

Term 4 2021 Calendar

4	8	9	10	11	12
			Voyager EOTC Day Kelly Sports Coaching	Kelly Sports Coaching	Family Merit Assembly
5	15	16	17	18	19
	Voyager EOTC Week		Parumoana Athletics Day K.S.C	Kelly Sports Coaching	Parumoana Athletics Day
6	22	23	24	25	26
	Year 7/8 Camp Teapot Valley Nelson		Kelly Sports Coaching	Kelly Sports Coaching	Year 7/8s return from Camp
7	29	30	1	2	3
		Scotland's National Day	Kelly Sports Coaching	Kelly Sports Coaching	Parumoana Speech Comp – Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 Disco
8	6	7	8	9	10
	BOT Meeting	Wellington Regional Athletics	Immunisation Year 7/8s	Aotea College Orientation Day	Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit
9	13	14			
	Year 8 Leavers Dinner	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

Cohort Dates 2022:

Term 1 = 2nd February and 7th March

Term 2 = 2nd May and 7th June

Term 3 = 25th July and 29th August

Term 4 = 17th October and 14th November

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



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 4
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
**“What mental health needs is more sunlight,
 more candour, and more unashamed
 conversation.”**

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 whanau

Kaumatua Jimmy Rahi:

"Kapiti hono tātai hono ko ngā mate o te wā ki a rātou, kapiti hono tātai hono tātou ngā mahuetanga ki a tātou.

Our loved ones have passed into the eternal world, while we continue to our lives here. But the bind will be forever."

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Kaumatua Jimmy Rahi (Lizzy father, our Kapahaka tutor) passed away on Saturday. For a long time, Jimmy was our school Kaumatua. Jimmy has done an incredible amount of work with our school to help grow our understanding of Te Ao Maori.

On behalf of Postgate School, we send our aroha to Lizzy and her family during this most difficult time.

This will see a change to the filming of our Cultural Concert, however, you will receive a link before Christmas. Actually, we might send it out on Christmas Day for your viewing pleasure with the whole family. What a gift!

Living with COVID: Last week we started the conversation about 2022 and Living with COVID. In Friday's comms you'll receive a Google Form link to complete. This form is asking just two questions centered around your fears, concerns, worries about Living with COVID.

Under the "Traffic Light" system, schools remain open under Green, Orange and Red; basically, there are no more lockdowns. We will have COVID in our schools and we will remain open, pretty much as we do now when people have the flu.

As a school we are currently exploring different scenarios and how will we respond. Being prepared is vital to our ongoing success and helps to build our resilience levels. I only know of one person who has had COVID; many of us don't know anyone. The research shows that the more people we know who have had COVID, the better our understanding of how to live with COVID and the better our resilience levels.

Another potential obstacle for schools is the vaccinated/unvaccinated and what that means for the school setting. My understanding, at this stage, is, being a parent remains regardless of vaccination status; you can still meet with your child's teacher. The major change, as I read it, you can only work/help out at schools if you are vaccinated. I have attached a chart from the Ministry of Education which gives schools an idea of how it will work very shortly.

Teaching Staff for 2022: At the end of this year we farewell a few staff namely Lesleigh, Denise, and David Harrison.

Hayley Walters has now left to enjoy the next exciting chapter of her life journey.

Tomasi will be with the Moana Pasifika rugby team and may join us later in the year. Tomasi will be back on 'the tools' this coming Thursday.

We welcome one new teacher to Postgate in 2022: Ruby Scott, who is currently teaching in Room 14 will be here next year as part of the Year 1 Team.

We also welcome Louise who will be joining us in the office.

Of note, we are losing no one due to the vaccine mandate in education.

Teachers and teams for 2022

Year 7/8- Cecilia Kennar (Team Leader), Tamara Mitchell, Kayne Leighton

Year 4-6- Alex Duff (Team Leader), Samantha Rutherford, Heather Browne, Cheryl Moeau

Year 2/3: Kelsey Flett (Team Leader), Kylie Joseph, Jo Riley, Tina Faulkner

Year 1: Nicole Mitchell (Team Leader), Ruby Scott, Catherine Bland

Still here – All other staff including Theresa, Lana, Carly, Lianne, Ma, Maureen, Tracy, and our Language Tutors. Along with Glenn, Kelvin, Deb, Ginelle, Ashley, Asmita and anyone else I've missed.

Any questions, please let me know.

Gumboot Friday: Thank you for your support last Friday. We raised close to \$350 which will be banked with the appropriate organisation.

Camp 2021: Our Year 7/8s are still all go for camp this year at Teapot, Nelson. A problem shared is a problem halved or a problem no more. 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. There is a camp meeting next Monday 15th November starting at 5pm in the Senior Block. Please bring a mask.

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.

Thanking you for your support.

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