

Term 2 2021 Calendar

9	28	29	30	1 July	2
			Ole Football – Last session		
10	5	6	7	8	9
		Regional Schools Cross Country		Learning Conversations	Family Merit 2pm End of Term 2.

Term 3 2021 Calendar

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



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 2: Week 9
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Hauhake tū ka tō Matariki
The harvest ends when Matariki sets"**

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

Staying at Alert Level 2: Our H&S protocols remain the same under Alert Level 2 until Wednesday, at this stage. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Learning Conversations: On Wednesday last week, information about our Learning Conversations during Week 10 was 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!

Last year every family was present for our Learning Conversations; this is fantastic; shows a true partnership in learning. However, our Term 1 2021 Learning Conversations saw three families unaccounted for.

The Learning Conversations is a three-way meeting which is led by your child. This varies across our school depending on your child's year level. As the title suggests, the focus is on learning. Teachers have been asked to share with you your child's attendance rate and you will also get a slip of paper stating how your child is traveling in relation to the Postgate School Expectations; unless your child has started school recently.

I have attached our Attendance Report for Postgate School comparing the past few years. All children should sit above 90% if quality learning is to occur.

Please note: Learning Conversations are set for one day in 2021; Thursday 8th July. Last year we had two days as we had just returned from Lockdown. As many parents/families are making regular contact with their classroom teacher we feel we can smash them out in one day.

The Learning Conversations are 20-minute slots and will be done in groups.

Celebrating Matariki: We continue with our Matariki Celebrations this week. We have a Hakari planned for Friday at 12:30pm. This is shared kai/lunch for the whole school. A separate notice is coming home. Families are asked to bring a plate of food, one plate from each family regardless of the number of children at school, for their whanau group to share.

The shared lunch is this Friday in the hall at 12:30pm.

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

Postgate School celebrates a number of Pasifika Language Weeks (Samoan, Cook Island, Tongan, Fijian, Niue and Tokelau 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. So far, we have Jamaica, Scotland, France, Ireland, Dutch, and German.

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>

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.

Notice from Aotea College Hockey: Aotea College would like to hear from any year 8 students who are coming to Aotea College in 2022 and would like to play hockey (beginners welcome). Aotea are in the process of setting up a new development team which is ideal for Year 9 students and complete beginners. Aotea will be holding introductory sessions later in the year where students can try out the sport and meet current players and their families. Being part of a fun and friendly sports team is a great way to settle into college! If you would like to receive further information about this, please email naomilee1973@gmail.com or call: 021 1685 788

Planning for 2022: A reminder about 2022. You'd be very surprised by the number of families looking to enroll their child/ren at Postgate School and did not know there was a ballot. And, to make matters worse, they have family already here. If people miss the ballot, they have missed maybe their only chance to enroll at Postgate School.

Thanking you for your support.

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