

# Term 1 2019 Calendar

7	11 Ole Football Good Time Music lessons	12	13 Wini's Wednesday	14 Early Reading Together Programme 6pm	15
8	18 Ole Football Good Time Music lessons Powhiri for Maori Nurses	19	20 Te Whanau Kaitiaki hui- 6:30pm Staffroom	21 Early Reading Together Programme 6pm	22
9	25 Ole Football Good Time Music lessons BOT Meeting	26 Parumoana Cricket Tournament	27 School Photos	28 Robbie Freau Rugby. Year 5/6 Early Reading Together Programme 6pm	29 Sausage Sizzle
10	April 1 Ole Football Good Time Music lessons	2	3 Year 8 Ocean Sports Programme	4 Year 8 Ocean Sports Programme Maori Nurses leave Principal Conference	5 School Disco Principals Conference Gumboot Friday
11	8 Girls Ole Football Good Time Music lessons	9	10	11	12 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly

## The Arts - We need your support!

We are also looking for musicians who would be interested in leading a Year 7/8 group in preparation for the 'Battle of the Bands' competition in Term 3.

We are still collecting bottle tops and lids for our 'Bottle Top Mural'. Send them along to school (washed please!). We are going to need thousands of tops and lids, so keep collecting them in all shapes and colours.

If you are interested in helping out as a musician or mural artist please contact Heather at [heather.browne@postgate.school.nz](mailto:heather.browne@postgate.school.nz) or pop into see her in Room 14.

**Parking on Staites 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.



## Postgate School Newsletter Term 1: Week 7 2019

### Mission Statement

**To Create Life-Long Learners**  
**"Most people fail in high not because they aim to high and miss, but because they aim too low and hit."**  
**- Someone...?**

### 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 mai anō tātou katoa whānau**

**Postgate Thank You:** Thank you to the Misky family for the generous donation of basketballs and rugby balls. The children will enjoy them very much. Kia ora rawa atu. Thank you to the Mataia family for the generous donation of cricket gear. Many summer packs for many years of use. Fa'afetai lava.

Thank you to Kylie Murray and Aiden Doyle for the coaching/managing of our Postgate Flag team during the summer. Congratulations to Serenity Whakaneke for being awarded the Most Improved Player and Menachelo Murray-Doyle for being awarded the Team Player Award. Tu meke e hoa!

**Wini's Wednesday (Wini's Ra Apa):** A few parents replied almost immediately to last week's email about supporting Wini Baxter; Postgate PRIDE at its best. Wini is one of the nicest ladies you'd ever meet; would do anything for anyone.

Find out more about Wini's fight by following this link: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/my-brain-tumor-and-i>

A reminder that this Rā Apa there is a Sausage Sizzle and it is also a mufti day for Wini. If your child/ren would like a sausage or rima/lima, all they need to do is bring their money/tala/moni on Wednesday. We will collect up the money/orders first thing Wednesday morning and buy the goods from there.

Sausages are \$2 each and mufti is by way of a gold coin or a donation.

**What's Next on the Postgate Radar?** Thanks to the parents who feedback to last week's newsletter around what's coming next. We will add a repaint of the Junior School Playground as well as a new administration block and flash as Principal's car (yeah right to both) to our list.

**Second Year Whitreia Maori Nurse Students:** Next Rāhina (Monday) morning we will be having a powhiri for our Maori Nurses who will be doing a three-week work placement with us. The nurses will be working alongside our teachers supporting students across our school.

**Movin' March (Hīkoi Maehe):** This started last week and our kids are certainly moving around our school. The idea behind Hīkoi Maehe is to get kids either scootering, biking, or walking to school. It is a month of being active.

Last week Movin' March trip cards were handed out and as well spot prizes for children. Once your child has filled up their card, please return it to the office so it can be entered into another prize draw.

**Early Reading Together Programme:** Hayley and Heather are running an ERT programme starting on Thursday at ono (6) pm. The programme runs over toru (3) weeks. This programme is a must for all new families, who have a child in Year 1. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Hayley or Heather.

**Nude Food (Kai) Days Are BACK!** Starting this Wednesday, we are bringing back 'Zero Waste Day' or a 'Wrapper-Free Lunch Day' or a 'Nude Food Lunch'. The Sausage Sizzle will be nude!

Nude Food means that all items in your child's lunch box/bag have to be wrapper free, like no rubbish. In this day and age that may prove a challenge to some families, however, it can be done. Just a bit of creative thinking.

Our first 'Nude Food Day' will be this Wednesday and every Wednesday until the end of the school year. Hopefully, it will become every day very soon.

There are two attachments with this newsletter that you may find useful; "What is Nude Food?" And, "How to Pack a Nude Food Lunch".

We will be asking any child who does bring waste/rubbish/wrappings to school, to take it home with them. Small steps towards a greater good.

### **BOT Elections:**

***"Postgate School is not a cruise ship. There are no passengers.***

***Postgate School is a learning ship. We are all crew!"***

Postgate relies on people being involved and engaged with our school. We say every chance we get that, "Postgate is your school, not our kura; you have a major say in the direction of Postgate School. You being parents, whanau, students and staff".

My job as Principal is looking to the future, ensuring the kura is growing and is in a better place than when we first arrived; teaching, learning, property, resourcing, outcomes for students etc.

Through as many avenues as possible, we try to give everyone a voice. One of the key ways to ensure the future direction of Postgate School is to serve on the Board of Trustees. As a BOT member, you represent all Postgate children, families and staff.

At the start of Pipiri (June), we have our Board of Trustees Elections. We have three positions up for renewal. There is a hui at Aotea College to give you a greater insight if you are interested. Please refer to the attached flyer.

The success of our school relies on a well-functioning Board of Trustees. If this sounds like a leadership position you may be interested in, please come and ask us questions about this most important role in our school.

**Postgate Honey Jars (Te huni honi):** Please remember to return your honey jars and if you'd like to purchase some more, this can be done through contacting Mike on Facebook- Harris Road Honey. A larger jar sells for \$12

**Basketball Opportunity:** Term 1 U13 Girls 'Skills and Drills' basketball sessions. For girls born 2007, 2008 or 2009. Wednesdays at Windley School, 4:30-5:30pm. Starts Weds 13 March. Then 20 March, 27 March, 3 April, 10 April. No charge.

**Thanking you for your support.**

**Mauruuru kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School.  
Hei kona mai**