

Term 4 2019 Calendar

9	End of Year Reports Home	9	Fun Assembly 12noon 2020 Class placement letters home	10	2020 teacher middle block	11	Leavers Dinner	12	Last day 2019 Final assembly	13
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Term 1 2020 Calendar

1	Day 1 2020 8:55am start Powhiri at 9:30am	3		4		5		6	Waitangi Day -No school	7
2		10	Fundraising Meeting	11		12		13		14
3		17		18		19		20		21 School Picnic Waikanae Pool
4	BOT Meeting	24		25		26	Information Evening Injections Year 7/8	27		28
5	Assessment Week	2		3		4		5		6 Family Merit Assembly
6		9		10		11		12		13
7	Maori Nurses arrive	16		17		18		19		20 Twilight Food Fair
8		23	Quick Rip Years 4-8	24		25	School Photos	26		27 School Disco
9		30		31		April 1		2		3
10		6		7		8		9	Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly	10 Easter Friday



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 4: Week 9

2019

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

“It is all fun and games ‘til Santa checks the naughty list.”

~ Said I

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 whanau

THANK YOU: As this is the last official newsletter, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank:

- Our awesome kids. They make Postgate a very special place to work. Their energy and passion for learning are contagious. We are blessed to have wonderful students.
- You; our school community. The pride that reflects out of your child reflects their home environment. As a staff, we are truly grateful for your support of all things Postgate. From our Board of Trustees, Te Whanau Kaitiaki and Pasifika Advisory Groups, to the lovely ladies of our Fundraising Committee, to the parents who tutor our children on a Friday for Kapahaka/Kalapu Pasifika, to the parents who regularly meet with their child's teacher, keeping engaged with the learning process.
- The staff at Postgate see their role here as more than 'just a job'. Their energy, passion, and commitment to your children motivates me in my role. Postgate is fortunate to have such wonderful people, who put the needs of the children before themselves.
- Karen Ataera, Diana Puati, Christina Dodds, Jacqui Reading and Alison Kingsford for their wonderful contribution to Postgate School.
- To the families who are leaving Postgate School at the end of this year, we wish you and your family every success in your new ventures. To the families who have been with us for many years, like over 15 (Pomana/Barriball, Lemana, Hokianga, Pedro families) thanks for all your support over the many years.

Special thanks to Geneva Pomana for her contribution to Postgate School. In my time here Geneva has had the greatest effect on Postgate School; from buildings to entrance ways, to the Whanau Kaitiaki group as well as over 12 years' service on your Board of Trustees. Thank you Geneva, from everyone past and present.

- A special farewell to our Year 8's; your leadership and role modeling have been greatly appreciated. We know you will make us all proud of your achievements at college.

Reflection: What a crazy year. Looking back over the year there have been many amazing events at our school. The opening of the Cycle Track, the blessing of Te Tai O Nga Tipuna, The Mokotini Poly Fest Evening, Year 4-6 EOTC and the Year 7/8 Camp to name a few.

Next year will see some major building renovation work done, about \$1.6 million; the biggest since Postgate was built. This will provide a few challenges, but we are resilient! This work does not include the money to schools which were announced last week.

Lots On: Please be aware of what is happening over the next 5 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.

End of Year Reports: These are going home today. 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 2020?

Fun Assembly: Tomorrow after morning tea, once the seniors arrive back from Tech, we will be having our annual Fun Assembly. Children can bring fun Christmas stuff to wear to the assembly.

2020 Class Placement Letter: Also, tomorrow your child will come home with a letter advising you who their 2020 teacher will be and with a stationery list for 2020.

Middle Block Wednesday: During the middle session on Wednesday 11th December, your child will spend some time with their 2020 teacher.

Leavers Dinner/Year 8 Prize Giving: Our Year 8 Leavers Dinner is on Thursday 12th December starting at 6pm. The prize-giving section of the evening starts at 7:30pm. The expectation is that all Year 8s are supported by at least one adult at the prize giving.

Final Assembly: Our Year 8's Leavers Assembly, which also doubles up as our Final Assembly, is **Friday 13th December starting at 11:45am**. 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 2019 School Year: School closes at 1pm this Friday. 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.

End of Year Accounts: There are a few families who have outstanding monies owing to our school especially Year 7/8 Technology fees and Japanese Language. We would appreciate full payment ASAP.

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

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 2019/20, 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.

I have attached a graph of our current Year 5's from the last two years as we have tracked their writing achievement. The red line dip reflects the Christmas holiday period. Red is Postgate's performance and the blue is New Zealand's performance.

Our goal with our Summer Challenge is to keep children engaged in the learning process, which will ensure the 'dip' becomes non-existent. The Summer Challenge will also give you the opportunity to work alongside your child.

Day One 2020: Monday 3rd 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 Friday 20th February, please take this day off work and join us for a family day out.

Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School: Thank you once again for your support of Postgate School.

On behalf of the Postgate School Family, we'd like to wish you a safe holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Please look after our/your children during the holiday break.