

# Term 2 2021 Calendar

10	5	6	7	8	9
			Bastille Day Flag Raising – One week early	Learning Conversations till late	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 Non school uniform
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 Fathers Group session #2
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 10

2021

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**

**"He oranga ngākau,**

**He pikinga waiora;**

**Positive feelings in your heart  
will raise your sense of self worth"**

### 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**

**Farewell:** At the end of this term we are farewelling a couple of families who are on the move outside of Wellington. We wish the Eastham (Jakobie) and Lealiifano (Nylah and Amaryah) families all the best with their schooling in Levin. Yes, both families have moved to Levin!

Evan and Anne Lealiifano have been great servants to our school. Their work through our Pasikifa Advisory Group and the endless supply of bread at our school picnic's and galas has been greatly appreciated and valued.

We also farewell The Kraj family (Brodie) who are moving down South and Bentley Faime who is moving back to Australia.

**National Day:** We will be celebrating France's National Day (Bastille Day) on Wednesday, weather permitting, a week earlier than the 14<sup>th</sup> of July as we are on holiday on this day. Bastille Day marks the birth of the French Republic.

**Learning Conversations:** Please remember these are being held this week on Thursday (3pm- 9pm). 77% of families are accounted for and it is now my 'job' to ring families we have not heard from; geez, I refuse to run around after my own children but ...

Key questions to ask or key aspects you'd expect to hear during a Learning Conversations or questions to ask your child:

- What has my child achieved this year? What has been previous learning goals?
- Can my child show me the goals they have achieved this year? Evidence-based. Using your child's written work, for example, and clearly pointing out examples of their goals in action. Or to your child: Can you show me where you have achieved your learning goals in... reading, writing, maths?
- How are is my child supported to achieve their goals?
- What will the current learning goal look like when my child has achieved their goal?
- Are you doing your best? Are you showing Postgate PRIDE on a daily basis?
- How can I/we better support you with their learning; in and out of school?

A bell will ring when 20 minutes has passed during your conversation time (that's if I remember). Before your conversation is over it is very important you and your child understand what their learning goals are and that you are clear about how you can help at home. Basically, ensure there is a plan moving forward. Your child's teacher will also give you a form which clearly identifies where your child is achieving in relation to the Postgate School Expectation; on work covered in class thus far.

**Please note:** School finishes at the normal time on Thursday, 3pm. School also finishes at 3pm on Friday

**Celebrating Matariki:** Thank you for your support over the last couple of weeks with our Matariki celebration work. It was awesome to see many parents at school on Wednesday and Thursday helping with the Year 1-3 workshops. Thank you for your support.

Also, thank you for the shared kai on Friday. A great feast was had in the hall. Our children were very excited.

**Winter Illness:** Over the past few weeks we've had a number of children and staff away sick. Thank you for your support with ringing, texting or emailing any absentees or lateness to the office.

A reminder that if your child is away, please ring 04 2359358 or text 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

Or you can email your child/ren's teacher. Real easy eh?

**Next term we are moving to a new Student Management System, HERO.** This may cause a delay in our safety checks in the morning as we navigate our way around HERO. By you notifying us that your child is absent will make this transition a whole lot less stressful.

**Term Dates 2022:** The term dates for next year are:

Term 1: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Thurs 14 April – Easter and ANZAC are during the holidays

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Fri 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Fri 3 Oct

Term 4: Monday 17 Oct - Thurs 15 Dec

**The term dates for the rest of 2021 are:**

Term 3: Monday July 26 to Friday October 1

Term 4: Monday October 18 to Tuesday December 14  
(Labour Day – Monday 25 October- Public Holiday)

**Planning for 2022:** A reminder about 2022. You'd be very surprised by the number of families looking to enrol 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 enrol at Postgate School.

**Thanking you for your support.**

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