

Term 4 2021 Calendar

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	BOT Meeting 6	7 Wellington Regional Athletics	8 Immunisation Year 7/8s PAG Meeting/Dinner 6:30pm	9 Aotea College Orientation Day	10 Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit online Class Placement Letters 2022
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

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.

The last day for Subway 2021 is Wednesday 8th of December.

First day for Subway 2022 is Wednesday 9th of February.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 7
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Every morning we are born again.

What we do today is what matters most."

~ BUDDA

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

A Couple of Manic Weeks: With 12 days left in the school year, “Hold onto your hats; it’s going to be a wild ride!” The next 12 days are pretty crazy around here and we’d appreciate your help with the little things. For example, ringing if your child is going to be absent. While it may only take a few minutes of your time, it is a considerable amount of time for us.

Year 7/8 Camp - Teapot Valley, Nelson: Welcome back to our Year 7 and 8 pupils, teachers and parents who spent last week at Teapot Valley Camp in Nelson. Sounds like an awesome week was had and I am left to wonder who had more fun; the adults or the children going by the parents lip-sync KISS performance. Our Year 7/8s have been making the trek every two years to Teapot Valley since 2007 and each time it gets better. Thank you to the many parents who gave up a week of home comforts to give our kids, hopefully, one of the best weeks of their schooling life.

If you’d like to know the type of commitment needed to be a Camp Parent, take a few minutes to watch this, so cool. <https://youtu.be/UfZnhJbac5Y>

Special Thanks to the Staff of Postgate School: It has been an incredibly busy term so far; EOTC, camp, Kelly Sport, working alongside children with special rights, TEACHING and LEARNING. The commitment staff has for our school is fantastic. There have been many activities outside the classroom and endless hours of writing reports that take up a huge amount of their personal time. They all still rock up to school and give 100% for our children. We are very fortunate to have top quality staff.

Postgate School Helpers Lunch: This is set for Friday 10th December starting at 12:30pm. Letters inviting parents to the lunch will be sent home this 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. Come for lunch and have an early finish on Friday 10th; ice cream at the park with your children.

Please note: This will be an unvaccinated event. Numbers will be under 100 people. We will need to wear a mask, until you are seated. You will need to scan in.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prizegiving: This is being held on Monday 13th December in our school hall. The Year 8 Dinner will start at 6pm and the prizegiving section will start at approximately 7:30pm.

This will be an unvaccinated event.

Year 8’s will be allowed to invite two family members to the prizegiving section. By doing it this way, we can have a prizegiving.

Tickets will be available from the school office.

End of Year Final Assembly: This will be held on Tuesday 14th December with an 11:45am start. Please note that school finishes at 1pm on this day.

Only families of Year 8 pupils will be able to attend the assembly and they will be limited to two tickets; only way to enter is by way of a ticket.

This will be an unvaccinated event as we will have a number of our Year 8s and some Year 7s, who are 12 or older, who are unvaccinated.

We are aware that some families may be worried/concern about having unvaccinated people together in one place. If you wish to keep your child/ren home on the 14th of December, we totally understand. Please let us know.

Please be assured that if the health risk changes in Wellington, we will change our plan. We would not put any person in our community at risk.

Our end of year assembly is very special to us and is our way to farewell our pupils and families, some who have been with us for the past 18, 19, 20 years.

Living with COVID: This week we move into another framework for Living with COVID across New Zealand; the traffic light system. To be honest, this has thrown the plans we had in place in the lead up for our end of year events. We think we know what we will need to do and how we’ll be doing our final events. The only tricky point is having 12 year olds, some who are vaccinated and some who aren’t, together for our Final Assembly. These children are together all year so how this will work for our Final Assembly? Oh my gosh.

In the responses that have come in from families about their concerns/worries about Living with COVID were mainly around children getting it. Thank you to Helen Pierce, Postgate parent, who sent through this article. Very interesting and reassuring.

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/science/19-11-2021/an-update-on-covid-19-for-the-kids-of-aotearoa>

Overdue Library Books: As a school, we have invested a huge amount of money over the past few years. Those who have been at Postgate for a while will remember the old library and the lack of books inside it. There are a large number of overdue library books. We will be sending charge notices home

shortly for the replacement costs. Please look through your house for any Postgate School books

Key Dates 2022: 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.

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.

Thanking you for your support.

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