

Term 2 2021 Calendar

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.

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.

Subway Lunches: Envelopes are at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday morning at the very latest.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 4
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"...there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

- Hamlet (William Shakespeare)

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 24, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Samoan Language Week: Samoan Language Week: Next week (30 May) is Samoan Language Week. As always, we will start our week with a Flag Raising and the singing of the Samoan National Anthem.

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; maybe you could come in this week and help teach the Samoan National Anthem to some classes. If that sounds like you, please contact your child's teacher or me.

The theme for Samoan Language Week is: 'Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive'.

When you're building a foundation for a fale (house) it can't have a weak foundation or posts. This is the same for the foundations of our families, schools, and churches that play an important role in strengthening Gagana Samoa (the Samoan Language) or any family. Language is important for the foundations of our overall wellbeing.

Also, if we pronounce your name, your child's name, or your family name incorrectly, please let us know. There was a great article a few years ago by Teuila Fuatai entitled "Saying Names Right is About Respecting Cultural Identity". This is for any child at our school.

BOT Meeting: At your BOT meeting on Monday, one of the items on the agenda was our School Uniform Policy. Attached is the amended copy of our policy, with the uniform clearly stated. Please let us know your thoughts. I believe we are relaxed around our uniform as we know not everything runs to plan on any given day. As your child moves up the school the expectations increase, in preparation for college uniform standards.

Postgate PRIDE Rain Jackets: A batch of rain jackets have arrived. All Year 1s will come home with theirs this afternoon. If your child has not received one, or misplaced theirs, please let me know and, hopefully, we can replace it.

Pink Shirt Day/Kindness Challenge Week: Thank you for your support with our Kindness Week and support of Pink Shirt Day. Understanding each other's differences, celebrating the success of others, and being kind are simple everyday actions that help grow healthy communities. When we stop to look back over history, there have been many changes that we struggle to think

what were they/we thinking, however, we have a long way to go in many different areas.

One thing we can all do is "be kind to yourself and others".

If you have a spare few minutes; something to watch and discuss with your child/ren - <http://oatthegoat.co.nz/>

Sessions with Latu- Change of date: A reminder about our first Dads' Group session is **next Friday 4th** June at 5:30pm in the Staffroom. The session will last an hour and is an opportunity to build connections with other males, share and grow for ourselves and our families to benefit

Sports Team Code of Conduct for Players, Supporters, and Families: Attached with this newsletter is Postgate School's Code of Conduct. It is common sense, based on respect for all and for us to show Postgate PRIDE when supporting our child's team and the opposition.

Children dropping out of sport increases when children enter college and if you have a shouty side-line parent, who could blame them; highly embarrassing for the child and their mates.

You should ask your child these three questions following their game:

1. Did you enjoy that?
2. Did you have a favourite moment?
3. What would you like to eat?

How we think they have gone, what we want to say, if we want to relive the game and continue to coach is irrelevant. Just enjoy your child playing sport, actually, just enjoy the moment because they soon pass. Kids play sport for their own reasons, not ours.

https://balanceisbetter.org.nz/5-golden-rules-for-sideline-supporters/?utm_source=Balance+is+Better&utm_campaign=8d2fca4dad-&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e66cbce632-8d2fca4dad-408421877

Bee Healthy Dental Van: The Dental Van arrives next week and will be with us for 3 weeks or more. All children will have their teeth checked during this time and any dental work will need to be done at the Dental Hub at Brandon Intermediate. You'll get a letter informing you of the next steps, if further treatment is needed.

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. **Thanking you for your support. Mauruuru kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.**