

# Term 1 2019 Calendar

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| 3  | Ole Soccer Academy In    | 11 | Fundraising Committee Meeting | 12 | 13                          | 14                                       | 15 |
| 4  | Futsal Tournament -Girls | 18 |                               | 19 | School Picnic Waikanae Pool | 20                                       | 21 |
| 5  | BOT Meeting              | 25 |                               | 26 | Information Evening         | 27                                       | 28 |
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| 9  |                          | 25 |                               | 26 | School Photos               | 27                                       | 28 |
| 10 | April 1                  |    | 2                             | 3  | 4                           | 5  |    |
| 11 |                          | 8  | 9                             | 10 | 11                          | 12                                       |    |
|    |                          |    |                               |    |                             | Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly |    |

## UPDATES:

**Cycle track Update:** We have booked in the 27<sup>th</sup> of February as the official opening date for our cycle track. We have combined this with our 'Meet The 2019 Team' evening. The opening will take place at 6pm.

**Waharoa Update:** We are hopeful that we will receive confirmation that the waharoa is ready to be collected this week. It is very impressive. Once we have it back on site, we'll set up the structure to support it and then have an unveiling not long after that. Again, once we know, we will let you know.

**Good Time Music:** As part of helping to develop all-round pupils, Good Time Music Academy started music lessons at our school last week. Every child will receive 5 free music lessons. From all reports back so far, this is proving very popular.

**Medication:** A real concern at the moment are the number of children who do not have their asthma medication at school. If your child is an asthmatic or takes medication we must have it at school. If you could please send it to school in a plastic bag with your child's name and room number clearly printed, it would be greatly appreciated.



## Postgate School Newsletter Term 1: Week 3 2019

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**  
***"You know if you want to talk to someone,  
I'll be there and I'll go with you"***

### 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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### ERO Report:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/postgate-school-17-05-2016/>

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## **Kia ora whānau**

**Fundraising Committee:** There is a meeting this Tuesday evening starting at 6pm in the staffroom. The committee will be planning dates for the 2019 school year. It would be fantastic to see you there. Email Danika at [fundraising@postgate.school.nz](mailto:fundraising@postgate.school.nz) if you have any ideas or suggestions. Over the years the FC have been the key drivers behind the new playground, school flags and gazebo, and of course the music lessons your child will receive this term

**School Picnic, Wednesday 20th February:** On Wednesday the 20th all of Postgate School will be at Waikanae Pool for our School Picnic. The buses will leave just around 9:30am and will return to school at approximately 2:30pm. It would be great if you could join us for the day, either travel with us by bus or by private car. Alex is on the BBQ and will require a bit of help. He usually takes on the extra responsibility of being the taste tester and it would be great if a parent took this self-appointed responsibility off him.

### **Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes to the picnic.**

A newsletter was sent home last week outlining key information and with a permission slip. No permission, no go!

### **Key Events coming up, which have been altered slightly...**

**Postgate School Information Evening. Change of Plan. Meet the Team:** After talking with parents and staff, we have made a change to our Meet the 2019 Team. The common message was “We don’t want to be bored, spoken to. Just get to the good stuff. So, the plan is...

- All families are invited to Postgate School on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to meet the school community, including staff, other families, and students
- Families are invited to come to Postgate School from 4:30pm for a Picnic Dinner; BYO. We’ll try to source a couple of BBQ’s for families to use. However, it is CYO (cook your own)
- The PE gear will be out and a couple of bouncy castles will be here as well
- Staff will be available for you to introduce yourself to and go through your child’s classrooms; although you can do this at anytime
- Key representatives from your Te Whanau Kaitiaki, Pasifika Advisory Group and Board of Trustees will be here for you to meet
- At 6pm, we will have the official opening of our cycle track, where we will thank key agencies and people who have made this venture possible
- At 6:30pm, all Year 7/8 families will have a Camp Meeting, where the teachers will share with you key information about their camp this year

The information we were going to talk to you about will be sent out to you.

It is important that at least one parent from each family attends this evening. It shows your children that you place a high importance on their schooling and allows them to show you their classrooms and what they are learning at school.

**School Donation:** The BOT has set the school donation for 2019 at \$0, yes zero dollars. We will discuss this further at our Information Evening.

**Personalised Learning:** When we went to school the teaching approach, generally, was ‘one size fits all’. Pupils were seen as either a whole class learning the same thing or as part of a group, learning the same thing. This notion of ‘you are all the same’ should have been left behind from the ark with the unicorns. Each child has their very own goals at school for Reading, Writing and Mathematics, they are no longer seen as a whole class or part of a group that learns the same. Personalised approaches to learning, teaching and leadership, and working in partnership with families are central to the success of every pupil at Postgate School.

### **Key questions you should be asking your child every day after school are:**

What were you learning to do in class today? (For reading, writing and maths)

Why were you learning this?

What does this look like in your work? Can you give me an example?

If your child cannot answer the above questions, please come in and see your child’s teacher.

In the past we have generally asked, “How was school today?” with a usual response of “Good”, or “ok”. Or “What did you do at school today”, with a usual response of “Nothing”.

It has been noticeable that parents are taking 10 minutes at the start of the school day to take their child into class to discuss learning and their child’s learning goals. We cannot stress enough how important this dialogue is with your child and your child’s teacher.

**Parking on Staithes Drive North- Before and After School:** If you are doing a ‘kiss and drop’ in the mornings please use the stone wall entrance/carpark or directly out the front of the school; please keep moving. If you are staying a while at school, you should use the main carpark or the many parks by the stone wall; staying to pay money or staying to visit your child’s teacher or staying to drop a cake to the staffroom.

We have a few areas of concern namely, children crossing with their parents, down Staithes Drive. Come on, be a positive role model and use the ‘Crossing Wardens’ please.

An orange cone is placed at the exit point of the office carpark when the bell rings at 3pm. This signals that patrols have started and no vehicles can leave until the cone has been removed.

**Newsletters:** If you would like to receive the newsletters by email please email [principal@postgate.school.nz](mailto:principal@postgate.school.nz) with ‘Newsletter’ in the subject line. Emails are sent as a blind copy ensuring your email address is kept private. Next week will be the last paper copy newsletter

**Thanking you for your support.**

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