

Term 2 2022 Calendar

2	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	9	10	Ole Football	11	12	13
3	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8 PINK Shirt Week BOT Meeting 6pm	16	17	Ole Football Dental van leaves	18	Year 8 Immunisation	19 20 Wear something PINK Day
4	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	23	24	Ole Football	25	26	27
5	Weaving Well-Being – Year 7/8	30	31	1 June Ole Football	2	Family Merit – 2pm	3 School closed PLD Day
6	School closed Queens B'day	6	7	8	9	10	
7	13	14	15	16	17		
8	BOT Meeting 6pm	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 2
2022**

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners
"Life doesn't come with a manual.
It comes with a mother."

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

Thank You: A massive thank you to the parents and families who took time out of their day to join us in this morning's pōwhiri. How cool is it to be able to gather in large groups again?

Best Wishes to Alle and Adam Smith: Mr Smith will be on leave shortly with the birth of their first baby. An exciting new chapter in their lives and one we can reflect back on; how quickly the years go by.

HERO: Thank you to the families who have already loaded the Hero App and used it to report absences last week. Tu meke! Shortly, this will be our main form of communication; no long and interesting emails from me, no Seesaw messages, and all reporting to caregivers/families will be done through the Hero App as well. Please download the app today!

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

Pink Shirt Week/Day: Next week Postgate School is looking at bullying as part of our Pink Shirt Week. Bullying is a term we hear a lot, however, knowing the true meaning can go a long way to improving our mental health and interactions with others. Our children will explore the differences between; is it mean, rude, or bullying. Our children will have many disagreements, and incidents as they navigate through life. Knowing when someone is mean, rude, or is in fact bullying will help them on this lifelong journey.

NEXT Friday all children are encouraged to wear something pink in support of anti-bullying.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities, and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

Lockdown Drill: Next Thursday, 19th May, all of Postgate will be involved in a Lockdown Drill. The Lockdown will start at 12:40pm. This is something that we hope will never happen for real, however, it would be naïve of us not to prepare for such a situation.

The purpose of this drill is to test our systems and to ensure you receive messages as well. With most things at Postgate, we want to ensure you hear from us first. While a real lockdown will panic our school community, you will need to believe that the health and safety of all our children remain our priority

Postgate School will go into lockdown when there is a serious and immediate risk to students and/or staff because of an incident at school or in surrounding areas.

Examples of incidents that may trigger a lockdown include, but are not limited to:

- Armed intruder on site
- Dog/s on-site roaming freely
- Serious anti-social involvement on site
- A dangerous event in the near vicinity, such as the BP Service Station

During lockdowns, all students will be told to remain indoors, typically this means within their classroom or if lockdown occurs during a break time, then the nearest available classroom

Staff will follow the CLOSE procedure

- Close all windows and doors
- Lock up
- Out of sight and minimize movement
- Stay silent and avoid drawing attention
- Ensure calm. Be aware we might be in lockdown for a while

Depending on the nature of the lockdown, the children will remain in the room they are in and the staff will ensure the windows and doors are locked. The children need to be positioned away from possible sightlines from external windows/doors. Lights, devices, and computer monitors are to be turned off. Mobile phones are put on silent mode.

Children or staff not in class for any reason will proceed back to the class, or the nearest class, as soon as possible if safe to do so. Staff should notify the Admin team, via phone, if any children are not accounted for.

THERE IS TO BE NO UNNECESSARY MOVEMENT AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Staff will need to support the children to keep them calm and quiet.

The signal that the school is in lockdown will be the Lockdown Bell; which differs from the normal bell.

Staff will remain in lockdown until informed by key staff in person that there is an all-clear. The sign will be "ALL CLEAR"

Only the Principal or Deputy Principals or a member of the Police may lift a lockdown. When police have taken charge, then only the Police may lift the lockdown

Communication with parents

If necessary parents will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so via the school's email/Seesaw service. Parents will be told...

“The school is in a full lockdown situation. During this period the phones and entrances will be un-manned, external doors locked and nobody is allowed in or out. We will notify you with updates.”

Depending on the type and severity of the incident, parents may be asked NOT to collect their children from school as it may put them and their child at risk.

Pupils will not be released to parents during a lockdown.

Parents will be asked not to call the school as this may tie up emergency lines.

If the end of the event is extended due to the lockdown, parents will be notified and will receive information about the time and place pupils can be picked up from staff or emergency services.

A letter to parents will be sent home on the nearest possible day following any serious incident to inform parents of the context of the lockdown and to encourage parents to reinforce with their children the importance of following procedures in these very rare circumstances.

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.

COVID update: Our attendance rates sat around 280 pupils last week; we currently have 309 pupils. We have around 6 students either with COVID or isolating because of COVID.

At our powhiri today we made use of our CO2 reader to check if the level was in the recommendations set by the MOE. The highest reading was just over 800, well within the set guidelines. Considering it was also wet and the windows were not wide open, all looks good moving forward.

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 us via the HERO app 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.