

Term 1 2022 Calendar

5	BOT Meeting 28 6pm	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 21 6pm	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.

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



Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 5 2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

**"Change can be scary but you know what's scarier?
Allowing fear to stop you from growing, evolving and
progressing"**

- Mandy Hale

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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Kia ora e te whānau

A reminder that all students should be at school now. There is no need to isolate unless you are a household contact of someone who has COVID or they have COVID.

Should families be concerned about this approach? It is natural to be worried. For the past two years and a bit we have heard how bad this virus is. The main reason for us being fearful is that we know very few, if any people, who have had COVID. Our view has been through what we have seen on TV or heard. Research tells us that the more people you know who have had COVID, the less worried/fearful you are. It does affect people differently.

From all the cases we currently have at school. All are doing fine; slight headache, runny nose, and a cough.

Last year, heaps of people who were at Te Papa at the same time as an affected person and had to self-isolate for 14 days; I can't remember any positive cases from this exposure.

We currently have 12 families isolating at home with 4 students at Postgate returning a positive result. The classrooms for which these students are part of have been notified. We expect to see the numbers climb this week and over the next month.

We must remain vigilant. Know what the symptoms are. Continue with the hand hygiene. Stay home if unwell. If you can, wear your mask. Cough/sneeze into your elbow. Continue with all the practices that have proven to work. And, if you are showing symptoms, get tested.

BOT Meeting Tonight via Zoom: Your BOT is meeting tonight via Zoom. Given the current climate, we thought it is best to meet through our screens. Please let me know if you'd like the link.

Response Team: We have set up a COVID Response Team and an email covidresponseteam@postgate.school.nz. We know the current situation will grow and we will have many more COVID cases at school.

The reason for setting this up is to ensure our response doesn't fall back on just a few people.

The COVID Response Team email will enable us to better serve you, track questions, responses, and screenshots of results from families. If your child does test positive, please send us a screenshot of the message as it will contain your child's case number, which helps with our communication with the Ministry of Education and Health.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the covidresponseteam@postgate.school.nz rather than emailing individuals or groups of individuals. This will allow us to respond more effectively and in a timely manner.

What we need from you, please:

- Let us know if your child is identified as a household contact to covidresponseteam@postgate.school.nz and contact the absence line
- If your child tests positive please contact covidresponseteam@postgate.school.nz with a screenshot of the message of confirmation that includes your contact number
- If your child feels unwell, please keep them at home and contact the school office regarding their absence
- Please ensure your contact details are up to date in case we have to contact you. You can do this by contacting the school office.

If in the instance of a positive COVID case, please ring me ASAP so we can move swiftly to inform families to monitor for symptoms

"If there is someone in your household who has COVID-19, then everyone in that household is required to isolate".

As soon as a confirmed case has been identified in our school, we will email the full school community to inform you. We will be very clear about where in the school the case has been confirmed, however, the privacy of the affected person must be kept. There is now no need for students or staff of that class, syndicate or cohort to self-isolate; it is school as normal. **The main message now is to monitor for symptoms.**

We have made changes to our break times to ensure children get a "breathing fresh air" in our morning block; break at 9:55am – 10:10am and morning tea at 11:05am – 11:20am. However, the school day still starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm.

Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Postgate School and is taking enrolments for 2022 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

Parking on Staithes Drive North- Before and After School: Thank you for your support with this. It is easy to identify Postgate families driving up or down Staithes Drive verse non-Postgate families. The non-Postgate families have no intention of slowing or stopping when our kids are crossing; Formula 1 drivers!

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 poriruacityfootballclub@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.

Thanking you for your support.

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