

Term 3 2021 Calendar

9	20 MoveMProve	21	22	23	24
10	27 BOT Meeting 6pm	28	29	30	1 October Family Merit End of Term 3 School finishes 3pm

Enrolments for 2022 and Beyond: The deadline for new enrolments for the 2022 school year has passed. Our school roll is full and there are a large number of new families looking to come to Postgate in 2022.

If you are moving on from Postgate please let us know as we will have a waiting list for across our school.

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.

MoveMProve/Basketball/Waka Ama/Boxing: MoveMProve, boxing and basketball start up again this week. Waka Ama doesn't start until we are at Alert Level 1.

Netball Uniforms: The netball season has come to an end and we would appreciate all uniforms coming back and a reminder to please pay your netball subs.

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

Changes in Contact Details: If your contact details have changed, please let Theresa in the office know. Thank you



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 3: Week 9
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
**"Grateful turns what we have
into enough"**

- Aesop

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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September 20, 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

As we head into another couple or more weeks at Alert Level 2, it is natural to feel a sense of disappointment, frustration, or annoyance that the current restrictions remain; both in and out of school.

I was meant to be heading to Ruatoria during the first week of the holidays for my son's rugby tournament, something we were both looking forward to and am now bitterly disappointed; selfish eh?

I know many families are doing it much tougher with reduced numbers at funerals, the inability to visit loved ones in Auckland, and cancelled holidays. It is these times of disappointment where focus on what we are grateful for.

I am grateful for my health (although the pain I was in the other night with my foot! Story for when you have a box of tissues). I'm grateful for my job. I am grateful to work at an awesome school alongside truly wonderful people. I am grateful that the country I live in is not at war, either with itself or another country. I am grateful for my family. I am grateful that petrol close by me is 18 cents cheaper than Mobil Paremata! (unreal difference) I am grateful for another Postgate parent who has paid for another child's senior school camp (\$350). I am grateful that we have cool Postgate parents that understand what we are about and want the best for their child/ren. I am grateful to have a very supportive school community including the emails on Friday asking how they could help out.

BOT Meeting: Our Board of Trustees meeting is being held on Monday 27th of September. As we are under Alert Level 2 protocols, if you are thinking of attending, please let us know so we do not go over the group setting limits.

Camp 2021: Our Year 7/8s are still all go for camp this year at Teapot, Nelson. The date that seemed like a lifetime ago at the start of the year is now just months away.

If your financial circumstances have changed, please let us know. One of the long-standing rules around camp is that no child is left behind; unless they are a health and safety risk. We do not wish to be nosey, however, it helps us out with our end-of-year budgets if we are topping up camp.

Also, if you are one of the crazy parent helpers and your circumstances have changed, please let us know.

Enrolment for 2022: All letters have been posted and should arrive this week. However, if we have the wrong address for families, you have no chance of receiving this letter. If your letter has not arrived by Friday, please come and see us. Any questions, please let us know.

All in-zone and brothers/sisters of current students have been accepted into Postgate School for 2022. All other Year 1 pupils have been balloted.

We did not accept any other students in Years 2-8 in order to keep class sizes to what we are funded for, more realistic for all.

Please, if you are leaving Postgate at the end of this year, please let us know. Reasons why you might be leaving include moving out of the area, attending another school, homeschooling or you are all running away to join the circus. Whatever the reason, it's all good with us, just please let us know.

Track Cycling: PNP Cycling Club has been getting kids into cycling for decades, with a great summer programme of riding at the Wellington Velodrome. We teach bike handling skills, play games, and get kids doing riding and fun racing on the track itself.

It's an easy way to get into one of New Zealand's most successful sports in a fun, safe environment.

Chris and Mel Teo, Postgate parent and USO bike riders, are happy to tautoko (support) any families who want their child/ren to give track cycling a go as they know it is a long way to travel. From their experience working with Postgate earlier in the year, they believe we have a number of students who would excel in this sport.

Have-a-go day 17 October 2021

Junior registration 19 October 2021

- No upfront commitment - join three sessions before registering.
- Club bikes and other kit to borrow at a low cost.
- All abilities welcome, for kids aged 8 and up.

Any questions? Drop us a line at getgazza1@gmail.com or visit www.pnp.org.nz/junior-track

Thanking you for your support.

He tanagata hu mārie koe.

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