

Term 4 2021 Calendar

3	BOT Meeting 6pm	1	2	Kelly Sports Coaching	3	4	5
4		8	9	Voyager EOTC Day Kelly Sports Coaching	10	11	12
5	Voyager EOTC Week	15	16	Parumoana Athletics Day K.S.C	17	18	19
6	Year 7/8 Camp Teapot Valley Nelson	22	23	Kelly Sports Coaching	24	25	26
7		29	30	Kelly Sports Coaching	1	2	3
8	BOT Meeting	6	7	Immunisation Year 7/8s	8	9	10
9	Year 8 Leavers Dinner	13	14				
	End of Year Reports Last day 2021						

Term Dates 2022:

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd Feb - Thurs 14 April

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Fri 8 July

Term 3: Monday 25 July - Fri 3 Oct

Term 4: Monday 17 Oct - Thurs 15 Dec

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 4: Week 3
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**“He whaikorōria ki te Atua i runga rawa - Glory to God on high
He maungārongo ki runga i te mata o te whenua - Peace on earth
He whakaaro pai ki te tāngata - Good will to all mankind”**

- As written on the monument to Te Whiti at Parihaka

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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November 1, 2021

Kia ora e te whanau

Ni Si Bula Vinaka and welcome to Fijian Language Week. The official Fijian Language Week was during the holidays, always is, however, we felt this is unfair to our Fijian students. Postgate will celebrate Fiji this week.

This year's theme for Macawa ni Vosa Vakaviti – Fijian Language Week was Noqu Vosa, Ai Vakadei ni Noqu Tiko Vinaka, which means my language provides stability to my wellbeing.

Noqu Vosa ai vakadei ni noqu Tiko Vinaka, reminds us of the importance of our Pacific languages and cultures for our overall wellbeing. Pacific languages and cultures also provide strength in challenging times.

This year's theme reflects the overarching 2021 Pacific Language Week theme of Wellbeing, by linking the importance of language to overall wellbeing.

In the 2018 New Zealand census, 19 722 people identified as being part of the Fijian ethnic group.

Words and phrases you could try:

- Hello: Ni sa bula (nee sahm boola) or bula (boola) for short
- Goodbye: Ni sa moce (nee sa mo-they)
- Good morning: Ni sa yadra (nee sa yandra)
- Yes: lo (ee-o)
- No: Sega (senga)
- Please: Yalo vinaka (yalo vee-nahka)
- Excuse me: Tolou (too low)
- Thank you: Vinaka (vee-nahka)

Gumboot Friday: This Friday Postgate School is getting behind Gumboot Friday. This will be in the form of a non-school uniform day. Please bring a gold coin. We have had a large number of Postgate School children using this outstanding free service. Children are encouraged to wear gumboots as well.

Camp 2021: Our Year 7/8s are still all go for camp this year at Teapot, Nelson. I'm sure there are a few anxious families/children as 5 days/4 nights away from home is a big thing. Please if you have any questions or concerns, let me know. A problem shared is a problem halved or a problem no more. Postgate School has had an association with Teapot Valley Camp dating back to 2007; before when most of the children attending camp this year were born! If we weren't 100% totally satisfied with the campsite, we wouldn't go. As I've said before, if it isn't good enough for my own children, it is not good enough for Postgate.

Staffing for 2022: Planning for 2022 is well underway and at this stage, we have the same teaching crew for next year, minus Ms Walters of course. She and the baby will be enjoying quality time together.

There will be a little bit of movement across our school of teachers.

Our Team Leaders are having discussions across school about best placements for our 2022 classes and families will be notified of 2022 class placements at the end of this year.

SunSmart Policy: Term 4 will bring with it higher levels of UVA and UVB rays. Bucket or wide-brimmed hats will now be compulsory. Caps and beanies are not acceptable. Postgate takes your kids' health and well-being seriously. No hat, No play!

Our school policy clearly states that only wide-brim sunhats are acceptable or bucket hats. Caps are not part of the Uniform Policy and are unacceptable.

Any child who does not have a wide brim or bucket hat on during Term 4 (or Term 1) has to sit in the shaded area. The "No Hat, No Play" rule (or Yes Hat, Yes Play to put a positive spin on it) is school policy.

Hats can be purchased through the school office for \$10.

Parihaka Day: Every year on November 5 we burn money and celebrate a terrorist who, in 1605, tried to blow up the English Parliament; Guido Fawkes or known to us as Guy Fawkes.

Unknown to many New Zealanders is that November 5 is also a day of membrane for the people of Parihaka, which is located under Mount Taranaki.

As a country, we are probably aware of Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King. History tells us about their fight for justice for their people using passive-resistance. Well in New Zealand in 1879 we had two Maori rangitira (leaders) using passive-resistance in their fight to protect/preserve/keep hold of their iwi's land in Parihaka; Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi, both of the Taranaki and Te Āti Awa iwi.

The story of Parihaka is a sad/terrible story of how early English settlers treated Maori and how as New Zealanders we are unaware of our own history. Most New Zealanders may be unaware that they have heard the story of Parihaka through the song by Tim Finn and Herbs. Tim was inspired to write the song after reading Dick Scott's book 'Ask That Mountain: The Story of Parihaka'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn7a7xMeRkw>

Te Whiti-O-Rongomai and Tohu ensured their turangawaewae was a place of peace. If the English settlers fenced off their land for farms, the people of Parihaka would take the fences down at night. Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu

Kāhahi began a campaign to resist European settlement on land confiscated from south Taranaki Māori who had fought against the government.

This campaign used non-violent methods. In 1879 the government started surveying confiscated land on the Waimate plain, south-east of Parihaka. Te Whiti's followers disrupted these surveys by plowing and fencing land occupied by settlers. Many were arrested and held without trial in the South Island, but the protests continued.

On 5 November 1881, Parihaka was invaded by 1500-Armed Constabulary. They were met with passive resistance by the people of Parihaka. Instead of finding an iwi ready to fight, they found a warm greeting of children singing and doing poi. Instead of a war party, the English found a greeting fit for any manuhiri/visitors.

Te Whiti and Tohu were arrested and jailed for **16** months, **1,600** Parihaka inhabitants were expelled and dispersed throughout Taranaki without food or shelter and the remaining **600** residents were issued with government passes to control their movement.

Te Whiti and Tohu were sent to the South Island following their trial in New Plymouth. The trial was transferred to Christchurch, at the Crown's insistence, because it was clear that the Crown was losing its case in New Plymouth.

The Christchurch trial, however, was never reconvened. Te Whiti and Tohu were held at the government's pleasure' for a further two years. In their absence, Parihaka was effectively destroyed, certainly as a functioning community, with its people being forcibly dispersed and its economy put to ruin.

Te Whiti and Tohu returned to Parihaka in 1883, seeking to rebuild Parihaka as a place of learning and cultural development, though land protests continued. Te Whiti would be imprisoned on two more occasions after 1885. Te Whiti and Tohu died months apart in 1907.

On June 9, 2017, the Parihaka community met with Crown officials to hear a reconciliation apology, and to receive \$9 million in restitution for the past Crown actions.

Te Whiti and Tohu taught peace and unity – they wanted people to live together, side by side. That was their legacy. And, this is my reason why the 5th of November is Parihaka Day not burn my money on five seconds of getting my jollies for some Guy we know nothing about!

Thanking you for your support.

He tanagata hu mārie koe.