

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 Non school uniform
2	2 August Cook Island Language Week MoveMProve Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui	3	4	5 Postgate School Olympics Early Literacy Evening	6 Jamaica's National Day
3	9 BOT Meeting 6pm MoveMProve	10	11 Evening with Latu	12 Exploration Hero Trip	13
4	16 MoveMProve	17	18 Evening with Latu	19	20
5	23 MoveMProve	24	25 Injections Year 8 boys and girls	26	27 Family Merit Assembly 2pm Fathers Group session #2
6	30 MoveMProve	31	1 September	2	3 Pauatahanui School visiting
7	6 Tongan Language Week MoveMProve	7	8	9	10 Enrolments for 2022 cut off date
8	13 Te Reo Maori Language Week MoveMProve BOT Meeting 6pm	14 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 5/6	15	16 Parumoana Swimming Sports Year 7/8	17
9	20 MoveMProve	21	22	23	24
10	27	28	29	30 Learning Conversations	1 October Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 3: Week 1 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"He toka tū moana,
arā he toa rongonui
Your strength is like a rock
standing in raging waters"

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

Welcome Back to Term 3: A warm welcome to the new families and students who either started at Postgate today or during the school year.

We had a powhiri this morning to welcome our new families to Postgate School.

Denise Harrison: Our thoughts and prayers are with Denise. Denise had a heart attack during the holidays and went into cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital. Denise is doing well and is resting at home, albeit a very careful and planned recovery. Hopefully, we'll see Denise in a few weeks' time, all going to plan; if she sticks to her rehab programme!

Tomasi Alosio: Tomasi will be absent for the next six weeks or so as he has signed a contract with the Wellington Lions. Awesome work Tomasi.

School Jackets: The rain jackets, kindly donate by ASB last year, have been topped up again and will be handed out to pupils who need them this week. The jackets are a one-off and are yours for free. If you'd like to swap your jacket that is too big for a nicer fit, please email me and we will sort.

Subway Lunches: Subway Wednesday's continue again this term. Orders must be in by Wednesday 8:55am. Order envelopes are available at the office.

Enrolments for 2022 and Beyond: The deadline for new enrolments for the 2022 school year is Friday 10 September. Currently, there are very limited spaces in our school for next year. If you know of family or friends who would like their child to attend Postgate School, now is the time to send them to Lesleigh, our Office Manager. We have an ever-growing waiting list and if we have to go to a ballot, priority is given to families who live in our 'Home Zone' followed by siblings of current students; there are 6 priorities.

Our school roll for the next few years is very full and it would very helpful for our planning to know years ahead what potentially is coming

Learning Conferences: Thank you to the parents who attended the Learning Conferences during the last week of Term 2 and the Family Merit Assembly.

We had a tremendous turnout for the Learning Conferences with **nearly** every family accounted for; if you cancelled or were one of a few people who were a no show, please contact us this week. It is very important that we all follow up with our child/ren about their learning goals over the next few weeks and for the rest of this term.

We have been seeking engagement, and getting it, from our school community. Your engagement has been awesome. The main area we have

been focusing on is to involve families in the learning process; making horizontal connections- linking home with school and school with home.

So, how can we involve you in your child/ren's learning? Please let me know your thoughts/ideas. principal@postgate.school.nz

We are also keen to hear your views about the Learning Conferences- how were they for you and were they useful/informative?

Important Dates for Term 3: The Postgate calendar is on the back of this newsletter. It contains all important dates, which we know of, for Term 3.

Absent Text Line: To make life easier for you, you can send us a text if your child is going to be absent from school. 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 and let us know. The school phone number is 2359358.

We have moved 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.

HERO has a number of new functions available to us and for our school community. We will introduce these to you over the course of this term. One of these functions is via the HERO app, where you can notify us of an absence.

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

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd 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

Thanking you for your support.

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