youth: Inside Out/Rainbow Youth presented to our teachers last week. Rainbow Youth provide support, information, resources and advocacy for Aotearoa's queer, gender diverse, takatāpui and intersex youth.

One of the key messages was how do we as a school provide a safe place for our Rainbow Youth? Actually, this applies for all children, staff and wider community at Postgate. This is something we are looking into and are looking to make changes around our school. For example, gender neutral toilets.

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.

Year 8's Enrolling at College: A heads up to our Year 8 parents that now is the time to start enrolling your child in the college or colleges you'd like them to attend next year. For many college's a ballot, if required, is held in July. Please read the newsletter attached from Aotea College.

Planning for 2022: Thank you to the families who have come in to check they are on our 2022 list. Your help is very important for our planning and ensuring we get our current siblings into Postgate next year. Going by what we have now, we have our quota for 2022, with a few spots for those with no current family at Postgate.

Learning Conversations: Thank you for your feedback/feedforward around our Learning Conversations. We will use this to help plan our next round which will be held at the end of this term, during Week 10.

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.

Thanking you for your support.

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