

Term 1 2022 Calendar

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

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 3rd June; however, this may change. All of the Northern Porirua schools, including Aotea College, will be closed on this day.



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 4 2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

*"I'm not the smartest fellow in the world
but I sure pick smart colleagues"*

- Franklin D Roosevelt

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 21, 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

We trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. A bit different with a few different pressures/stressors, however, we'll make it out the other side.

The last two years, moving into our third, have been very different for schools and especially for us at Postgate. By now we would have had two powhiri to welcome visitors, new families, staff, and children to our school, our School Picnic at Waikanae Pool would be today, our Come Together Evening would have taken place and we'd be getting ready for our first Family Merit Assembly. However, our first 4/5 weeks at school have been a bit different.

For our children who are 5 or 6 years old, they have spent half their life seeing people wear masks; they would think this is the norm. For our older students, they have had two/three years of disrupted education/social life. How this manifests itself later in life will be interesting to see.

In 2006, I took a year off teaching and did papers via Canterbury University. I did a thesis (I know, hard to believe eh?) on Emotional Intelligence and the importance of it. While our academic attainment levels have taken a slight dip, at Postgate we have maintained Postgate PRIDE and showing empathy towards others. This is a very strong feature of our school. Thank you for the great work you are doing at home and at our school for your children. The messages given at home transfer to school; children model behaviours at home at school. Because of the fantastic work you are doing with your children, for example, teaching them manners, respect for all and being a kind thoughtful person. Tu meke Postgate School!

2022 Netball Season: Last year we had a number of netball teams representing our school which was all coached and managed by our families. If you are keen to be involved this year please contact ruby@postgate.school.nz

COVID Response Plan: This was sent home with our Friday communication; now with a real-life test drive to find the holes! If you have any questions, please let us know. We have one COVID case in our school community who is well and enjoying life. As a school, we are taking every precaution and we are in the process of monitoring each class for CO2 levels. So far, all classes have come back with very low readings meaning our spaces are well ventilated.

Summer Challenge: If your child completed the Summer Challenge it is now time for the books/work to be returned to Samantha Rutherford in Room 5. Can we please make a huge effort to get them in by this Friday, ready for a special assembly in Week 4/5. I'm currently doing our 2021 Assessment Reports and I'll be interested to find out if there is a link between

achievement/Lockdown Attendance/School Attendance and Summer Challenge. My hunch tells me those who were fully involved in all areas will be achieving at high rates than those who did not; this will be no different from past years findings.

Welcome: Today we welcome 4 student teachers from Victoria University who will be joining us for the week to gain an insight into how a school year starts. We hope that Hannah, Emma, Caitlin, and David have a wonderful week with us.

Subway Lunches: Envelopes are at the Office. Orders must be in by 9am Wednesday morning at the very latest.

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/car park or directly out the front of the school; please keep moving. On a wet day, there is an increase of parents wanting to drop their child/ren off at the office. Some parents look like they are going to drive through the office doors! It is ok for your child to be dropped off at the Stone Gate and run. It is ok for children to get wet. One day they might have to work in the rain. Unless they are Bad Jelly the Witch, they will be fine. One of life's lessons; the rain outside is wet.

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 car park when the bell rings at 3pm. This signals that patrols have started and no vehicles can leave the car park until the cone has been removed.

Porirua City Football Club is taking registrations for the 2022 football season for all junior grades, all skill levels, boys and girls, First Kicks (5 & 6s), and upwards. Register your interest with Steve on email porirucityfootballclub@gmail.com

Porirua City Football will be running its Junior Sunday programme at Postgate School again. When registering, please let them know you are from Postgate School to receive a small discount off your subs.

Yes Hat, Yes 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 lunchtime or anytime we are outside.

Cohort Dates 2022:

Term 1 = 2nd February and 7th March

Term 2 = 2nd May and 7th June

Term 3 = 25th July and 29th August

Term 4= 17th October and 14th November

Thanking you for your support.

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