

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	11	12	13		14
			Fundraising Meeting				
3		17	18	19	20		21
				Information Evening			School Picnic Waikanae Pool
4		24	25	26	27		28
	BOT Meeting			Injections Year 7/8 Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting 6pm			
5		2	3	4	5		6
	Assessment Week						Family Merit Assembly
6		9	10	11	12		13
7		16	17	18	19		20
	Maori Nurses arrive						Twilight Food Fair
8		23	24	25	26		27
		Quick Rip Years 4-8		School Photos			School Disco
9		30	31	April 1	2		3
10		6	7	8	9		10
					Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly		Easter Friday

No Hat, No Play: A very simple message for Terms 1 and 4. All children must have a wide brim sunhat or bucket hat on their beautiful heads during morning tea and lunch time or anytime we are outside.

Newsletters: If we have your email address, an attachment will be sent to you. Only those who request a paper copy will be sent home, all the rest are either via email or they will be on the website. If you would like to receive the newsletters by email please email principal@postgate.school.nz with 'Newsletter' in the subject line. Emails are sent as a blind copy ensuring your email address is kept private.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 1
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Postgate School is not a cruise ship. There are no passengers.
Postgate School is a learning ship. We are all crew!"**

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

February 3, 2020

Kia ora whānau

Welcome Back: The staff welcomes all children and their families back to school and trust the holiday period was a time of relaxation and enjoyment. We particularly welcome all new children and families into the Postgate family.

New Staff: The Board and staff extend a very warm welcome to our new teachers Ms Jo Riley (Room 5), Ms Catherine Bland (Room 13), Mrs Claire Davies (Room 7) and Mrs Tina Faulkner (Room 9). We congratulate all our new staff on their appointment and look forward to their contribution to the Postgate team.

We also welcome back Mr Kayne Leighton (Room 1) after his years leave during 2019.

School Powhiri: Thank you to the many parents who joined us today to welcome our new teachers, pupils and their families to our school; very impressive turnout!

School Picnic, Friday 21st February: On Friday the 21st 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. I usually take on the extra responsibility of being the taste tester and it would be great if a parent took this self-appointed responsibility off me.

Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes to the picnic.

More details to come shortly.

Postgate School Information Evening: All families are invited to come along to our Information Evening on Wednesday 19th February. Please bring your children. We will start the night off in the hall at 6pm with an introduction of our staff and what makes our school 'special'. With so many new families at our school we know it is vital for our ongoing community success to meet again.

After this session your children will take you to their classrooms to meet their teachers where Syndicate Team Leaders will talk to you about programmes and the importance of collaboration between home and school. If you have children in different areas of the school, you will need to choose which classroom you visit for this session. Afterwards you will be able to meet all other teachers of your children.

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 2020 at \$0, yes zero dollars. We will discuss this further at our Information Evening.

Unrelenting Focus: "The most important thing remains the most important thing". What is the most important thing for Postgate School? Quite simply it is to accelerate student achievement regardless of the current achievement levels of your child and improve student outcomes.

We are also here to serve the community and students are at the centre of all decisions made at school.

We also have a strong focus on developing the full child; academic, sporting, cultural, social and emotional well-being. We work smarter to provide all children with a balanced programme that suits your child and their identity. We cherish your input; we want to make Postgate your school and for you to know that you are a valued partner in the learning journey your child/ren are on; you set the standard for your child's education.

Good Time Music: As part of helping to develop all-round pupils, Good Time Music Academy lessons are back at Postgate for all children during Term 1. Every child will receive 5 free music lessons. This wonderful opportunity has been provided through your hard-working efforts through our Fundraising Committee and even harder efforts at this year's Food Fair! The lessons are being built on what the children learnt last year. Possible user pays lessons may continue during Term 2.

Uniforms: The children look fantastic in their uniforms. The Board of Trustees appreciates your co-operation in ensuring all our pupils are demonstrating Postgate PRIDE. All children are required to wear black shorts or pants. Please contact me if you have any concerns over the uniform. They certainly stand out in the playground.

Children are reminded that they are not to wear other items of clothing with the uniform, e.g. School uniform with a different pullover or sweatshirt etc.

We also have a lot of lost property, mostly non-uniform items (puffer jackets etc). Please come and have a look otherwise they will end up in the 'Clothing Bin'.

Open Door Policy/No Door Policy: If your child is experiencing any kind of problem at school or if there are any concerns you have at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are happy to talk with parents at any time.

Start as we mean to go on: It is very important we set high expectations for all our pupils and Postgate School needs your support. **The school day starts at 8:55am.** All children must be at school before the bell rings. Research shows there is a link between attendance/lateness and underachievement, 9 times out of 10 it is not the child's fault.

Also, **we ask that children do not arrive at school before 8:30am.** If someone else is responsible for school drop-off, can you please inform them. Teachers are still setting up for their day and under Health and Safety, schools are not responsible for the welfare of children until this time. Before School Care runs until 8:30am and maybe this is an option?

Please phone the school office if your child is going to be late or absent. Our school attendance registers are now electronic and any unexplained absence will be marked as truant.

Thanking you for your support.

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