

## Term 2 2021 Calendar

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 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 8  
2021

#### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**

**"Matariki hunga, Matariki ahunga nui  
Matariki has many admirers.  
Matariki brings us together"**

#### 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 whanau

**Celebrating Matariki:** Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Matariki literally means the 'Eyes of God' (mata ariki) or 'Little Eyes' (mata riki). According to myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatūānuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tāwhirimātea, became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

Traditionally, it was a time for remembering the dead, and celebrating new life.

*Matariki whetu ki te Rangi*

*Tāngata ora ki te Whenua*

*Pleiades stars in the Sky*

*People well-being on Earth*

During the next two weeks, there will be various Matariki themed workshops happening around our school. As always, you are more than welcome to join us and partake in any or all of our celebration activities.

# TE IWA O MATARIKI THE NINE STARS OF MATARIKI



**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 makeup 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/K4QepBm3DjiPig4t9>

Thank you to the families who have already responded. Looking forward to the celebrations of Jamaica, France, and Scotland.

We will be celebrating France's National Day (Bastille Day) a week early, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July as we are on holiday on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Bastille Day marks the birth of the French Republic.

We have one student who is fluent in French and English

**Learning Conferences:** On Wednesday, information about our Learning Conferences during Week 10 will be sent home. This includes detailed information about when, where, and most importantly a 'Booking Form'; this works on a first-in, first-served basis. Leave it till late, get a stink time!

As always, we are aiming for a 100% turnout of families. We did not achieve this during our Term 1 Learning Conversations; we had a 99% turnout as a couple of families did not attend

**Please note:** Learning Conferences are set for only one day; Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. As many parents have been making regular contact with their child's teacher, we see no need for Wednesday. The Learning Conferences are 20-minute group slots.

**Interschool Cross County:** Well done to the 23 runners who competed in the Parumoana Interschool Cross Country last week. Special mention to Kaylee Patterson (6<sup>th</sup>) and Zios Salanoa-Mihaere (9<sup>th</sup>) who have qualified for the Wellington Regional Cross Country. Thanks also to the parents who provided transport and cheered on all our runners.

**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.

**Thanking you for your support.**

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