

Term 1 2022 Calendar

1	2 May Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	3	Ole Football	4	5	6
2	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	9	Ole Football	10	11	12
3	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	16	Ole Football Dental van leaves	17	18	19
4	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	23	Ole Football	24	25	26
5	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	30	Ole Football	1 June Ole Football	2 Family Merit – 2pm	3 School closed PLD Day
6	School closed Queens B'day	6		7	8	9
7		13		14	15	16
8		20		21	22	23
						24 Matariki holiday -School closed
9		27		28	29	30
						1 July
10		4	Regional Cross Country	5	6	7
						8 Last day of Term 2 Family Merit – 2pm



Postgate School Newsletter

**Term 2: Week 1
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change."

- Albert Einstein

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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May 2, 2022

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to Term 2: A warm welcome to our new families and students who started with us this morning. This is our third cohort (New Entrants) group for the year.

We are planning to have a full school powhiri next Monday 9th of May for families, students and staff who have not been involved in a Postgate powhiri. There are many who have not 'officially' been welcomed to our school because of COVID settings. We will send out more details later in the week about our plans for Monday's powhiri.

We hope you enjoyed a couple of weeks with your children and the break from school. Term 2 is already action-filled with many opportunities for your child; in and out of their classrooms.

All children will be working with the Ole Football over the first half of the term. It would be appreciated if all children have the appropriate footwear for these sessions (running shoes).

Contact Details: Have any of your contact details changed over the course of Term 1? New cell number? Moved to a new home? If so, please let us know at school.

Email Address: Do we have an email address for you? If we had to contact the whole school in the unlikely event of an emergency, emailing is the quickest way. Imagine us ringing each family! If you have an email address and I don't have it, please send me an email: principal@postgate.school.nz as many families have found out, and some are still to work out, this is how you receive the school newsletter. Just put 'Newsletter' in the subject line.

Planning for 2023: Yes, that's right, 2023. Planning for 2023's intake of pupils is well advanced. If you have a child who is turning 5 in 2023 please check with Louise that she has all your details. We will have to hold a ballot, like last year, and early notice is a great help to us. If you know of a family who is interested in sending their child/ren to Postgate School, please tell them to come and visit us ASAP.

HERO: Last year we moved our Student Management System to HERO. HERO is an awesome tool. Shortly, we will be using HERO for many other things like sending the school newsletter, sending reports, reporting absences etc. Parents and caregivers will have access to this site. However, if your email address on HERO doesn't match your current one, you won't be able to gain access. You will receive information from Postgate next term about loading

yourself onto HERO. If you can't gain access, it is because your details do not match up.

A HERO Help Sheet is attached to today's email.

COVID update: We are aware of a few cases within our school community over the holidays. We will continue to get cases throughout this term and for the rest of the year.

A sign that life is getting back to normal at school is that we have 283 pupils at school today. There are a few away with COVID (8, either with or isolating), and many having an extended holiday. Hopefully, you have read the many news items about attendance at school; Postgate is always well ahead of any news item! For those who haven't read or seen any news items about attendance, the basic message is, "Get your child/ren to school every day!" If we have a major outbreak at school, we will let you know. At some stage, we'll need to just get on with getting on. While we continue with a cautious approach this week, it won't last. Like the flu (Influenza), this virus is staying with us and we will need to learn to adapt.

A reminder that we have boxes of masks, hand sanitiser, and RATs for you in the office.

Term Dates 2022

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' set for Friday 3rd June; this has been confirmed. All of the Northern Porirua schools, including Aotea College, will be closed on this day.

Cohort Dates 2022:

Term 2 = 2nd May and 7th June

Term 3 = 25th July and 29th August

Term 4 = 17th October and 14th November

Please phone 235 9358 or text 0277466791 or email the school office at absence@postgate.school.nz or notify your child's teacher via Seesaw before 8:55am if your child is going to be away.

Thanking you for your support.

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