

Term 1 2020 Calendar

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

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

February 10, 2020

Kia ora whanau

Our school roll currently sits at 335 pupils. This is the largest starting roll we have had for a very long time. Considering the increase in numbers and the number of new students starting last week, our first week of the school year was very smooth. The Year 8's have really stepped up as leaders and they have set a very high standard for us all for the rest of the year.

Fundraising Committee: There is a meeting this Tuesday evening starting at 6pm in the staffroom. The committee will be planning dates for the 2020 school year and our School Food Fair, which is fast approaching. It would be fantastic to see you there. 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, 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.

Children are allowed to wear mufti clothes to the picnic.

A newsletter is coming home this week outlining key information and with a permission slip. No permission, no go!

Key Events coming up, Postgate School Information Evening. Meet the Team:

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 the introduction of our staff and what makes our school 'special'. It has been a few years since we have had a formal meeting at the start of the year, however, 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 share with you class 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. Afterward, you will be able to meet all the 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 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.

Thanking you for your support.

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