

Term 4 2021 Calendar

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

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 8
2021

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Dorothy never said,

"There is no place like office.

Make sure you enjoy a good work/life/cuddle/chill balance"

~ Karen Salmonsohn

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

My apologies for the length of today's newsletter; I have way too much to say, however, at least you can't say you weren't informed.

Cheryl Moeau: After an extended period of leave, Cheryl has resigned from her teaching position at Postgate School. We thank Cheryl for her work at Postgate and her outstanding work with our Saturday netball teams.

Tina Faulkner: After two years at Postgate School, Tina is on the move to Palmerston North as her husband has an amazing job up there. We wish Tina well in her future.

Tomasi Alosio: At the end of the year we will also be saying goodbye to Tomasi, again. Tomasi and his family are moving to Auckland in preparation for the Super Rugby season. Tomasi has been a wonderful teacher aide at Postgate School since 2014.

Postgate School Thanks: The USO Bike Riders were in school on Thursday servicing all our fleet. A massive job. Tu meke Mata and Harry. You guys are awesome!

Lots On: Please be aware of what is happening over the next 7 days, what your child is expected to bring home and anything else needed at school. The "What You Need to Know" is in chronological order below.

Syndicate Planning Days: Most teachers will be out of their class for one day this week planning for 2022. This is like a Teacher Only Day but students are also here. We know it is a pain to take extra time off during term time so we get relievers in so we do not disturb working families.

BOT Meeting: Your Board of Trustees' final meeting for 2021 is tonight in the staffroom starting at 6pm.

PAG MEETING/Dinner: Your Pasifika Advisory group is having a catch-up and something light to eat on Wednesday evening, 6:30pm, in the staffroom. If you are interested in joining the PAG in 2022, Wednesday would be an ideal time to find out more.

Uniform Shop is Closed: The last day for selling uniform is Thursday. After Thursday you will need to wait until next year; Monday 31st January.

Aotea College Orientation Visit: Year 8s who are attending Aotea next year have their Orientation Day on Thursday. The Year 8s who are going to Aotea

College meet at Postgate first for the morning roll and will be transported to Aotea by bus. These students are allowed to wear mufti.

2022 Class Placement Letter: On Thursday your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2022 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2022.

Middle Block Friday: During the first session on Friday 10th December, your child will spend some time with their 2022 teacher.

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.

End of Year Reports: These are going home Friday. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard; you have no idea the amount of time teachers have worked on these, it is insane! So please, sit, read and discuss and maybe, draft up some goals for 2022?

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. The expectation is that all Year 8s are supported by at least one adult at the prize giving.

Tickets will be available from the school office.

Please wear a mask.

End of Year Final Assembly: We are planning for the worst. If it is fine, we may move it outside, however, the long-range forecast is for rain. This will be held on Tuesday 14th December with an 11:50am 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; the 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.

If you are coming, please wear a mask.

We are aware that some families may be worried/concerned 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 of whom have been with us for the past 18, 19, 20 years.

School closes at the end of this assembly or at 1pm; whichever comes last.

Please note the earlier time so, fingers crossed, we are all done come 1pm.

End of 2021 School Year: School closes at 1pm next Tuesday, 14th December. There will be no staff at school, once 1:30pm rolls around as we are going out for lunch and any 'lost' children will be placed in afterschool care, at the expense of the parent.

POSTGATE SUMMER CHALLENGE: This year Literacy and Numeracy have combined forces to come up with the ultimate Postgate Summer Challenge; Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. It has been split into a Year 1-3 and Year 4-8 challenge. Your child/ren will each get a copy of the challenge that suits their current year group.

So, grab your family and friends and get ready to take on the Postgate Summer Challenge 2021/22, and help your child collect points that will tally towards winning certain prizes.

The 'summer lag' continues to be a very real barrier to children's academic success; time spent away from school can set a pupil back a number of months. Please find some time to help your child with their learning journey over the next six weeks.

Sports Uniform: Please check all throughout your house for any Postgate School Sports Uniform. Please return any sports uniform items this week, thank you.

Day One 2022: Wednesday 2nd February. A full school powhiri for new students, families, and staff will start at 9:30am

School Picnic at Waikanae Pool: Waikanae Pool has been booked for Monday 21st February, please take this day off work and join us for a family day out. Please note that public pools have their own COVID policies in place and Waikanae Pool is a vaccinated pool.

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, Someone and Someone, will know by the end of business tomorrow

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

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.

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

Kia hora te marino

May the calm be widespread

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana

May the ocean glisten as greenstone

Kia tere Karohirohi

Mua I tou huarahi

May the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway