

Term 1 2020 Calendar

5	Assessment Week Whitireia Walk Years 1-3	2	3	4	5	Family Merit Assembly	6		
6	Vision and Hearing Testing Year 7 and New Entrants	9	10	Mufti Day – Bike Crew Maintenance Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting 6pm	11	12	13		
7	Maori Nurses arrive	16	17	18	19	20	Twilight Food Fair		
8	Year 2/3 Zoo Trip	23	Quick Rip Years 4-8	24	School Photos	25	26	NO Disco	27
9	30	31	April 1	2	School Cross Country	3			
10	6	7	8	Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly	9	Easter Friday	10		

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.

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.

Movin' March: Students will be coming home with their Movin' March card which starts next week. We are encouraging students to walk, run, bike, scooter to school as much as possible. Students who have to drive to school we are encouraging to get dropped off further away from school to get moving in the morning. Each day get your card stamped by students in front of the Senior Block and once it is completed you will get a prize!



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 5
2020

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi"

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive

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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March 2, 2020

Kia ora whanau

Food Fair: Only 15 school days until our Food Fair on Friday 20th March! Have you locked in this date? How many people have you told?

Thank you to the families who have returned their helpers' form. I've reattached just in case you forgot.

A massive thank you to all the parents who are working hard to make the Food Fair a huge success. The Fundraising Committee has been meeting regularly to plan our Food Fair. The work these cool parents' have been putting into OUR school deserves many thanks; but not just yet as the Food Fair isn't over yet!

However, **we still need more helpers**. We need helpers on Thursday the 19th of March in the afternoon/evening with the prepping of food for the hangi, chop suey, raw fish, and other yummy treats. There will be a heap of work to do and we know many hands make light work. We have a few helpers but we need more people. Please if you can spare a few hours on Thursday (19th) or Friday (20th) morning/afternoon, please let us know; fundraising@postgate.school.nz

We need... Large cooking pots.

We also need: A family who can make Cook Island Donuts

We also need: Fresh fish. Do you have any contacts?

We also need: Goat meat for our Jamaican Goat Curry. Know a hunter?

Lemons, thousands of lemons for our Raw Fish. Please bring any spare lemons from yours or your neighbours tree into the office. We also need:

I've attached our shopping list that we will be sending to our supplier very shortly, however, if Uncle John, Aunt Mary or Bobby down the road is able to supply us with anything listed, please let us know.

If you have sandbags or know where to get some from, could we please borrow them to hold down our gazebos on the night; just thinking ahead if it is a bit breezy.

Also if anyone has anything that we can raffle off, sponsored products etc please drop these off into the office.

On Monday, 16th March, your child will bring home with them a Cake Tray. This is for our Cake Stall. The Cake Stall is a very important aspect of the Food fair as not only do the cakes donated relate to straight profit but also show the love we have for our school; this is called 'Postgate Love'. A 'Food Label' will also be sent so people know what they are buying and the ingredients used to make it.

A special thanks to all the parents who have put their name forward to help in the lead-up, during or after the Food Fair. It's great to see people reinvesting in our school for current and future students; many names added last week.

This week and next we ask that you please bring in a non-perishable item or Easter Eggs for the Food Hamper raffles. These can be left at the office and anything will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Gavin Bosch for the donation of a few crates of fresh milk.

The more people who walk through our gates, the more \$\$ we make. If 300 people walk through our gates with \$20 each well that's \$6,000; if 900 people with \$20 each that's \$18,000. Get my message? The more people the better! *"Start spreading the news..."*

Te Whanau Kaitiaki Meeting: Your TWK (Maori Advisory group) are having their first hui for 2020 on Wednesday 11th of March 6pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Please note the change of date from the previously advertised date.

Family Merit Assembly: Our first Merit Assembly is this Friday 6th March with a 2pm start. If your child is receiving an award a staff member will contact you at least by the Monday prior to the assembly.

What's Next on the Postgate Radar? With the School Picnic done, the Good Time Music lessons continuing, and the Meet the Team Evening done a few parents have asked what is next. Well, let us tell you what is still to come...

Teachers are checking their class lists twice, seeing who they have met and yet to meet. They will be ringing all parents they haven't seen to invite them down to school. Our Food Fair is 15 school days away! It is rolling in fast! Please start telling everyone you know about it.

Our local school curriculum has made a great start. Our curriculum for 2020 is based on our school waharoa "Te Tai O Nga Tipuna". For true success, hopefully, your child is sharing their learning at home with you and you have heard an increase in the amount of te reo they are using.

On the property front, Rooms 7 and 8 will be removed and two new classrooms will be built in their place; just a hold up with the paperwork at the other end. The Junior School toilets have been approved to be remodeled and Rooms 9 and 10 will have some work done as well.

The staffroom roof will be lifted and replaced, which will address the leaks and make the staffroom more appealing.

We are currently investigating replacing the matting under the Junior School playground, building a deck outside the Junior Block and behind the Senior Block. We are also replacing the old basketball hoops we got from the Old Te Rauparaha Arena many years ago.

We would like to replace the front doors and we will be addressing the concrete area outside these doors.

Finally, we would like to put heat pumps into the Junior School and admin area.

However, it all depends on the money and what price the different jobs come in at. We are using the property money from our 10 Year Plan and also the additional money that was made available to schools last year

Over the next couple of years, over 1.8 million dollars of property work will be done on Postgate School; we are hopeful that the work may be done a bit quicker than a few years, however, that is the current timeframe.

The biggest area for what is next is, and always has been, our continued focus on lifting teacher capability. We know that the only way we can lift student achievement is to lift the capabilities of our teachers. We are doing this through the lens of Teacher as Inquiry. Our Numeracy and Literacy groups have an inquiry as well as every syndicate team. All inquiries are based on our achievement data; where do we have to do better.

Staff at Postgate continue to work smart to lift their own capability and in turn, this will lift student achievement and improve student outcomes, while trying to maintain the highest standards.

Movin' March: The theme for March is to get moving. Postgate School is encouraging students to move to school; no getting dropped off at the gate, *"I like to move it, move it"*.

There will be prizes each day as kids WALK through the gates, from a distance. Drop your children off to the walking bus, encourage them to bike, scooter or even run to school. Greater Wellington Regional Council has dropped off some cool prizes and a Movin' March Passport; collect 10 stamps and go into the Wellington wide special prize draw!

Mufti Day- Next Wednesday: Our Bike Crew have organised a Mufti Day (wear your weekend clothes) for next Wednesday 11th March. Mufti is by way of gold coin. The proceeds will be used to buy new parts etc for the continued maintenance of our bikes. The Bike Crew thanks you for your support.

Kapahaka: Kapahaka started up again on Friday. All Postgate students do kapahaka. If you would like to know more, please come and see your classroom teacher or me.

Thanking you for your support.

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