

Term 2 2021 Calendar

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 Learning Conversations	8 Learning Conversations	9 Family Merit 2pm End of Term 2.

Term 3 2021 Calendar

1	26 Start Term 3 Powhiri for new students/families/staff	27 Basketball coaching Started yesterday	28	29	30 Red Nose Day
2	2 August Cook Island Language Week	3	4	5 Postgate School Olympics	6
3	9 BOT Meeting 6pm	10	11 Evening with Latu	12	13
4	16	17	18 Evening with Latu	19	20
5	23	24	25 Injections Year 8 boys and girls	26	27 Family Merit Assembly 2pm
6	30	31	1 September	2	3
7	6 Tongan Language Week	7	8	9	10 Enrolments for 2022 cut off date
8	13 Te Reo Maori Language Week BOT Meeting 6pm	14 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 5/6	15	16 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 7/8	17
9	20	21	22	23	24
10	27	28	29 Learning Conversations	30 Learning Conversations	1 October Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 7
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

*"Matariki hunga nui –
The time when people assemble /
The workers are gathering together"*

- **Whakatauki**

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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Kia ora e te whānau

Hayley Walters: Ms Walters is having a baby! Congratulations to Hayley and her partner Michael on this most wonderful news. Parenthood is one of those rare things in life that gets continually better with each passing day. Enjoy the journey. Hayley will be with us until mid-term 4, at this stage.

Fa'afetai Lava - Samoan Language Week: What a fantastic response from our Samoan Community during Samoan Language Week. Thank you to the families/aiga (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters) who came in to share their culture with our school. Your giving of your culture is greatly appreciated by all of our Postgate School Community. I especially liked seeing so many people in and around our school. This gives our school more energy and gives us all a real lift.

To see so many of our children, not just our Samoan students, dressed up on Thursday was awesome. The pride and passion our Samoan children have for their culture, for Fa'a Samoa, is a reflection on their home life. Awesome work mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles and cousins.

I started the week weighing in at 120kgs and finished the week well over 137kgs!

Tomasi Alosio: Best wishes to Tomasi and the Manu Samoa Rugby team with their tour/games in New Zealand over the next couple of months. It is Tomasi's last day with us until he returns late this term or at the start of Term 3.

Matariki Celebrations: If you would like to come and share your knowledge with our tamariki let Deb know. Our Matariki programme starts next week. Please contact Deb, debv@postgate.school.nz

Family Merit Assembly: Thank you to the parents who attended our Family Merit Assembly and helped us celebrate our children's successes.

National Day: Postgate School celebrates a number of Pasifika Language Weeks throughout the year as well as Maori Language Week and Matariki. However, we know we miss the other important cultures that make up Postgate School. We want to acknowledge as many cultures as possible within our school and we need your help to do so.

Our current thinking is to acknowledge known National Days within our school with a Flag Raising Ceremony as well as some key learnings about your country of origin. Anything additional will require the support of families.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the Google Form.
<https://forms.gle/K4QepBm3DjiPjg4t9>

Thank you to the families who have already responded. Looking forward to the celebrations of Jamaica and Scotland already! 🇯🇲

Father's Group Session with Latu: The first Dads' Group session was held on **Friday 4th June** in the Staffroom. We had 11 brave Postgate fathers who openly shared and grew together learning about a 'Wise Owl' and a 'Barking Dog'. Over a short period of time I learnt a great deal about myself and as a parent. We had many laughs, we listened to each other and I believe, started a great support network for each other. If you would like to join us, we'd love to have you be part of this very special team.

2022 College Enrolments: Year 8 parents! Best get a move on and start enrolling your child into your preferred and local colleges now! The enrolment process is now taking place for 2022.

New Traffic By-Law: The Porirua City Council has installed a pick-up and drop off zone outside our school by creating a 2-minute parking restriction. The zone is directly outside our school, basically where our 'Drop and Kiss' zone is. What's the difference? The PCC and NZ Police will be able to fine people for illegal parking. So now, if you park there and leave your car, *"You got to ask yourself one question, Do I feel lucky?"*

Thank you to our parents/families who are showing Postgate PRIDE by respecting our neighbours and parking on the road versus on their grass verge. A reminder that it is ok for children to walk a short distance in the rain. Parking by the Stone Wall and children walking the short distance to class will not see them melt. It seems that everyone wants to drive up to the front door on a wet day. We are thinking of coning off the Office Carpark when it is wet, however, this is unfair on parents planning to stay. Please remember kiss and drop on the road, come into the office car park to stay for a long while.

Just so we are 100% clear, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE IN AND OUT OF THE OFFICE CARPARK BEFORE SCHOOL, unless you are staying for a long while. Safety First, Safety Sam, Sam I am. I know, stand out there Adam in the rain to tell parents who do not read the newsletter about what they need to do to keep our kids safe. Ok, ok, I get the message!

All children's safety is our main priority.

Absent Text Line: To make life easier, you can send us a text if your child is going to be absent from school. The school cell phone number is 027 7466791. The phone is for texting, no point ringing as that part of the phone doesn't work!

Thanking you for your support.

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