

Term 1 2022 Calendar

10	BOT Meeting 6pm	4	5	Subway lunch	6	7	8		
11		11	12	Subway lunch	13	Last Day of Term 1 Family Merit Assembly	14	Easter Friday No school See everyone again on Monday 2 nd of May	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 September 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

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Postgate School Newsletter

Term 1: Week 10 2022

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

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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April 4, 2022

Kia ora e te whānau

With the continued dropping of COVID (**CO**rona **VI**rus **D**isease) cases in our school, we know we are now through the worst of it. Changes will still be in our school community and COVID may never leave us. With the winter flu season coming, we may see a surge in cases and student absentees. We know the vast majority of people in society will continue to make the correct decisions and will follow the basic rule of if you are sick, stay home.

This week, staff who would like the 'flu jab' are able to get it for no cost. Postgate School will pay for it. The vast majority of staff have taken up this offer.

To see many families at our cross country last week was awesome and certainly created a different vibe/buzz around our school. It was uplifting for us all. We are hoping to see more changes today and even a potential move to Orange would be a ripper!

Postgate School Netball: Ms Ruby Scott (Postgate teacher) has been sorting the school netball teams for the up-coming season. Ruby sent a Seesaw message a few weeks ago asking for expressions of interest for players, coaches and managers.

If we do not get enough coaches and managers, we do not enter teams. Please consider putting yourself forward to coach, manage or be a team umpire (saves \$\$ for everyone).

Please contact Ruby@postgate.school.nz

Board of Trustees Meeting: Your BOT are meeting tonight at 6pm in the Staffroom. Our major topic of discussion tonight is moving all our school policies to the SchoolDocs website. This will make it easier for whānau to access our policies and also ensure our policies are up to date with current legislation.

Every state and state-integrated school or kura in New Zealand has a board that governs it.

The board's role is to oversee the governance of its school or kura and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students.

The board is the employer of all staff, including me, and sets the overall strategic direction for the school or kura. The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the day to day operations of the school or kura in line with the board's direction and policies.

A standard board constitution is made up of:

- members elected from the community;
- the principal;
- a staff-elected representative;
- a number of co-opted members (who must be fewer in number than parent-elected members)

Board members have a term of office of up to 3 years.

What does the board do?

Section 127 of the Education and Training Act 2020 describes the board's responsibilities.

This is achieved through particular governance activities such as:

- setting the strategic direction and targets for the school or kura
- planning towards and reporting on achieving those targets
- curriculum management
- financial and property management
- policies and procedures
- health and safety
- employment of staff at the school or kura.

The board has a duty to show to its parents, community, and to the government that students are being well prepared for life beyond school. Evidence of progress and future direction is outlined annually in a charter, which is a document declaring specific annual targets and long-term goals.

The meetings are not public meetings, but they are "open to the public". This means that even if you're not a member you are welcome to attend as an observer although you may not have speaking rights.

There is a Board of Trustees election later this year; please start to consider putting yourself forward to serve your community. Board members are paid for meetings; however, you won't be getting rich from it. Being a BOT member is about serving your school community.

Summer and Winter Fleece Sale: We understand the stresses of being a parent/caregiver and the extra burden currently facing families. To this end, Theresa and Louise have looked at our stock and worked out a special deal until the end of this term for our school community. All Summer and Winter fleeces will now be \$45 or for three or more a sweeter deal that the ladies will work out for you.

Thanking you for your support.

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

Today's COVID update: Since Friday's update

- 8 students have tested positive for COVID since Friday's update; 5 were already isolating at home and the classes of the other students has been notified via Seesaw.
- 8 families have gone into isolation since Friday.
- 127 students have had COVID, which we know of.
- Of the 127 students, 101 have now returned to school.
- 147 families have been in isolation, which includes **215** children
- 120 families have since returned to school
- There are 63 students absent from school today
- 242 students are present
- Theresa's (office lady) family is in isolation. Theresa will be away from school this week. PLEASE make sure you let the office know if your child/ren are going to be away
- Ms Cat Bland is in isolation as a household contact. Cat is due back at school this week

A reminder that we have boxes of masks, hand sanitiser, and RATs for you out by the front office. These are there for you and if it looks a little low, please tell Theresa through the office window. It may be useful to think ahead to the holidays to get any supplies you may need.

Be kind to yourself and others.

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