

Term 4 2021 Calendar

6	22 Year 7/8 Camp Teapot Valley Nelson	23	24 Kelly Sports Coaching	25 Kelly Sports Coaching	26 Year 7/8s return from Camp
7	29	30 Scotland's National Day	1 Kelly Sports Coaching	2 Kelly Sports Coaching	3 Parumoana Speech Comp – Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8
8	6 BOT Meeting	7 Wellington Regional Athletics	8 Immunisation Year 7/8s	9 Aotea College Orientation Day	10 Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit online Class Placement Letters 2022
9	13 Year 8 Leavers Dinner	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

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 6
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“Stay away from negative people.

They have a problem for every solution.”

~ Albert Einstein

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 7/8 Camp - Teapot Valley, Nelson: Gone, they are on a boat, or bus, or maybe even at Teapot Valley by now. We won't hear from them until Friday afternoon. There are a number of us in the Postgate community who have attended camp at Teapot Valley and we know they will have the most fantastic time. This is a huge undertaking from Postgate and especially for Cecilia, Tamara, Ma, Tara, Tomasi, and Kayne as well as our camp parents. During this week they are working 24 hours a day and receive no additional pay; camp is done out of goodwill.

Along with our staff, 11 parents went down to ensure all our children are well looked after, have a great time, and are safe. As a way of thanking the parents, it is vital that come Friday when we collect our children, we take the time to thank them and ensure they have their luggage and children before we hurry off back home.

A reminder that there will be no communication coming out of Teapot Valley except for a daily update from me via Cecilia. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop some independence and for families to breathe; your child is growing into a maturing adolescent.

Living with COVID: Thank you to the 96 families who have taken the time to complete the Google Form that was sent out last week. We will endeavour to answer questions that have come through with the information we have. Alex Duff has been doing some research reading and we will share this information with you over the coming weeks.

If you have not completed the form, please take a few minutes now <https://forms.gle/TnPgz7xhKzHYqmp7A> The information we are getting back is invaluable and is helping us to better serve our community.

For our Postgate School Community (that is families whose children attend Postgate School) 93% are fully vaccinated or will be shortly.

We can compare the data we have with our local communities; Postgate 84% (that is the people who live around Postgate School); Whitby, 89%; Paremata, 91%; Ascot Park, 73% and Waitangirua, 64%.

One of the key themes coming back from our google form is around catching the virus and families being very fearful. Research shows that the more people you know who have caught the virus, the less anxious/stressed or fearful you become. In New Zealand, with very few cases and no community transmission in Wellington, very few of us actually know people who have caught COVID. The media reports we hear have a real focus on hospitalisation rates or

death rates, which don't help. Reading the research out of the UK is helping us to gain a better understanding of how we can also live with COVID. There is little doubt that the first half of next year may be a bit tough with sickness. We just need to prepare ourselves with good preparation.

Year 4, 5, 6 EOTC Week: Thank you to the many parents, aunties, uncles, and grandparents who ensured all Year 4-6 classes could participate in these wonderful opportunities.

Key Dates 2020: Wednesday 2nd February- Day 1 for 2022

Monday 21st February- School Picnic - Waikanae Pool. As it is with children, all parents/caregivers will need to provide vaccination proof. Not my rules, just how it will be in 2022.

Postgate School Helpers Lunch: This is set for Friday 10th December starting at 12noon. Letters inviting parents to the lunch will be sent home next week. We would love to see you there. The support we receive from our community is tremendous and we would love to thank you. Sometimes we do miss people who have helped us, just come along as well. It's just an oversight if you do not receive an invitation, however, we will try our best to invite everyone. Please, if you have been helping out, keep Friday the 10th free.

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; Helpers 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; which looks like the traffic light system. Your cooperation to stay within these rules will be vital;

scanning in, mask-wearing, social distancing, etc. More details over the coming weeks.

Thanking you for your support.

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