

Term 1 2022 Calendar

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

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 6
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle"

- Charles Glassman

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"***

Staithes Drive North, Whitby, Porirua 5024 Phone 235-9358

Office: admin@postgate.school.nz Principal: principal@postgate.school.nz

Website: www.postgate.school.nz

March 7, 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

Two years ago, we were neck deep in preparation for our school gala. Everything was sorted including buying all the food we needed for the evening. A few days later, BOOM, called off. Two years later, we are still dealing with COVID and the many disruptions it has caused.

Recent developments point to a brighter future with no restrictions, no passports, and one where we get on with getting on. The current COVID outbreak at Postgate also points to brighter days. While we don't want people getting sick, feeling ill or staying home, the vast majority of families are reporting mild symptoms and that it passes quickly. This all points to happier days.

The only spanner potentially in the works, a new variant. But we can only cross that bridge when it comes along.

This is still a scary period for many as we adjust to life with COVID. If you or your family has had COVID, please share your stories with others. This will help reduce our fear and normalise the virus; the good and bad stories. Your sharing can help comfort, relax and prepare others.

Movin' March: Movin' March has started and it was great to see so many children getting their cards stamped in the mornings. We are encouraging students to walk, run, bike, scooter to school as much as possible. Each day get your card stamped by students out the back of Room 9, by the bike track, and once it is completed you will get a prize!

Technology Classes at Plimmerton School: Our Year 7 and Year 8 technology classes at Plimmerton have been cancelled for the next two weeks due to COVID.

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.

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.

Response Team: Thank you to the families sending messages to the COVID Response Team. 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.

The main message now is to monitor for symptoms and get tested.

Thanking you for your support.

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