

# Term 1 2022 Calendar

3	14	15	16 Subway lunch every Wednesday	17	18
4	21	22	23	24	25
5	28 BOT Meeting 6pm	1	2	3	4 Family Merit Assembly
6	7	8	9	10	11
7	14 Assessment Week	15	16	17	18
8	21 BOT Meeting 6pm	22	23	24	25
9	28	29	30	31	April 1
10	4	5	6	7	8
11	11	12	13	14 Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly	15 Easter Friday

The calendar looks very empty eh? This is due to COVID. Many activities will be held later in the year, like Year 1-3 swimming and our school picnic. As a precaution, we are limiting people into our school until we know it is safe to do so.



## Postgate School Newsletter

### Term 1: Week 3 2022

#### 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:

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February 14, 2022

## **Kia ora e te 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 Jodie Gray (Room 7) and Mr Adam Smith (Room 4) We also welcome our new Office Manager, Louise Ioane to Team Postgate We congratulate all our new staff on their appointment and look forward to their contribution to the Postgate team. We also welcome back Mrs Fleur Rickerby after an absence of a number of years. Fleur will be our Spring into Maths teacher for 2022.

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One of our key drivers at Postgate School is community involvement. Over the past couple of years this has changed due to COVID; no gala's, no Quiz Night, no “Come and See Me Do My Learning”, limited Family Merit Assemblies, it has become, just keep your distance which isn't the Postgate Way.

However, the learning continues and we never stop learning. This is where we need your help; our children's learning. Over the next few weeks we'll share our current achievement levels and the effect the last few years have had on our achievements.

**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 as well as developing an all-round pupil.

We are also here to serve the community and our 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.

**School Donation:** As we are part of the Government No Fees programme, there is no school donation asked for.

**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.

**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.

### **Term Dates 2022**

**Term 1** Wednesday 2 February to Thursday April 14  
Easter/ANZAC Day is during the holiday break

**Term 2** Monday 2 May to Friday July 8  
**(Queen's Birthday Monday June 6- Public Holiday)**  
**(Matariki – Public holiday – Friday 24 June)**

**Term 3** Monday July 25 to Friday October 30

**Term 4** Monday October 17 to Thursday December 15  
**(Labour Day – Monday 24 October- Public Holiday)**

There is a ‘Teacher Only Day’ scheduled during Term 2 for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June; however, this may change. All of the Northern Porirua schools, including Aotea College, will be closed on this day.

### **Cohort Dates 2022:**

Term 1 = 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March

Term 2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 = 25<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August

Term 4= 17<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Thanking you for your support.**

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