

Term 4 2021 Calendar

5	Voyager EOTC Week ¹⁵	¹⁶	Kelly Sport Coaching Golf ¹⁷	Kelly Sports Coaching ¹⁸	Parumoana Athletics Day ¹⁹
6	Year 7/8 Camp Teapot Valley Nelson ²²	²³	Kelly Sports Coaching ²⁴	Kelly Sports Coaching ²⁵	Year 7/8s return from Camp ²⁶
7	²⁹	Scotland's National Day ³⁰	Kelly Sports Coaching ¹	Kelly Sports Coaching ²	Parumoana Speech Comp – Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 ³
8	BOT Meeting ⁶	Wellington Regional Athletics ⁷	Immunisation Year 7/8s ⁸	Aotea College Orientation Day ⁹	Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit ¹⁰
9	Year 8 Leavers Dinner ¹³	End of Year Reports Last day 2021 ¹⁴			

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 5 2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you:

Hurihia to aroaro kit e ra tukuna to ataringi kia ki mauri I a koe”

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

Year 4, 5, 6 EOTC Week: This week students from the Voyager Syndicate are experiencing the great outdoors. The students are involved in a number of outdoor/indoor activities such as Water Safety at the beach, looking at the stars during the day, Indoor Sports, smelling the flowers at the Botanical Gardens, and a visit to Nga Manu in Waikanae.

Year 7/8 Camp: Next week our senior pupils are away at camp. They leave on Monday and return to Wellington on Friday after spending the week at Teapot Valley in Nelson. This will be the 8th time Postgate has been to Teapot Valley, with the first visit in 2007. A huge thank you to the awesome, but slightly crazy parents who have given up a week of home comforts to attend camp.

A reminder to our Year 7/8 parents that we have a camp meeting tonight starting at 5pm in the hall to inform you about camp and answer any questions you have.

We ask that only one parent per family attends and that your children stay home. This will keep us under the 100 limits.

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.

End of Year Events: As the end of the 2021 school year starts rolling in, our planning for our end-of-year events ramps up. We have three major end-of-year events; Helper Lunch, Year 8 Leavers Dinner, and Final Assembly. Working around the current rules is vital and we think we have cracked it!

All three events will go ahead as planned, however, they will be slightly different in the setup and will be within the current guidelines. Your cooperation to stay within these rules will be vital; scanning in, mask-wearing, social distancing etc. More details over the coming weeks.

Living with COVID: Protecting the health and safety of our tamariki and school community is of the highest importance and as we move into 2022 and we are living with COVID, this will be one of our main focuses.

With a potential/almost certain move to the 'Traffic Light' system early next year, the reality for schools Living with COVID kicks in as schools remain open at all three lights; Green, Orange, and Red.

Some of the measures we currently use have been set up to prepare us for 2022. An example of this is mask-wearing in the playground. Most schools do not allow parents onto the school grounds let alone the classroom. Postgate aims to be proactive and forward thinkers. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we've walked this new way of being together.

We will have COVID in our community and in our school at some stage; this is a reality. Being prepared is vital to our success and response. This is a huge step into the unknown, however, we are looking at scenarios and how we might respond.

Being prepared will also lift our resilience levels ensuring we are calm, we are in control, that the health and safety of our tamariki, staff, and community is a priority and that we can carry on with our core business; quality teaching and learning.

What we do know is that everyone working at Postgate next year will be fully vaccinated; either in paid employment or volunteering.

Our third step in this process is for us to know what are you concerned about as we move into 2022 and we are Living with COVID at Postgate.

We are asking for your vaccination status. We are not collecting names, this will give us a rough idea of our school community and how we compare to the Porirua community, Wellington region, and New Zealand. This will help us plan for 2022 and meet all the needs of our school community. If you are vax, unvax, pro, anti, it does not concern me, however, it does have an effect on how we operate in 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know via this Google Form. By taking a couple of minutes to complete, we are moving Postgate into a stronger position to protect our school community in 2022. <https://forms.gle/TnPgz7xhKzHYqmp7A>

YOU MATTER - Vaxxed, unvaxxed, anti-vax, pro-choice, unsure - YOU MATTER.

Of note: In the area surrounding Postgate School, the vaccination rate for two doses sits at 67%. Compare this with Whitby – 72%; Paremata – 78%; Ascot Park – 56% and Waitangirua – 48%.

SunSmart Policy: And still we have children without sun hats. I suppose it is the families who are not reading this newsletter. 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.