

Term 3 2021 Calendar

2	2 August Cook Island Language Week MoveMProve Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui	3 KiwiHoops	4 KiwiHoops	5 Postgate School Olympics Early Literacy Evening	6 Jamaica's National Day
3	9 BOT Meeting 6pm MoveMProve Jamaican Flag Raising	10 KiwiHoops	11 Evening with Latu KiwiHoops	12 Exploration Hero Trip	13
4	16 MoveMProve	17 KiwiHoops	18 Evening with Latu KiwiHoops	19	20
5	23 MoveMProve	24 KiwiHoops	25 Injections Year 8 boys and girls KiwiHoops	26	27 Family Merit Assembly 2pm Fathers Group session #2
6	30 MoveMProve	31 KiwiHoops	1 September KiwiHoops	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 2 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Anyone who keeps learning
stays young"**
- Henry Ford

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

KIA ORANA Postgate kōpū tangata and welcome to Cook Island Language Week.

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors.

The theme reflects on the journey of the Cook Islands peoples in New Zealand, as well as the longing of young Cook Islanders to connect with their language, culture, and identity. Acknowledging that while community elders are fundamental to the teaching and sharing of Cook Islands language, the leadership of young people as the next wave of cultural and language experts are also critical in keeping the connection to their homelands alive.

This year's theme also reflects the overarching 2021 Pacific Language Week theme of Wellbeing, by linking the importance of language to overall wellbeing. Cook Islands Language Week celebrates the identity, languages and culture of students from the Cook Islands and helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings.

There are three distinct Polynesian languages spoken in the Cook Islands:

*Cook Islands Māori is an Eastern Polynesian language with a number of dialects. This language belongs to the same language family as New Zealand Māori and the languages of Hawai'i and Tahiti.

*Pukapuka is a Western Polynesian language, belonging to the same language family as the languages of Sāmoa, Tuvalu, and Tokelau.

*Palmerston Island has its own unique and distinctive mixture of Cook Islands Māori and English.

The Cook Islands community are the second largest Pacific ethnic group in New Zealand making up 20% of the Pacific population (Census 2013).

This morning we had the flag raising of the Cook Island and New Zealand flags, and the playing of the Cook Island National Anthem.

Denise Harrison: Thank you for your well wishes for Denise. Denise is recovering well through her Cardiac Rehab and is aiming to be back at school by the 10th of August, all going to plan.

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Hui: Your TWK are meeting tonight at 6pm in the Staffroom.

MoveMProve: Starting today, Monday, our Years 1-3 start their MoveMProve gymnastics-type sessions in the hall. This programme is provided by qualified instructors.

Basketball: Wellington Basketball asked if they could come back to Postgate following on from their visit last year. For the next six weeks, all children will be receiving coaching on either a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Postgate School Olympics: This will be held at school and on Postgate Park. We have a range of modified Olympic events including; weight lifting, fencing, equestrian, and archery to name a few. Children are encouraged to wear their whānau colours. It would be great to have as much whānau involvement as possible, please come down, support our students and get involved! We will be starting at 9.30am for the opening ceremony and events are from 10.00am - 12.30pm. **Children must have shoes.** If you have any questions please contact Nicole at nicole@postgate.school.nz

Red Nose Day Thanks: Thank you for your support last week with our Red Nose Day. Please watch out for The Postgate News which will contain a special interview and he will also announce our total raised from last week; a very healthy total it was!

Attendance: A plead from Postgate about the importance of attendance this term. Families can experience many disruptions through illness, tangihanga, or family events. However, our levels of attendance need to improve. Ideally, we want all children to have their attendance sitting in the 90% bracket. To achieve this, children would only be having 2-4 days off this term. Please help us to help your children.

We know and understand the importance of family; family first. However, please think before allowing your child to stay home. As parents, we know when our children are truly sick and when they are trying to have us on.

Our staff is working harder and smarter to have a more than positive impact on your child/rens learning. It is of the greatest frustration for teachers when children are regularly absent.

Evenings with Latu: Next Wednesday and the following Wednesday we are back on! Both evenings are dedicated to Raising Teenagers! Oh boy, with two teenagers I am well aware of the changes, struggles, and challenges teenagers and parents face. This is an evening for us all as you either already have or will soon have a teenager or more stomping around grunting at the world!

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

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.

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.